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BRIEFLY

4 injured in Uri accident, 2 critical

BARAMULLA, Feb 10 (Agencies): Four persons were injured when a vehicle they were travelling in met with an accident in Uri area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on

Saturday afternoon. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the accident took place in Garkoot area of Uri.

He said that soon after the incident locals and a police party reached to the spot and evacuated the injured persons to sub district hospital Uri for necessary treatment.

Two among the four persons are critically injured and they have been referred to GMC Baramulla.

501 positions vacant at Government **Medical** College, **Udhampur:** RTI

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): An RTI disclosure indicates that out of the 601 sanctioned posts at **Government Medical** College (GMC) and Associated Hospital Udhampur, 501 positions are vacant. Of the total sanctioned posts. only 100 are currently filled, highlighting a significant staffing gap.

It has come to the fore that to meet deficiencies, authorities have been reqularly recruiting the staff based on academic arrangements.

Details reveal that out of sanctioned 24 posts of professor (HoD), 10 are in position while 24 are vacant, out of 34 sanctioned posts of associate professors just two are in position while 32 are vacant and similarly out of 52 assistant professors, 32 are in position and 20 are vacant.

The details further reveal that out of 84 senior residents or demonstrators, 30 are in position while 54 are lying vacant and out of 63 junior residents, 19 are in position while 44 are lying vacant.

Details further reveal that out of 14 Medical Officer Posts, four are in position and 10 are lying vacant while out of 330 para medical staff, three are in position while 327 are lying vacant.

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J&K HC ends 'discrimination' against PoJK refugees settled outside UT

(Agencies): In a historic judgement, the J&K and Ladakh High Court has ordered an "end to the discrimination" against Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) refugees of 1947 settled outside Jammu and Kashmir.

Justice Rahul Bharti in his judgement called the discrimination against PoJK refugees "discretion engineered discrimination on the part of successive governments of the then State of Jammu and Kashmir."



The High Court directed the Central government to treat 5300 displaced families of PoJK of 1947 through their successors/legal heirs settled out of J&K alike

and equally with 26,319 displaced families settled in the erstwhile State and consequently work out a one time settlement rehabilitation package for them.

allegedly involved in

terror funding and radi-

calisation of youngsters,

The raids are under-

officials said.

directed the government to accord same status and entitlements in their respective favour as held and enjoyed by 26,319 displaced families of PoJK of 1947 settled in erstwhile State of J&K and the needful should be done at the earliest and preferably within a period of next six months.

"Alike in pain and deprivation but disliked in relief and rehabilitation. While the pain and deprivation of these

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DGP Orders Transfer, Posting of 34 Police Officers in JK

JAMMU / SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Director General of Police (DGP), Jammu and Kashmir R. R. Swain ordered transfers and postings of 34 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) in the Jammu and Kashmir

According to an order, Mohammad Usman has been transferred and posted from DYSP IR-22nd Bn to DYSP PC Sopore, Mubashir Rasool from SDPO Tral to DYSP IR-4th Bn, Dr. Showkat Ahmad Bhat from SDPO D. H Pora to DYSP PCR Srinagar,



Raiz Ahmed from DYSP PC Kakpora to DYSP SIA Jammu, Faraz Hussain Shah to DYSP JKAP-13th Bn, Zafar Mahdi from DYSP PC Bandipora to DYSP JKAP-6h Bn, Mansoor Ayaz from SDPO Pahalgam to DYSP JKAP-7th Bn, Mohd Nawaz Khandey from DYSP DAR/PC Baramulla to DYSP Hqrs Pulwama, Rohit Chadgal awaiting posting ZPHQJ to DYSP DAR Reasi, Khalid Ashraf from DYSP PC Kreeri to DYSP PC Anantnag, Manoj Kumar from DYSP JKAP-6th Bn to DYSP PC Bandipora. Qazi Shamas-ul-Muzaffar from DYSP JKAP-9th Bn to DYSP Security Kashmir University, Suhail Reshi from DYSP IR-8th Bn to SDPO Tral. Ajay Anand Attached

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Valley, Jammu city



JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted

way at different places, including Gujjar Nagar and Shaheedi Chowk in Jammu city, they added. The officials said a pri-

vate school and premises linked to three of its functionaries, including the house of the chairman, were raided by the NIA sleuths.

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NIA conduct raids in Kashmir Only 30 Per cent of Schools in JK have Internet Access: Survey

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): In Jammu and Kashmir only 30 percent of overall government and recognised private schools have an internet connection available for the students and staff members—thus raising a question on communicating and teaching

students virtually. Official data reveals that only 5115 government-run schools in



Jammu and Kashmir have internet facilities available for students

and staff. Among these, there are 152 girls'

schools, 4895 co-edu-

cational institutes, and 68 boys' schools.

It also reveals that only one government aided school has an internet connection available. The official figures further state that only 34 Kendriya Vidyalaya central schools were having the internet like facilities available for the students and staff.

According to the official figures, a total of 36 schools run by the Turn to page 9

Elections in JK before Sept

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): BJP National General Secretary and In-Charge JK Tarun Chugh Saturday said that Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir will be held before September 2024. He however said that it is ECI who has to take a final call

Quoting Chugh, news agency KNS reported that BJP is ready for elections and wants Assembly elections in the Union Territory at the earliest. He said that though Election



Comission of India has to take final call on election schedule, but it is already decided that elections will take place before September 2024. He said after August 5, prosperity and development. "Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi the BJP government has empowered people of JK in every respect. The ignored sections of the society have been roped in reserved category, who erstwhile faced lots of cruelty at the hands of regional political parties. They used deprived sections of the society for their vote bank, but PM Modi reformed the structure and brought them to fore," Chugh said.

Covid-19: India records 163 fresh cases, 2 deaths

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): India saw a single-day rise of 163 COVID-19 cases while the number of active cases of the infection was recorded at 874, the health ministry said

on Friday. Two new deaths due to the viral disease — one each from Karnataka and Maharashtra were reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the ministry's data updated at 8 am.

The number of daily cases was in double digits till December 5 last year, but it began to rise after the emergence of a new variant of the virus and cold weather conditions.

After December 5, the highest number of 841 fresh cases was reported on December 31, which was 0.2 per cent of the peak cases reported in May 2021, official sources said.

India has witnessed three Covid waves in the past, with the peak incidence of daily new cases and deaths being reported during the Delta wave in April-June 2021. At its peak, 4,14, Turn to page 9

Severe cold continue in Kashmir, minus 4.9°C in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Severe cold conditions continued in Jammu and Kashmir with Srinagar recording a low of minus 4.9°C on Saturday.

A meteorological department official here told GNS that the temperature in Srinagar dropped by one notch from previous night's minus 4.8°C and it was

below normal by 5.1°C for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 5.8°C against minus 6.4°C on the previous night and it was 4.8°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the MeT official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 8.6°C against minus 10.3°C on the previous night and it was 3.6°C below normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 3.7°C against minus 5.0°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal

by 3.0°C for the place, **Turn to page 9**



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Contact Person Mr. Sanjeev Kumar

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2024: Tarun Chugh the journey of peace,

multiple raids in Jammu

and Kashmir on Satur-

day as part of its crack-

down against elements

on its schedule.



2019 the JK has started

Editors Guild of India condemns attack on senior journalist Nikhil in Pune

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Editors Guild of India (EGI) has strongly condemned the attack on senior journalist Mr. Nikhil Wagle in the city of Pune on Friday.

The Guild in a statement issued said the car in which the veteran journalist was travelling to attend an event was attacked by some persons, allegedly members of a political party who were reportedly angered by an opinion that Mr. Wagle had expressed on a social

media platform. "Mr. Wagle's views are

his views, but to attack him for voicing his opinion is unjust, illegal, and deplorable," statement said and added, "The Editors Guild called on the administration in Pune and the Maharashtra government to book the guilty. They must also ensure the safety of Mr. Wagle and protect his right to express his views as enshrined in our Constitution".

Further, the Guild is concerned that FIRs against Mr. Wagle under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 500 (defamation) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the Vishrambaug Police Station.

have been registered

The Guild reiterated its deep concerns on the misuse of criminal laws against journalists in an effort to intimidate and harass them.

"We urge law

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10TH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER SMT. RATTAN RANI (PIITI JIGRI) W/O LATE SH. DWARIKA NATH RAINA ORIGINALLY FROM KHA BAZAR ANANTNAG PRESENTLY AT 88/B, SECTOR 2, DURGA NAGAR, ROOP NAGAR, JAMMU ON 5TH FEB 2024.

10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED AT AKHNOOR GHAT FOLLOWED BY ASSEMBLY AT MUTHI GHAT ON 14TH FEB 2024 AT 10:30 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN LAW

DR. SANJAY RAINA AND SMT. PUSHPA BHAT RAINA SMT. RATTAN RANI SH. KULBUSHAN RAINA AND SMT. ANJALI RAINA DAUGHTERS AND SONS IN LAW

SMT, NANA RAINA AND SH, VIJAY KUMAR PANDIT

SMT. RAJNI KOUL AND SH. VIJAY KOUL SMT. BASANTI RAINA AND SH. ROMESH CHANDER PANDITA

GRAND CHILDREN

RAHUL PANDIT AND SINDHIYA PANDIT PRAYERNA KOUL AND SAMEER SAWAKARE DEEPSHIKHA PANDIT AND ANKUSH KOUL

ANKUSH KOUL, ASHISH PANDITA AND ARSH RAINA CONTACT NO: 9419194594, 9419217147, 9419136715

10TH DAY/ KRIYA/ UTHALA (RASAM PAGRI)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Kusum Sharma W/o Late Sh. Puran Chand Basotra R/o 224-A Shastri Nagar Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 01-02-2024.

10th Day will be performed on 10-02-2024 (Saturday) at our residence at 11.00 AM onwards Kriya will be performed on 11-02-2024 (Sunday) from 09.00 AM onwards at our residence. Rasam Pagri /Uthala shall be performed or

16-02-2024 (Friday) from 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM at Laxmi Narayan Mandir Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter in Law

Sh. Hitesh Basotra (Ass. Professor) & Kiran Devi (HOD DIET)

Daughters & Son in Laws

Smt Rekha Sharma & Sh. Anil Sharma (Canada)

Smt Aniana Sharma (Master) & Sh. Raieev Sharma (XEN PDD) Smt Ranjana Sharma & Sh. Rajeev Sharma (PDD Deptt)

Grand Children: Sagun Basotra (Dubai), Abhi Roop Sharma (Canada) Nipun Basotra, Shimalika, Ingita, Tushar, (Canada), Tanmay, Vaibhay.

TENTH DAYIKRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow it is to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Mr. Rajeshwar Singh Jamwal S/o Sh Daljeet Singh Jamwal R/o H No 183 Sec-9, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. Who left for the heavenly abode on 1st Feb 2024.



Smt. Shakuntla Rani

SMT KUSUM SHARMA

(PIITI JIGRI)

Tenth Day will be performed on 10/02/2024 (Saturday) at House No 183, Sector 9, Nanak Nagar Jammu at 08.30 AM Kriya will be performed on 13/02/2024 (Tuesday)

at residence at 12.00 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Jeeto Devi & Daljeet Singh Jamwal - Mother & Father # 9419203181 Nirmala Devi & Harnam Singh Jamwal - Tayi & Taya Ji Lokeshwar Singh Jamwal - Brother # 9086666696, 9682189523 Priya & Rajat Sambyal - Sister & Brother In Law # 9858171926, 9796652714

UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Shakuntla Rani W/o Sh. Madan Mohan Sharma R/o Makara (Sunderbani) who left for heavenly abode on 26-01-2024.

UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI will be performed on 11-02-2024 at 3 PM at our residence Makara (Sunderbani).

GRIEF STRICKEN Sh. Madan Mohan Sharma (Retd Z.E.O)- **Husband**

Daughter-in-laws & Sons Smt. Sarita Sharma and Sh. Rajesh Sharma

Smt. Pooja Devi and Sh Govind Sharma Smt. Parveen Lata and Sh Gopal Sharma

Sister-in-laws and Brother-in-laws Smt. Shakuntla Devi and Sh Kuldip Raj

Smt. Shashi Bala and Sh. Ram Paul Grand Children: Rishika, Aradhya, Bashika, Drishti,

Divyansh, Sanvi, Hariansh, Navya

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh Satpal S/o Bua Ditta R/o 231 Moti Bazar, Jammu on 2-2-2024.

Tenth Day will be performed at Dogra Khatri Sabha Dewan Mandir near Old Post Office Jammu on Sunday 11/Feb/2024 at 11 am to 12 noon.

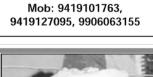
Kriya will be performed on H.No.231 Moti Bazar, Jammu on Wednesday 14/Feb/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Sudesh Kumari -Wife Vineet **-Son**

Rupali -Daughter **Brothers & Bhabhi** Romesh Chander and Darshna Devi Rakesh Kumar (Bawa) and Anita Devi

Mohinder Kumar and Devi Sister & Brother-in-law

Sureshta and Ravi



(Ex Employee of Govt Ranbir Press)

Sh Satpal

TENTH DAY/KRIYA /UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Raizada Pawan Kumar Vaid (Ex Employee of Govt Ranbir Press) S/o Late Krishan Dev Vaid and Late Shakuntla Vaid R/o H. no 279, Pacci Dhakki, Jammu on 02-02-2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on 11-02-2024 (Sunday) at 10.00 AM at Rani Park (Tutian) Jammu KRIYA will be performed on 12-02-2024 (Monday) at 1.00 PM at our residence.

UTHALA will be performed on 14-02-2024 (Wednesday) from 3 PM to 4 PM at Sanatan Dharam High School, Jullaka Mohalla, Jain Raizada Pawan Kumar Vaid

Bazar, Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

Geeta & Vijay Vaid -Sister in Law & Brother Shashi W/o Lt Kishore Vaid -Sister in Law & Brother Tripta & Ashwani Dutta -Sister & Brother in Law Sonia & Neeraj Vaid - Daughter in Law & Son Mamta & Dheeraj Vaid - Daughter in Law & Son Chetna & Ram Pal Sharma - Daughter & Son in Law & All Elders, Youngsters and Children of Vaid Family Mobile No: 9469694627, 6006407073, 9906308053



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to intimate the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Banti Raina W/o Sh. Manoj Krishan Raina on February 2, 2024 originally resident of Sher-i-Kashmir Colony, Anantnag and presently at H.no. 122/A Lane No. 2, Roop Nagar Enclave, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 11th February 2024 (Sunday) at Bhader Ghat Mata Bhaderkali Asthapan, Thalwal, Jammu. Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education Jammu at 11.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN (Mother-in-law & Father-in-law) Smt. Shanta Koul & Sh. A.N. Raina

Sh. Manoj Krishan Raina (Husband)

Yashika Raina (Muskan) (Daughter) Smt. Sharika Kakroo & Sh. Sunil Ji Kakroo (Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law) Smt. Geeta Raina & Sh. Deep Raina (Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law) Mobile: 9555027347, 9797580290, 9797555400

TENTH DAY AND KRIYA

With profound grief and heavy heart, it is inform that our beloved mother **Late Smt. Krishna Devi** W/o Late Sh. Ram Lal Mengi R/o Ward No. 2 House No. 49 Tea Garden Katra had left for her heavenly abode on 31/1/24. Tenth Day will be performed on 8/2/2024 at our residence at

11:00am. and Kriya will be performed on 11/2/24(Sunday) **GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Sons & Daughter in law Ashok Mengi & Kanta Mengi Narinder (Bittu) & Neelam Mengi Daughter & Son in law Sunita Kapoor & Ajeet Kapoor Suman Nayyar & Rakesh Nayyar

Grand Sons: Pankaj Mengi, Rohit Mengi, Abhi Mengi, Abhishek Mengi

Grand Daughter in law Ishita Mengi, Palak Mengi, Sonali Mengi

and All Family members

9419164580, 9858690000

M/s Narinder Conf. Store (Bittu Fully wale) Ashoka Filling Station

TENTH DAY KRIYA/CHANGE OF VENUE

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to intimate the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ramesh Kumar Dhar S/o Late Shamboo Nath Dhar on 03 February 2024 originally from Yore Khoshi Pora (Qazigund) District Anantnag A/P Jagti Township Nagrota Block 102,Flat 14, Lane

10th Day Kriya will now be performed at River Ghat behind Trt Migrant Camp Nagrota instead of Muthi Ghat on 11th February 2024 (Sunday) at 8:30 AM **GRIEF STRICKEN:**

Pooja Dhar - Wife Sahil Dhar - Son Kajal Dhar - Daughter Vijay Dhar - Bhabhi

All Near and Dear Ones Contact No: 9149877153, 7051206633, 7006880817



Late Smt. Krishna Devi

Smt. Banti Raina

SH. RAMESH KUMAR DHAR

TENTH DAY/UTHALA We, sadly inform the untimely demise of Shri

Sanjeev Gupta (Inspector, J&K Police), S/o Late Sh. Babu Ram Gupta, R/o 27 Chowghan Salathia, Jammu, on Friday February 02, 2024.

Tenth Day on Sunday, February 11, 2024 Mahajan Hall, Shalamar, Jammu (11:00 am to 12:00 Noon).

Kriya on Wednesday, February 14, 2024- at Residence, (11:00 am).

Uthala on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Mahajan Hall, Shalamar, Jammu (04:00 pm to 05:00 pm).

Grief Stricken: Mother

Smt. Preeto Devi (W/o Late Babu Ram Gupta) Anju Gupta - Wife Shreyansh Bangatia- Son

Shreyanshi Bangatia- Daughter

Er. Tanisha Gupta- Daughter Pawan Gupta (Retd. J&K Police) and Seema Mahajan - Brother and Bhabhi Bhomik Mahajan and Shivam Mahajan - Nephews Manav Uthaan, NGO

Jansampark Mail, Newspaper Mobile: 9419197591, 9419435338, 9419137172

Sunita and Chander Mohan Gupta (Sister and Brother-in-law)

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

Smt Vimla Kumari (Retd. H.O.D., D.I.E.T) Wife of Lt Sh. G.L Bhardwaj (Retired S.E Mechanical) R/O 259-P Sector 2 Channi Himmat Near Telephone Exchange, Jammu Expired on 2nd February 2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on 11th February (Sunday) 12:30 p.m to 1:30 p.m (Satsang) at Panch Mandir Sector -2, Near Police Station Channi Himmat 13TH DAY/UTHALA will be performed on 14th February 2024 (Wednesda between 4:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m at Panch Mandir, Sector 2, Channi Himmat.

Abhinav Bhardwaj & Anu - Son & Daughter-in-law Abhishek Bhardwai & Mona - Son & Daughter-in-law Eshan Bhardwaj & Kanwal Preet - Son & Daughter-in-law Sh Bua Ditta - Brother-in-law Smt Shankri Devi - Sister in law Brother& Sister in law : Sh Lokinder Singh Ravi, Retd. Additional Director

General, GSI & Smt. Swarni

Grand children : Aksh, Raaga, Avni & Rivan.

Mobile no. 9419134112, 7889901030, 9103799217



SHRI SANJEEV GUPTA

Smt Vimla Kumari (Retd. H.O.D, D.I.E.T)

Sh. Amarjit Lal Sharma

BARKHI

One year has passed since you left us for your heavenly abode but we fondly remember your simplicity, caring and sacrificing nature. The warmth of your love and blessings are still with us. We miss you deeply.

BARKHI of our beloved, Sh. Amarjit Lal

Sharma S/o Late Sh Ghasita Ram Awasthi will be performed on 11.02.2024, Sunday from 11.00 AM onwards at our residence Ward No

7, Chohatta Mohalla, Samba. Deeply Remembered and Missed by: Smt. Prem Lata (Wife) Bhabhi & Brother

Smt Urmil & Sh Paramjit Pal Sharma Daughters & Sons-in-Law Smt Veenu & Sh Parveen Sharma Smt Neelam & Sh Nitin Sharma Smt Himanshu & Sh Pawan Sharma Smt Meenakshi & Sh Rajeev Sharma

Smt Arushi & Sh Amit Sharma Daughters-in-Law & Sons Smt Teena & Sh Vijay Sharma Smt Uma & Akhilesh Sharma

And All Members of Sharma Family Contact No. 7006343015, 9906081349, 7827800622



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Dwariks Nath Bhat** S/o Lt. Shri Gopi Nath Bhat originally from Kulgam Kashmir at present H.No. 126/A Sector-1, Vinayak Nagar Muthi, Jammu Nea Pamposh Gen. Store on 2 Feb, 2024. Pamposn Gen. Store on 2 Feb. 2024.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Akhno
Ghat on 11 Feb. 2024 followed by the Assemb
at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of Scho
Education Muthi at 10.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Nancy Bhat & Sh. Rajesh Kumar Bhat
Rakesh Kumar Bhat - Son
Daughters & Son-in-law
Smt. Jeeta Pandita & Sh. Puran Krishen Pandita
Smt. Kanchan Saraf & Dr. Suresh Saraf
Sh. T.N. Koul. Peetbrain law

Sh. T.N. Koul - Brother-in-law Smt. Rajdulari Raina - Sister

Grand Children:
Ashish Pandita & Anjana Pandita
Parmel Saraf & Sumedha Saraf
Akshaya Pandita & Harshita Pandita Divya & Ashutosh

Mob.No: 9419149835, 7006910548, 6006912971

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Avtar Krishan Dhar** S/o Late Sh. Mahanand Ram Dhar from Khawowara Tehsil Handwara District Kupwara Kashmir A/P Lane No. 16, Block No. 72, Flat No. 22, Jagti Migrant Camp Nagrota Jammu on 4/2/2024 (Sunday) Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 13/2/2024 (Tuesday) at 9.00 am at Near Sainik School Nagrota Jammu and Assembly will be

held at 10.30 am at Jagti Camp Lane No. 22, Near Old JK Bank GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Teja Dhar (Wife)

Sh. K.L. Dhar (Brother Sh. R.L. Dhar & Smt. Seema Dhar (Brother & Bhabi) Bhawna Dhar & Sh. Ramesh Kumar (Daughter & Son-in-law) Rahul Dhar & Sheetal Dhar (Son & Daughter-in-law) Diksha Dhar (Daughter)

Siddhi Koul (Ġrand Daughter)

Mobile: 6006404172, 9906113425, 9596838555



SHRI DWARIKA NATH

CHOUBARSI Memories are the most valuable treasure and your memories will always stay in our hearts. We still yearn for your love and your warmth is imprinted in our souls. We hold dear to us, your lessons that have helped us through our lives and are grateful for your blessings. You will forever inspire us to become better versions of ourselves and we will continue to follow the

versions of ourservers and we will continue to follow the path that you have led us to.

CHOUBARSI of our beloved S.Rangeel Singh Sasan S/o. S.Sohan Singh Sasan, R/o 80/6, Guru Nanak Nagar Jammu will be performed as per the below programme.

PROGRAMME:

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB: On 09th February 2024 (Friday) at 10.30AM at Gurudwara Sant Danna, Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB: On 11th

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PAIH SAHIB: On 11th
February 2024 (Sunday) at 10.30AM at Gurudwara
Sant Danna, Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu.
KIRTAN & ARDAS: On 11th February 2024 from 10.30 AM to 12.00AM at Gurudwara Sant
Danna, Guru Nanak Nagar.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Er. Bikramjeet Singh Sasan & Sdn. Amit Kour (Son & Daughter-in-Law)

Er. Jasmet Singh Sasan & Sdn. Supreet Kour (Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Er. Amoldeep Singh Sasan & Sdn. Rosemeen Kour (Son & Daughter-in-Law)
Sdn. Navdeep Kour & S.Amardeep Singh Raina (Daughter & Son-in-Law)

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

Grand Children: Harshjeet, Prakriti, Jasneh, Ragya, Japnoor CONTACT: 7006958882, 9980402665

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and peaceful demise of our beloved S. FOJA SING-RAINA (Retd. Excise & Taxation Officer) S/o S. Kesa Sinah Paina of Village Attina Beeru Budgam at preser Singh Raina of Village Attina Beeru Budgam at prese House 212, Sector 7, Street 7, Main Road Nanak Nagi Jammu who left for his heavenly abode on Saturday (February 2024.

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS shall be performed as per t

following scheduled programme:

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB at our resid ARAMBH SHIRI ARHAND PATT SATIB at OUT residence on Saturday (10-02-2024) at 9:30 AM.
BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB at our residence on Monday (12-02-2024) at 9:30 AM.
KIRTAN & ANTIM ARDAS at Gurudwara Sahib Shri Guru Singh Sabha Nanak Nagar on Monday (12-02-2024) from 10:30AM to 12:00PM, followed by 'Guru Ka

2024) from 10:30AM to 12:00PM, followed by 'Guru Ka Langar'.

S. FOJA SINGH RAINA
Deeply Mourned by Family, Friends and Relatives:
Sdr. Kamlesh Kour Kalina - Wife
Sdr. Updesh Kour W/o Late S. Mohinder Singh Sangral of village Sialkot Rafiabad-Mother-in-La
BHABHI'S & BROTHERS
Sdn. Balvinder Kour W/o Late S. Harbans Singh Raina
Sdn. Kulwant Kour W/o Late S. Mohan Singh Raina
Sdn. Salvinder Kour W/o Late S. Mohan Singh Raina
Sdn. Subject Singh Raina & Sdr. Parvinder Kour
S. Amarjeet Singh Raina & Sdr. Manpreet Kour
DAUGHTER & SON-IN-LAW
Sdr. Daljeet Kour & S. Jatinder Singh (Vice President Gurudwara Sri G.S.S. Nanak Nagar)
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ADH-BARKHI

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Adh-Barkhi of our beloved Lt. Sh. Pranab Verma S/o Late Sh. Subash Chander Verma will be performed at our residence H No. 136 Sector 2, Shant Nagar Old Janipur, Jammu on February 11, 2024 (Sunday) at 12 noon.

Lt. Sh. Pranab

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MASWAR AND WAHERWAR Today marks the one year anniversal of your departure and the void left b your absence still echoes with the profound sadness of losing someone dear Memories flood by our thoughts, and the ache of your absence remains a poignant reminder of the enduring

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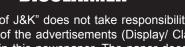
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Several DPAP leaders Join Congress

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Several DPAP leaders from Gandri Block, Distt Ramban, including Rehmatullah Rounyal, Distt Vice President, Amin Bhat Ex Sarpanch, Azad Ali, Sr Vice President, Gandri, and numerous esteemed Senior Leaders, as well as dedicated workers and supporters, have joined the Congress party here today at PCC HQ Shaheedi Chowk Jammu.

They were welcomed in the party by JKPCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani, Sr. Vice President G.N. Monga, General Secretary (Org) Narinder Gupta, General Secretaries Anayatullah Rathar (DDC), Thomas Khokhar, DCC President Ramban Pervez Ahmed Wani, Media Coordinator Neerai Gupta, Chairman SC Dept. Karan Bhagat, Secretar Vijay Shastri, I/C PYC HQ Rick Dalotra, Vijay Chib, Varinder Manhas, and others.



Speaking on the occasion PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani said that Congress Party is an instrument of service to the people, which has remained dedicated to the cause of serving the people. The Congress Party is duty bound to address the urges and aspirations of the people, for the fact, it is the Congress Party alone which has always taken care of the urges and aspirations of the common man. Congress has been pioneer in implementing revolutionary programmes aimed at improving the conditions of the people, especially those living in remote and backward

areas.

He said Congress party believes in strengthening the people and is committed to equitable development of the State. He described BJP dispensation as anti-poor, anti youth, anti kissan and due to its wrong policies the sufferings of the people increased manifold. The insensitive government pushed people to the wall, as unemployment has increased, prices have risen and developmental activities have suffered a lot. He claimed that BJP Government pushed back State in all sectors during last more than nine year.

Regretting the lame duck posturing of the BJP leaders virtually on all issues, Wani said that the people of Jammu region feel utterly cheated and betrayed for the failure of BJP leaders to represent and agitate their concerns. He said that installing smart meters, increasing toll plaza's fee and stopping old age pen-

mile stone of BJP Govt. Wani said that people who want to contribute to the political discourse and development of the state must become part of the Congress's growth story. The doors are open for the people

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who want to contribute in the party's efforts to see the state out of the present mess," he said. "Congress is committed for the people's cause and will always uphold their aspirations and sentiments".

He further said that the Modi government utterly failed to plug infiltration and contain militancy in Jammu and Kashmir which is evident from the prevailing security situation in the state and along the borders. He said that Modi government and BJP has nothing to sell to the electorates about its past promises and on various problems confronting the nation, it is harping on the religious issues, which should not come in politics, he added.

PCC Chief appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of Congress party by supporting Congress candidates in the upcoming Parliament elections, adding that it will be a vote against the broken promises of BJP.

Bali Bhagat appoints Social Sampark Convenors for Jammu Province ahead of **Parliamentary elections**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former Minister, as well as the In-charge of the State Election Committee for the Social Sampark Department, BJP, J&K, today announced the appointment of Assembly Constituency-wise Social Sampark Convenors for 43 Assembly segments of Jammu province. This strategic move comes in anticipation of the forthcoming Parliamentary elections both nationally and within the Union Territory.

Those nominated are Sanjeev Kumar for Mendhar (ST), Sunil Sharma for Poonch-Haveli, Sanjay Kesar for Surankot(ST), Karamat Malik for Thanamandi (ST), Dev Raj Sharma for Budhak (ST), Yogesh Sharma for Rajouri (ST), Rakesh Raina for Nowshera, Thakur Randhir Singh for Kalakote-Sunderbani, Suresh Kumar for Chhamb, Sharda Bhau for Akhnoor (SC), Gulshan Sharma (Laddi) for Marh (SC), Ved Parkash Sharma for Jammu North, Ravikant for Jammu West, Rameshwar Dutt Sharma for Nagrota, Anil Masoom for Jammu East, Ricky Gupta for Bahu, Naresh Sharma for "RS -Pura Jammu South", Anand Kumar Kalia for Suchetgarh (SC), Kuldip Rak for Bishnah (SC), Jatinder Sharma for Vijaypur, Narsingh Dayal for Samba, Pershotam Kumar for Ramgarh (SC), Bharti Sharma for Hiranagar, Advocate Shashi Pal Sharma for Kathua (SC), Sudershan Khajuria for Jasrota,



Tejinder Singh (Goldy) for Basholi, Vikram Singh for Billawer, Moti Ram for Bani, Mool Raj for Ramnagar (SC), Manik Gupta for Chenani, Amit Sharma for Udhampur East, Jeewan Sharma for Udhampur West, Sudershan Singh for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Renu Sharma for Reasi, Imran Akram for Gulabgarh (ST), Iqbal Choudry for Banihal, Jasbir Dass for Ramban, Ashok Bhagat for Doda West, Advocate Pardeep Raman for Doda, Advocate Manjit Razdan for Bhaderwah, Shridhar Sharma for Kishtwar, Kartar Singh Rathore for Padder-Nagsani, Roshan Lal Koul for Inderwal and Rajiv Pandita for Kashmir Displaced District.

Bali Bhagat stated that nominations for the remaining 47 assembly constituencies are currently under process and will be announced within the next two days. He emphasized that the appointed convenors have been entrusted with the crucial responsibility of organizing all segments of society within their respective constituencies.

DPS Kathua hosts UOLO Orientation Program

Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 10: UOLO, a leading educational organization dedicated to enhancing literacy skills among children, conducted an enriching orientation program at Delhi Public School Junior, Kathua. The event, organized by a team from UOLO, aimed to fortify students' vocabulary, thereby bolstering their literacy skills and academic journey and also to announce our collaboration with them for an English Speaking Course Program for classes from 1st to 5th in Delhi Public School Junior, Kathua and from classes 1st to 8th in Delhi Public School Rajbagh, Kathua.



This initiative aims to enhance students' communication skills, boosting their confidence and preparing them for success in an increasingly globalized world. The orientation program emphasized the pivotal role of vocabulary and good communication skills as the cornerstone of literacy development among children. By expanding their vocabulary, stu-

dents are empowered to link diverse ideas, enhancing their critical thinking and problemsolving abilities.

"We recognize the importance of effective communication in today's interconnected society," stated Mrs. Monika Singh. "By introducing this English speaking course program, we aim to provide our students with the necessary tools to express themselves fluently and articulately, empowering them to excel in both academic and professional spheres.

This comprehensive program will focus on improving students' pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and public speaking skills through interactive sessions and practical exercises. By mastering English communication, students

will not only strengthen their academic performance but also broaden their opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Delhi Public School Junior - Kathua looks forward to the positive impact this English speaking course program will have on its students' development and is committed to providing them with the best possible educational experience. In the end, DPS Junior expressed gratitude to UOLO and its team for organizing the insightful orientation program, acknowledging its significant impact on students' academic growth and overall development.

Dimple demands statehood restoration

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Sunil Dimple, the president of Mission Statehood, is leading a protest against the BJP government regarding the delay in the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) state, despite Supreme Court verdict orders to hold assembly elections in the region. Dimple is demanding the immediate restoration of J&K state before the parliament and assembly elections.

According to Dimple, the Supreme Court has issued a verdict on the restoration and holding of assembly elections, but he accuses the BJP of being hesitant and causing a delay in the process. Dimple emphasizes the importance of preserving the integrity, dignity, history, demography, and cultural identity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dimple has called on young candidates from J&K and Ladakh to submit their resumes, expressing Mission Statehood's intention to support new leadership in the upcoming elections. The mission aims for the unification of J&K, Ladakh, POK, Gilgit, and Baltistan in the J&K state, along with the implementation of Instrument of Acces-



sion conditions, special status, and restoration of J&K state

He mentions that BJP leaders are allegedly playing politics with articles 370, 35-A, and converting article 370 into 370 parliamentary seats.

Dimple asserts that after the assembly elections, they plan to implement the Instrument of Accession con-

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ditions signed by J&K Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh Ji with India.

Dimple concludes by demanding the immediate restoration of J&K state, simultaneous assembly and parliament elections under the J&K statehood, and the protection of lands

Other leaders involved in the protest include

Man injured after attacked by brother over land dispute in Pattan

Top News Report

PATTAN, Feb 10 (Agencies): A man was injured after being attacked by his brother in Pattan village in north Kashmir's

Baramulla district on Saturday afternoon.

An official told news agency— Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the man identified as Muzaffar Hussain Dar (30) was critical injured after being attacked by his younger brother in Hanjiveera village of Pattan. Following the incident, the injured was taken to Pattan

hospital, where from he was

ized treatment, he said. He said a case has been field and investigation has been taken up in this regard.

referred to Srinagar for special-

DFSS demand Bharat Ratna for Maharaja Hari Singh, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and **Pandit Prem Nath Dogra**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The posthumous announcement of Bharat Ratna for former prime ministers PV Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, as well as scientist MS Swaminathan. ASHOK GUPTA, who highlighted the achievements and contributions of PV Narasimha Rao and MS Swaminathan.

A rally organized by DOGRAFRONT & SHIV SENA in Jammu City, led by ASHOK GUPTA, where they demanded Bharat Ratna for Maharaja Hari Singh, Pandit Prem Nath Dogra, and Shyama Prasad



Mukherjee. The reasons cited include Maharaja Hari Singh's alignment with India, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's efforts for the integration of J&K with India, and Pandit Prem Nath Dogra's fight for the rights of the Dogras.

The names of some individuals present at the rally were also mentioned, including Abhishek, Prem, Vikky, Bantu, Kalu Rampal, Nanku, Sushil, Ram, Akshay, and others.

'Delayed monthly cash assistance of Migrants be released forthwith'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The monthly cash assistance of Kashmiri migrants living in exile for more than thirtyfour years has not been released so far. As a result, the migrants solely dependent on meager monthly cash assistance are suffering a lot and there is brewing a lot of resentment among the poor relief holders of the community for this delay.

Suni Pandita a senior social activist of the community in a statement issued today has appealed Lt. Governor Union Territory of

J&K to intervene in this matter and issue necessary directions to the Concerned relief Department to release the monthly cash assistance forthwith to alleviate the deprivation of the migrants who are wholly solely dependent on this meager monthly cash assistance.

He further added that many chronic ailment patients of migrants who are dependent on this cash assistance are suffering a lot due to this inordinate delay in their treatments. He also said that it need to be streamlined like it was for last many years

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EDITORIAL

FOOD ADULTERATION

In the present times, due to both the competition for earning money and the decline of morality, the business of making and selling adulterated goods has increased unlimitedly. New methods of adulteration in food items are being adopted.

And this is playing with the public's health. However, adulteration and supply and sale of such goods is a crime from the legal point of view. There is a decline in the morals and values of the society, yet this corrupt business is going on secretly.

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The illegal business of food adulteration runs on a large scale mainly.

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Adulteration of water in milk, vegetable ghee in desi ghee, soil and mixture of garbage and wood sawdust in vegetable spices reduces the quality of the product, which has a direct impact on the health of the person consuming it.

They are poisoning everyone's food in the greed to earn more profits. There should be provision for harshest punishment against those who commit is needed.

In today's time, adulteration in food items has become common. Types of adulteration: The business of ghee, oil, cheese, milk, adulteration or counterfeit goods is going on secretly at many places.

Stones and pebbles are mixed in wheat. A lot of adulteration is done with ground chilli, turmeric, coriander and spices. It is not known how much adulteration is taking place in tea leaves, gram flour, liquid beverages and canned juicy items.

What is the purity of water bottles produced by big companies? This is seen and heard every day. The entire sweets trade is full of adulteration. Expecting purity in it is deceiving yourself.

Earlier, goldsmiths were considered adulterers. But now there are complaints of adulteration in medicines of well-known companies also. This type of adulteration business is increasing day by day. Which has become a problem for the Indian society.

The government has declared adulteration of food items and all other things as a legal offence. An effective system has also been made to control this.

Arrangements have been made from medicine inspection to laboratory to check the purity of medicines. To prevent adulteration in food items, all powers have been given to food inspection, health inspection and other big administrative officers.

Can docus lead to justice? Will Trolley Times have an impact?

By: Farrukh Dhondy

"O Bachchoo the poets are enchanted With the song of the nightingale You always took it for granted That your musical assumptions fail To detect in these avian twitters Any patterns of melody These sounds of our blue sky's litters Emanating from tree to tree..." From Bundgobi Desserts, by Bachchoo

Punjabi farmers call the trailer fixed behind a tractor a 'trolley'." Thus spake filmmaker Gurvinder Singh, addressing one of the many audiences for his documentary film Trolley Times on tour in Britain.

The documentary records the mass movement of farmers protesting against the Indian government's three laws which they claimed would impoverish some and force others into penury. It's called TROLLEY TIMES, the name of the news sheet that the farmers produced during their mass movement two to three years ago.

Gurvinder tells his audiences that he is a feature filmmaker (he has won several international awards for these) but felt impelled by the farmers' protest to record it. Trolley Times is not a news report on the nationwide strike, concentrating on the mainly Sikh gathering of farmers and their supporters from Punjab and Haryana who gathered at the gates of Delhi and organised a

peaceful march and tractor procession through the Indian capi-

Neither is it a "balanced" BBC documentary. In the week of Trolley Times' tour of Britain, the BBC transmitted the final episode of a three-part documentary on the British miners' strike in 1984. Apart from the actual footage of the striking miners and the police assault on them, it also featured reminiscent interviews with miners who had been on that strike, others who had opposed it and even the policemen who had suppressed it. There was footage of Margaret Thatcher, the then Prime Minister whose policies of closing mines caused the strike, and some interviews with surviving advisers who had worked to smash it.

Gurvinder calls Trolley Times a "documentary" and I suppose, gentle reader, that any observational piece, which relentlessly records the gathered thousands, the encampment for months outside Delhi, the arguments, speeches, contentions straight-to-camera of the strikers and their relatives, of hundreds of women in the encampment and in the villages from which the strikers came, can claim to be such.

But this is not in any sense a straightforward observational documentary, though it observes diligently. Neither is it an investigative documentary which examines exhaustively the issues involved.

It is an edifice of idiosyncratic art -- its subject? -- a record of what happened and with and to whom. And yes, it forges a narrative. After an exhaustive record of all that I have said above that it contains, we get to a plot.

Several youths returning on the tractors from the Delhi protest lose their way. They encounter the police and ask them for directions home. The police offer their advice and, climbing onto the tractors as guides, lead them to a police station and arrest the lot. They transfer them from one police station to another, charge them with all forms of affray and incarcerate them finally in Delhi's Tihar Jail.

Gurvinder's camera moves to Mogo in Punjab, the village from which these youths come. The bewildered, infuriated and despairing reactions of their relatives and the entire village, who treat the unjustly imprisoned youth as their own, are meticulously recorded.

And yes, the film concludes with the triumphant reception the village prepares for the youths on their release. Decorated tractors, festive clothing, a throng of every man, woman and child in the village, garlands and saffron scarves greet the youths. See the conquering heroes come, sound the trumpets, beat the drum?

Trolley Times was first exhibited at the Mumbai documentary film festival. While other political films were reviewed in the national press, this one was not. Having seen on screen the evidence of an entire community of agriculturalists who succeeded through protest in the suspension, if not defeat, of the legalised intentions of the present government, I wonder why no report or review of its content was featured. Any ideas?

Trolley Times was screened in Birmingham last week at the headquarters of the city's Indian Worker's Association. It met with a hostile reaction from the audience of mostly Maoists and Stalinists who expected a tactical activist piece and were instead witnesses to an idiosyncratic, artistic, historical record.

The audience at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) were much more absorbedly attentive. They asked perceptive questions about whether the film would have an impact on the coming Indian general election. Gurvinder Singh quoted one of his cinematic heroes, Ritwik Ghatak, who said films don't change the world -- politics do.

In recent weeks, the UK's ITV Channel broadcast a documentary outlining the thirty-year-old scandal in which hundreds of sub-postmasters were falsely charged with swindling the Post Office. These charges and prosecutions were prompted by a severe malfunction in accounting by the Post Office's computer system called Horizon, supplied by the Japanese multinational Fujitsu.

These victims were falsely charged with financial fraud. They were ruined. Some committed suicide, others were jailed and yet others became bankrupt. It was the most egregious case of injustice in modern Britain.

The documentary was widely watched and has directly led to the pillorying of the officials responsible for covering up the Horizon malfunction. Even Hedgie Sunak says that he is passing a law annulling the guilty sentences and offering compensation.

Can documentaries force politicians to side, even belatedly, with justice?

Management Education covers a General set of Core Areas

(Establishing meaningful educational priorities)

By: Vijay GarG

he intricate balance between practical demands of commercial relevance and scholarly aspirations within management education reflects the ever-changing nature of academia

A lot of management text and advice is common-sensical. It is common sense if one agrees that the basic objective of management is a propulsion of commercial interest. That this proposition may itself be in doubt is another matter altogether. There is no substantial reason to see commerce as the domain of all management activities. If the purpose of management efforts is business management, then to some extent, it can become an extenuative logic because, at least, the assumption there is to focus on the optimization of business.

However, there is business and business; manufacturing can be a business but has a veneer of its own. It does not cover the business of ideas, and the business of ideas can be a specialization of its own, especially when it comes to being focused on education, financial exchanges, the exchange of news, and indeed exchange of money in stock exchanges. Thus, it is that business management has many forms of focus and interest. To cover all

of it is difficult in a simple MBA program spread over 1200 to 1300 contact hours.

This kind of super specialisation or focus is difficult to achieve. Thus, it is that management education covers a general set of what could be called core areas and then specialisations of a more focused variety.

The lay of the land is so far to create specializations in finance, marketing, and the like; the emphasis on sectors such as Agriculture or Research & Development is yet to gather its range and depth. This is not going to come easy because to create a curriculum, one needs reading material. The reading material is often in the form of books or publications in journals, and this requires research. It also requires a forum for publication, which is in the form of print. Unless there is a definite market for these journals or magazines they cannot survive. Has the touchstone of journals or magazines, like much else, also become commercial?

However, what is commercially relevant may not always be intellectually feasible. Hence, there is a contradiction, if not a hiatus.

Be that as it may, it delays the creation of a critical mass of material, which in its own right is worth publishing, disseminating and preserving. The touchstone again becomes commercial. It is therefore not unusual to find colleges taking a lesser interest in non-commercial areas than in activities that have a commercial overlay. This is not usual, but by the same token, it is not in the best interest of pursuing a scholarly interest.

In fact, it may be arguable that scholastic interest is an endeavour in its own right and is indeed the heart of an educational institution. To sustain this focus requires funds and research orientation.

The problem with finding funds or this sort of effort is, of course, the problem of justifying the return on those funds. A one-to-one correlation in such matters is difficult to establish, and it is even more difficult to create a climate of justifying this as a scholastic effort, which is the foundation of any good educational institution.

It is difficult to argue that worldwide, well-established academic institutions invest a substantial amount of resources in creating this research climate, and their global recognition as institutions of distinction is rooted in precisely this kind of environment.

Such contradictions are common in life.

It is natural to envy the distinctiveness of others, but the same kind of ease does not accompany recognizing what it takes to create that kind of distinctiveness.

As the world moves on, the global comparison, especially amongst people who speak a common language, becomes more frequent.

Typically, there is a ranking of universities, but the inter-se ranking, as in India, is always amongst institutions of the English-speaking world. One rarely sees comparisons between the universities of the English-speaking world with the universities of the Portuguese, Spanish or the Russianspeaking world. Thus, it is that the word global itself acquires a generalization that does not merit it and creates a misconception about what is indeed truly global.

Like all industries, education as an industry – if it may so be called-- has a long way to go before it matures. A realization of this deficiency is difficult to create and even more difficult to disseminate. Gaining recognition of the decision-making power is still a more far-removed matter.

Clearly, education as an endeavour has a long way to go before it can truly be assessed for its long-range value, beyond common sensical generalisations. The occasion of a national education policy would have been a fit occasion to tackle some of these issues, but then perhaps it will have to await a revision before this is attempted.

(Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational columnist Malout)

GDC Kishtwar honors NCC Cadet Muien Raja for achievements at Republic Day celebrations

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Feb 10: Govt Degree College proudly recognizes and commends the outstanding achievements of NCC Cadet Muien Raja, who represented Kishtwar at the national level during the Republic Day celebrations held at the RDC camp in New Delhi.

During the Republic Day celebrations, Muien Raja showcased his exceptional talent and dedication by participating in various cultural events, earning recognition not only for himself but also for his college and the



state of Jammu and Kashmir. As a result of his remarkable performance, he has been selected as the brand ambassador of India in the prestigious Youth Exchange Programme, where he assisted the

Southeast Asian country Laos, alongside representatives from 24 other nations.

Muien Raja's journey took him to meet esteemed personalities, including the honorable President, Prime Minis-

ter, and Defence chiefs, further highlighting his exceptional achievements and contribution to the nation. Moreover, the J&K Directorate secured the first position in ballet dance, with Muien Raja serving as earning him a prestigious medal and certificate from ADG JK&L Directorate.

Dr. Jyoti Parihar, Principal of Govt Degree College, expressed her admiration for Muien Raja's remarkable accomplishments and encouraged other students to follow in his footsteps by representing the college at national and international levels.

She emphasized the importance of fostering a culture of excellence and dedication among the students, inspiring them to strive for greatness in all their endeav-

Ajeet Bhagat demands Rs 30 lakh compensation for accident victims in Hakoo Paddar area

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Feb 10: Jammu and Kashmir National Confrance Sr. Leader, Spokesperson Ajeet Bhagat expressed his eye wide on the road accident on the side of Hakoo Paddar area of Kishtwar District,

The National Confrance Sr. Leader Ajeet Bhagat said that the accident should be investigated as soon as possible and added that after all the government has adopted the slogan of Digital Country. Years have passed but there has been no change in the KISHTWAR, DODA, and RAMBAN **DISTRICTS** of Chenab Valley Zone and people are giving their lives due to these dilapidated roads, but the government is not paying attention to these accidents and is our Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone. The families of the families are forced to live the lives of orphans.

Ajeet Bhagat has appealed to the Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief



Secretary Atal Dulloo to provide 30 lakh Compensation to the families of the bereaved as soon as possible and to provide Government Jobs in every house and to look after the roads of the Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban Districts of Chenab Valley Zone

Kupwara Volleyball Association organises volleyball championship

Top News Report

HANDWARA. Feb 10: District Volleyball Championship Kupwara for both boys and girls held today in Indoor Stadium Handwara.

The ceremony was organised by District volleyball association Kupwara under the aegis of volleyball association of j&k.The event was sponsored by j&k sports council.

In this championship 18 teams from all around the district participated out of which 12 teams were boys teams and 6 teams were girls.



It's pertinent to maintain that the volleyball association Kupwara is engaging youth in sports so that they will be away from drugs and channelise there energy into positive ways.

It is worth mentioning that the Chief Guest of the event was District

Development Member Rajwar Sulaiman Mir apprised of the tremendous work done by the Volleyball Association of Kupwara.

The initiative of organising Volleyball championship for both girls and boys was a bid to identify sporting talents

and provide immense opportunities to excel in sports. This is the first ever Volleyball championship for both girls and boys being organised in the town area of Handwara where teams from all over district participated and made the event successful.

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Milk, curd, Atta, trans-

port fares etc? They

expressed serious con-

cern over devaluation of

money as Indian rupee

Rajni Sethi interacts with spokespersons, **Media Incharges of BJP**

Top News Report

DODA, Feb 10: Bhartiva Janta Party (BJP) spokesperson and Media Management incharge of JK UT Rajni Sethi presided a meeting with media incharges and Spokespersons of Doda District

In the meeting Rajni Sethi emphasized the BJP media team and Spokespersons of district Doda to gear up for the forthcoming parliamentary election and to note down all the political activities of the party within district Doda with the object to coun-



the people oriented all schemes of BJP government headed by Prime Minister Narinder Modi Ji with intention to provide benefits of scheme and policies and also

in the upcoming loksabha elections and also acts as the fourth pillar of our democracy

The meeting was organised by District President Vijay Mohan Thakur and attended by Chief SpokesperAdv. Raman Pardeep, Spokesperson Bagh Singh, Spokesperson Rakwal and Sachin Sharma District Media Incharge Secretary Sanjay Pandit, Mandal Media Incharges, Morcha Presidents, Morcha Media Incharges and Spokespersons.

son BJP District Doda

AAP is the only solution of all evils in the country in general & J&K in particular

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JAMMU, Feb 10: Intensifying its door to door public awareness / awakening program about the magical development in Delhi & Punjab Pattern, the AAP Sr. Leaders Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao & Mr. Ranjodh Singh, distributed pamphlets to the men, women & youths, in Pattian village of Keran Panchyat, in Jammu North Assembly Constituency, highlighting the achievements of AAP Delhi government, the AAP leaders said that the AAP is serious to give a clean time tested alternative to the electorates in J&K UT to get rid of 75 years misrule of corruption, nepotism, casteism & divisive politics of religion & region. They further said that the only alternative before the people is 4-point magical Mantra of Delhi model (i) free electricity up to 200 units without any cut (ii) free potable water up to 20,000 litres per house hold (iii) quality Health service on door steps through Mohalla clinics & (iv) quality Education in government Institutions for Delhites besides Char Dham yatra free of cost to Senior citizens, free Metro & bus services to women irrespective of caste, creed & colour, in addition to several other social welfare schemes, as our constitution guarantees the right to life

to everyone living in the



country. They said that AAP has revolutionized & galvanized the lives of Delhites which can be done here also in J&K if AAP is brought to power. They further said that time has come now when every Indian is appreciative of Delhi Model of governance which, in the first instance, hammers a death blow to the virus of caste, creed & colour and instead ensures development of all sections of society.

The Sr. AAP leaders further deliberated on the present sky rocketing prices of Kitchen items like atta, rice, edible oils, missing of Kerosene oil, sugar, vegetables and unprecedented un-employment in last 45 years, corruption, nepotism and worst law & order

mismanagement putting the lives of common masses in danger. They further said that LG, Manoj Sinha, as per practice of PM Modi & other BJP leaders, is busy here in J&K, throwing JAMLAS after JUMLAS & said that who will trust this type of ornamental JUMLAS because earlier also PM Modi promised 15 lacs into the accounts of each house hold, doubling the income of farmers by ending 2022, MSP to the benefit of farmers, 2 crores jobs to the frustrated highly educated youths. Terming BJP Bhartiya Jhoot Party, the Sr. AAP leaders questioned as to where is Samriti Irani as the LPG has jumped to Rs. 1100/= from Rs. 430/= per cylinder, prices of Diesel, Petrol,

has dipped record low over Rs 83 as compared to U.S dollar and said our GDP is astonishingly lower than our small neighbarers and the Nation has to pay billions more on account of Import bills. They further said that on International scenario, the hunger index, the malnutrition India is alarmingly at a low position. And in such a situation how can we become VISHAV GURU, they questioned. Adding fuel to the fire, several thousands of youths engaged on contractual basis, ad-hoc basis, daily wagers or need based arrangements in all departments be it Home guard, Education, PDD, PHE, Health, Food & civil supplies & so on so forth has compounded the miseries of frustrated youths with every passing day as scores of them are crossing age limit or nearing the same without any hope of ACHHE DIN, the AAP leaders maintained and said that previous leaders of successive state governments are squarely responsible for the present mess who, without any planning & application of mind, adjusted the youths simply to create vote banks & appease their kith &

kins, has put thousands

of youths in great dilem-

ma & worst confusion & the LG administration is again repeating the same process in J&K-UT, the Director Jammu & Director Kashmir have sought again application for contractual post of Lecturers in Higher Secondary Schools & same is the case in Degree Colleges, which is very injustice with the Educated vouths of J&K.

The AAP leaders further said that BJP has nothing new to sell to the country men; JUMLAS of every kind is now at the tip of tongue of every citizen; thank God, polarization has got a good drubbing in Delhi, Punjab and recently in Karnataka; really "you can't befool all the people for all the time. alas ! Jammuites see through the game earlier the better as if country has achieved freedom in 2014; it's a matter of great satisfaction that every political party wants to switch over to Delhi/Punjab pattern of governance; Delhi and Punjab people have given a befitting reply to those who shamelessly call the same as " muft ki rewadi" because in almost all developed countries, health and education sector is on top priority, then why not in our country? Time has really come when we should not lend an ear to the flurry of JUMLAS and rather gird up our loins to teach them a lesson like Delites, Punjabi as also

Karnataka people.

'Delayed monthly cash assistance of Migrants be released forthwith'

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object of development

JAMMU, Feb 10: The monthly cash assistance of Kashmiri migrants living in exile for more than thirtyfour years has not been released so far. As a result, the migrants solely dependent on meager monthly cash assistance are suffering a lot and there is brewing a lot of resentment among the poor relief holders of the community for this delay.

Suni Pandita a senior social activist of the community in a statement issued today has appealed Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K to intervene in this matter and issue necessary directions to the Concerned relief Department to release the monthly cash assistance forthwith to alleviate the deprivation of

the migrants who are wholly solely dependent on this meager monthly cash assistance.

He further added that many chronic ailment patients of migrants who are dependent on this cash assistance are suffering a lot due to this inordinate delay in their treatments. He also said that it need to be streamlined like it was for last many years.

Altaf Bukahri appeals to Centre to hold LS and Assembly Elections simultaneously in J&K

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SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Apni Party Chairman Altaf Bukhari on Saturday appealed to New Delhi to hold Lok Sabha and Assembly elections simultaneously in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that the people of J&K would get everything from their elected Assembly as it has a pivotal role in safeguarding the interests of the people.

"People of J&K will not get any benefit from the Parliament. If we will get anything that is through an elected Assembly. The Assembly elections in J&K will be icing on the cake as the situation is very normal," Bukahri told reporters in Srinagar.

"I appeal to New Delhi to hold Lok Sabha & Assembly elections simultaneously in Jammu and Kashmir."

The Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir was held last time in 2014 in which PDP emerged as the largest political party and forged an alliance with BJP.

The coalition government collapsed in 2018 after BJP pulled out from it. Since then there is no elected Assembly in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Kashmiri mainstream political parties have been accusing the Election Commission and the BJP of delaying assembly elections

in Jammu and Kashmir. On reports of separatists joining his party, Bukahri, who was Finance Minister in the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP government, said that the Apni Party's doors are open for those who believe that J&K is a part of India and believes in the Constitution of the country.

"Those joining our party should not be involved in any killing or violence. When anyone joins, we don't see whether they are associated with Hurriyat, National Conference, BJP or PDP. Our party is open for all the residents of J&K as this is their party and I welcome all into the party fold," the Apni Party Chairman said.

Recently a separatist leader Bashir Ahmad Wani has joined the Apni Party.

Some stories have been reimagined by writers and given a new lease of life by directors. So, when films like Wonka and web series Mr and Mrs Smith are presented in a fresh version, they sure impress.

Of late, there seems to be much buzz around series and films that have revived pre-established IPs (Intellectual Property) and given a them a twist. In the past two months, theatrical releases such as Mean Girls (2024) and Wonka, and web series Mr and Mrs Smith, and Percy Jackson and the Olympians, have garnered profits and viewership. Here's a look at some of other such projects.

New lease of life

Wonka

Willy Wonka is synonymous with either Gene Wilder (Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory) or Johnny Depp (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), but after French-American actor Timothée Chalamet embraced the avatar of Roald Dahl's character, it got a new lease of life. Warner Bros Pictures re-acquired the rights of the character Willy Wonka in 2016 and while they first released an animation film, Tom and Jerry: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, the original story of Willy Wonka was in development for a standalone film with no connection to prior adaptations. Wonka is among

the top 10 highest-grossing films of 2023 and is inching towards 600 million dollar club. It ran for more than eight weeks in domestic circles. Besides Timothée, Hugh Grant's role as Oompa Loompa is also loved by the audience.

Being popular Wednesday

The eight-episode first season of the supernatural comedy-horror series Wednesday became an instant favourite of binge-watchers, with netizens crushing over actress Jenna Ortega, who played the titular character. The makers of the series re-imagined the once sopopular and readily adapted show/ film called The Addams Family. Initially a single-panel comic published in The New Yorker in 1938, it was made into animation films and video games until the first film series, The Addams Family (1991) and then Addams Family Values (1993) were released. In November 2022, web series Wednesday re-launched The Addams Family back into limelight. Based on its commercial and critical success, the series immediately got renewed for the second season



and makes for a revived IP, which is there to last.

Musical comedy Mean Girls

The latest teen musical comedy, yet to be released in India, is a perfect amalgamation of a 2004 film

and Stage Musical. It is based on

the original screenplay by Tina Fev. With Samantha Jayne and Arturo Perez Jr. helming the project for their feature directorial debuts, the film did well and is currently the highest grosser of January, 2024. It is a refreshing tale mixed with contemporary musical adaptations. Back in time

The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power

While we all know of the epony-

mous film trilogies, The Lord of the Rings (2001-2003) and The Hobbit (2012-2014), based on JRR Tolkien's novel series by the same name, it was beyond the imagination of hardcore fans of Tolkien and the film series to expect a prequel. But Prime Video took the onus and created a larger-thanlife series when the competitors were bringing shows like Game of Thrones, The Witcher and more. Developed by JD Payne and Patrick McKay for the streaming service, it puts two-and-two together from The Lord of the Rings novel series, and its appendices by JRR Tolkien, to re-launch the LOTR IP. Set thousands of years before Tolkien's The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, the 2022 web series depicts the major events of middle Earth's second age. It will redefine the LOTR IP. Similarly, IPs such as The Batman (2022) and The Lion King (2019) resurfaced, although these were first initiated in visual medium in 1943 and 1994, respectively.

Evolved narrative Mr and Mrs Smith

This series too is an adaptation, a fresh take on the spy couple, Mr and Mrs Smith, played by Donald Glover and Maya Erskine. Developed by Glover and Francesca Sloane, it honours the original and yet is an evolved narrative, which is, of course, needed for a series to succeed.

Once more

Bob Biswas

This 2021 Hindi language action thriller film is based on a character from the 2012 film, Kahaani. Diya Annapurna Ghosh's debut direction, it stars Abhishek Bachchan as the titular character. In Kahaani, the same character was played by Saswata Chatterjee. The film premiered on ZEE5.

Huma sign copies of first novel

Actress Huma Qureshi, who officially turned writer in December, 2023, following the release of her first novel Zeba: An Accidental Superhero (Harper-Collins India), spared some time on Friday in the city where she grew up, New Delhi, signing copies of the book at a popular bookstore.

As she signed copies of the book for her fans. Huma looked stunning in an olive-coloured outfit paired with gold jewelry and sunglasses. Zeba: An Accidental Superhero, according to the book's blurb, is a story of magic, wonder and resilience, where the protagonist, Zeba, wearing her hijab as a



cape, becomes a relatable symbol of strength

in the face of challeng-

investigative journalist,

uncovers the sexual

abuse of young children

at a shelter home in her

new film, Bhakshak.

Bhumi said she ques-

tioned her own reaction

to headlines describ-

ing instances of abuse

while working on the

movie that is inspired

"I don't think I'll ever

be able to move on from

Bhakshak because it is

about something that is

actually happening with

children in the society.

This is not specific to

one area of India, this

could be happening

anywhere around us.

It's overwhelming, it

angers you and it also

gets you to question

what you are doing

about it," she said. "I

really hope impacts the

audiences, where you

kind of question your

decisions. It made me

question my empathy

and how I had become

so numb towards some-

body else's pain," she

The Netflix film, which

started streaming from

Friday, is backed by

superstar Shah Rukh

Khan's banner Red

Chillies Entertainment.

Bhumi plays Vaishali

Singh, a local reporter

in Bihar, who tries to

expose the cases of

sexual abuse at a girl's

shelter home.

added.

by true events.

Dheeraj Dhoopar to essay lead in 'Rabb Se Hai Dua'

Actor Dheeraj Dhoopar, who is known for Sasural Simar Ka, Kuch Toh Log Kahenge and Saubhagyavati Bhava: Niyam Aur Shartein Laagu, is set to play the lead in the popular television show Rabb Se Hai Dua.

Starting February 21, the show will take a generational leap of 22 years, and actor Raymon Kakar will replace Aditi Sharma as the elder Dua. She is now seen as a strong matriarch who has taken over the family business.

The show will focus on the journey of Dua's daughters - half-sisters Ibaadat (Haider

and Ghazal's daughter), and Mannat (Haider and Dua's daughter) who are against the misuse of the law that allows polygamy by men.

Their disagreement is that some men take advantage of the law to justify infidelity. However, they soon find themselves entangled in it personally, as they fall in love with the same man, Subhaan, played by Dheeraj.

Subhaan shares a deeper bond with Dua than he does with his parents. He believes in the power of music as a medium for spreading love and joy but not for personal gain, and, as a result, keeps his face



concealed by a mask. About the show, Dheeraj said, "I am thrilled to be back on Zee TV and part of an interesting show like Rabb Se Hai Dua. I am playing the role of Subhaan, who is a businessman and a singing sensation, which is his hidden identity, and I can't wait to explore this character. The show's unique narrative drew me in and I look forward to contributing to its continued success. It's an exciting opportunity, and I can't wait for the audience to witness the twists and turns that await them in the post-leap storyline." Rabb Se Hai Dua airs

on Zee TV.

Bhakshak made me question my numbness, says Bhumi Pednekar



Some stories are difficult to move on from,

believes actress Bhumi Pednekar, who, as an

Mithun Chakraborty hospitalised in Kolkata



Veteran actor and Padma Bhushan awardee Mithun Chakraborty has been hospitalised.

The actor was rushed to the emergency unit of Apollo Hospital in Kolkata on Saturday after reportedly feeling unwell.

Details about his health condition are still awaited. Mithun is known for his iconic roles in Bollywood. The actor-turned-politician has left an indelible mark on Indian cinema with his performances in films such as 'Disco Dancer', 'Jung', 'Prem Pratigyaa', 'Pyar Jhukta Nahin', and 'Mard'.

Umarah Naushad Ali on self-motivation



Feeling low, sad and dejected is natural and everyone goes through it. However, legendary music composer Naushad Ali's granddaughter Umarah Naushad Ali says what matters is how you bounce back.

"It's very easy to fall into the trap of negativity, allowing yourself to feel low and defeated. But the important thing is to distract yourself, to force yourself to move on." she says. Naushad is a pastry chef as well as an expert in animation, VFX and 3D interiors.

Manisha Rani garners praise on Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa

Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa's star, Manisha Rani delivered an interesting performance on the song Bekhayali along with choreographer Ashutosh Pawar in 'Love Special' episode. Manisha and Ashutosh will depict the journey of a woman's emotional turmoil, delving into the psyche of a heartbroken soul. Actors Shahid Kapoor and Kriti Sanon were special guests on the show.

Stunned by the intense act, judge Farah Khan said, "I've become a fan of Manisha because she keeps surprising us every week with something different.

Last time she did robotics and Kriti, you should have seen that! She became a robot, and I know in your film you are also a robot. She was so good. Contemporary is not an easy form. It takes years to master, and within a week of practice, you were pretty good. Manisha, you are a surprise package. You performed really well."

Shahid said, "I really enjoyed your performance. Manisha is truly gifted. While she was talking, I found her to be very quirky, which might be the reason she's on the show. I believe you have a bright future ahead."



Kriti added, "Manisha, I really hadn't expected such intensity to come from someone as endearing, talkative and bubbly as you. It was a complete surprise for me. I think that you're not just a dancer, you're

a very good actor too. For any actor or artist, I think these qualities are very important being able to captivate the audience and evoke emotions. I felt both of these things. I couldn't take my eyes off you."

PM To Launch Poll Campaign In Madhya Pradesh **From Key ST Seat Tomorrow**

This move underscores the BJP's focus on garnering support in tribal-dominated areas

BHOPAL, Feb 10 (Agencies) Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to kickstart the Lok Sabha election campaign in Madhya Pradesh from the Ratlam-Jhabua Scheduled Tribes (ST) constituency tomorrow.

This move underscores the BJP's focus on garnering support in tribal-dominated areas. The Bhil and Bhilala tribes, with their significant influence across 10-12 districts in western Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat, are at the centre of this strategy.

PM Modi is scheduled to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development initiatives totalling approximately 7,500 crore.

The focal point of this campaign is a grand janjatiya rally near Gopalpura airstrip in the Bhil-dominated district of Jhabua in western Madhya Pradesh. Preparations are



going on to accommodate at least one lakh people.

Historically, the Congress party has predominantly won the Ratlam-Jhabua ST seat, securing victory 14 out of 18 elections and by-elections since

However, the BJP has made inroads, winning the seat in 2014 and 2019.

The political landscape of this

constituency has long been shaped by two prominent Bhil figures.

First is Dilip Singh Bhuria, who won the seat five times for the Congress from 1980 to 1996 and once for the BJP in 2014.

The other is Kantilal Bhuria, a former Union Minister and state Congress chief, who also won the seat five times for the Congress between 1998 and 2015.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Kantilal Bhuria was defeated by the BJP's first-time MLA Guman Singh Damor by a margin of over 90,000 votes. Despite the BJP winning only three of the eight assembly segments in this constituency during the 2018 state elections. their performance improved in the 2023 state elections, winning four segments and narrowly losing another.

The Ratlam-Jhabua ST and Guna seats, traditionally Congress strongholds in Madhya Pradesh, were captured by the BJP in the 2019 national election, buoyed by the Modi wave, even as the state had a Congress government.

Jhabua's strategic importance lies in its potential to influence tribal voters in neighbouring districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan, making it a key battleground in the BJP's electoral strategy.

Man on the run for months held for repeatedly raping his daughter in Maharashtra

Her mother alleges that the accused beat her up as well

PALGHAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Police have arrested a man, who had been on the run for the past few months after being booked for allegedly repeatedly raping his 22-year-old daughter and impregnating her in Palghar district of Maharashtra, an official said on Saturday.

His daughter, whom the accused raped multiple times from 2021, died in November last year at a hospital during her tuberculosis treatment, he said.

"The 53-year-old accused resided in Nala-

sopara. He was on the run since the last several months after a case was registered against him for allegedly raping his daughter between 2021 and November 2023. He also impregnated the victim and thrashed her, which led to her miscar-

riage," senior inspector Pramod Badakh said. "The victim was admitted to a hospital in a serious condition on November 14 last year for treatment of tuberculosis. However, she died there on the same day," he said, adding that her

mother then lodged a

complaint against the accused.

The complainant alleged that besides her daughter, the accused beat her up as well.

Based on the com-

plaint, an offence was registered at the Nalasopara police station under Sections 376(2) (n) (repeated rape on the same woman), 354A (sexual harassment), 342 (wrongful confinement), 312 (causing miscarriage), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504 (intentional insult) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian



Penal Code in November last year, he said.

The crime branch formed a special team to trace the accused and the team members worked on several leads before finally nabbing him from Virar township in the district on February 7, the official said.

During his interrogation, it came to light that the accused kept changing places.

He was hiding in Aurangabad and Mumbai, he added.

CAA will be implemented before Lok Sabha polls, says Home Minister Amit Shah



NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The BJP will get 370 seats and the NDA more than 400 in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and form the government for a third consecutive term under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Saturday.

Shah asserted that there is no suspense over the outcome of the Lok Sabha polls and even the Congress and other opposition parties have realised that they will again have to sit in the opposition benches.

"We have abrogated Article 370 (of the Constitution, which gave a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir). So we believe that the people of the country will bless the BJP with 370 seats and the NDA with over 400 seats," Shah said at the ET **NOW Global Business** Summit 2024.

Asked about the possibility of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), headed by Jayant Choudhary, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and some other regional parties joining the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the home minister said the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) "believes in family planning but not in politics", giving an indication that more parties may join the ruling coalition.

When pressed further on the SAD, he said, "Talks are going on but nothing has been finalised."

Shah said the 2024 polls will not be an election between the NDA and the INDIA opposition bloc, but between development and those who give mere slogans.

On the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), Shah said the law, enacted in 2019, will be implemented before the Lok Sabha polls after issuing the rules in this regard.

"Our Muslim brothers are being misled and instigated (against the CAA). The CAA is only meant to give citizenship to those who came to India after facing persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. It is not for snatching anyone's Indian citizenship," he said.

Asked about the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, he said the Nehru-Gandhi scion has no right to go ahead with such a march as his party was responsible for the country's partition in 1947.

On the timing of a white

ernment in Parliament, Shah said it was necessary as the country has full right to know what mess the Congress-led United Progressive alliance (UPA) left behind when it lost power in

"At that time (2014), the economy was in a bad shape. There were scams everywhere. Foreign investment was not coming. Had we taken out a white paper at that time, it would have given a wrong message to the world.

"But after 10 years, our government has revived the economy, brought foreign investment and there is no corruption at all. So it is the right time to publish the white paper," he said.

On the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the home minister said the people of the country believed for 500-550 years that the temple should be built at the place where Lord Ram was born.

"However, due to the politics of appeasement and citing law and order, the construction of the Ram temple was not allowed," he said.

On a Uniform Civil Code, Shah said it is a constitutional agenda, signed by the country's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and others.

"But the Congress had ignored it due to appeasement. The enforcement of the UCC in Uttarakhand is a social change. It will be discussed on all forums and face legal scrutiny. A secular country cannot have religion-based civil codes," he said.

7 killed in accident involving two trucks, bus in Andhra Pradesh

MUSUNURU, Feb 10 (Agencies): The toll in the accident involving two trucks and a private bus at Musunuru in Nellore district early on Saturday rose to seven.

The accident occurred at around 2 am when a truck transporting cattle to Srikalahasti was hit from behind by another truck carrying iron, police said.

"The driver of the iron-laden truck lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the private bus coming in the opposite direction," Kavali sub-divisional police officer Venkata Ramana said.

Four people died on



the spot, he said, adding that three more died in Nellore government hospital.

A case under Section 304 of the Indian Penal Code was registered. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Governor S

Abdul Nazeer expressed anguish and profound grief over the mishap.

"The Governor offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members," said a press release from Raj Bhavan.

Money laundering case against NCB ex-top cop Sameer Wankhede for Rs 25-crore bribe demand from Shah Rukh Khan's family

MUMBAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Enforcement Directorate has registered a money laundering case against former Mumbai NCB zonal director Sameer Wankhede taking cognisance of a CBI FIR in an alleged Rs 25-crore bribe demand from superstar Shah Rukh Khan's family to spare his son in a drugs case, official sources said Saturday.

The central agency has booked the case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.



Some former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials have also been summoned.

Wankhede, a 2008batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the Customs and Indirect Taxes cadre, has moved the Bombay High Court seeking protection from any coercive action by the anti-money laundering agency.

He was booked by the CBI in May last year on charges of seeking Rs 25-crore bribe for not framing Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in the drugs-on-cruise case, officials had said.

Aryan Khan was arrested in the alleged drug bust case on the Cordelia cruise ship on October 2, 2021.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) booked Wankhede and others for alleged criminal conspiracy (120-B IPC), and threat of extortion (388 IPC) besides provisions pertaining to bribery under the Prevention of Corruption Act on a complaint from the NCB.

A year later, the NCB filed a charge sheet in the drugs-on-cruise case against 14 accused

but gave a clean chit to Aryan Khan.

The much-hyped case took a twist when an 'independent witness' had claimed in 2021 that Rs 25 crore was demanded by an NCB official and other persons, including a witness Gosavi, to let off Aryan Khan.

The NCB later conducted an internal vigilance probe against Wankhede and others and shared the contents with CBI leading to registration of a case against him.

BJP workers booked for attack on journalist Nikhil Wagle's car in Pune

PUNE, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Pune police on Saturday registered a case against some workers of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for allegedly attacking journalist Nikhil Wagle's car and booked the latter for alleged violation of prohibitory orders.

BJP workers staged a protest over Wagle's alleged remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and LK Advani after the leader was awarded the Bharat Ratna.

They threw ink on the car in which Wagle and two others, Aseem

Sarode and Vishwambhar Choudhary, were travelling under police protection to the 'Nirbhay Bano' event organised by Rashtra Seva Dal in the Singhad Road area on Friday, police had said Based on a complaint

lodged by a woman, a first information report (FIR) was registered at Parvati police station under sections 147 (rioting), 336 (causing grievous hurt by an act endangering life or personal safety) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code,

an official said.



The FIR states that the complainant and a few others were protecting Wagle's car even as some BJP workers allegedly hurled stones at the vehicle and injured them, he said.

A case has also been registered against Wagle and the city unit presidents of the BJP,

Shiv Sena (UBT) and Congress for allegedly violating section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), he said.

"A case has been registered against them as the event was being held without police permission," said Sambhaji Kadam, deputy commissioner of police.

Earlier, a case was registered against Wagle for allegedly making offensive remarks against the PM and Advani.

Wagle has been booked under sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 500 (defamation) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the IPC at Vishrambaug police station.

According to the police, senior BJP leader Sunil Deodhar had filed a complaint against the 64-year-old journalist on Tuesday over his controversial comments.

Chhattisgarh: RPSF jawan killed, passenger injured in accidental firing at Raipur railway station



RAIPUR, Feb 10 (Agencies): A jawan of the Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) was killed and a passenger injured after the former's service weapon accidentally went off at the Raipur railway station in Chhattisgarh on Saturday, an official said.

The incident took place around 6

am when a team of the RPSF led by a sub-inspector was de-boarding Sarnath Express train after escort duty, the official here said.

When constable Dinesh Chandra (30) was moving out from the S-2 coach of the train, his service weapon got accidentally discharged and a bullet hit his

mad Danish, who was sleeping on an upper berth, also sustained injuries in his abdomen, he said. The duo was shifted to a private hos-

A passenger, identified as Moham-

pital, where the constable succumbed to injuries, he said.

The deceased jawan was a resident of Rajasthan, the official said, adding that investigation into the matter was underway.

Russian drone attack on Kharkiv petrol station kills seven, including 3 kids: Governor

The attack sprayed nearby homes with burning fuel forcing at least 50 people to evacuate, Kharkiv mayor Igor Terekhov said earlier.

KYIV, Feb 10 (Agencies): Seven people, including three children, were killed Saturday in a Russian drone attack on a petrol station in the city of Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine, the regional governor said.

"Unfortunately the death toll from the occupiers' attacks on Kharkiv has risen to seven," Oleg Synegubov said on the Telegram social network.

"Among them are three children: 7, 4 years old and a baby about six months old."

The attack sprayed nearby homes with burning fuel forcing at least 50 people to evacuate, Kharkiv mayor Igor Terekhov



said earlier.
"The enemy's Shaheds (Ira-

nian-made drones) hit a petrol station, causing burning fuel to

spill out and 14 private houses to burn," he said, adding the fire was burning across a wide area

Kharkiv regional prosecutor Oleksandr Filachkov said three drones hit Kharkiv's Nemyshlyanskyi district.

"As a result, an object of critical infrastructure was destroyed. There was a large amount of fuel, which is why the consequences of the fire were so terrible," he said, referring to the petrol station.

Saturday's strike followed a string of night-time attacks in Kharkiv and a village east of the regional capital.

Nawaz Sharif, Bilawal Bhutto begin parleys to keep Imran Khan away from power as Pakistan poll results drag on

ISLAMABAD, Feb 10 (Agencies): Even as final results of the Pakistan general elections are awaited, PTI founder Imran Khan and PML(N) supremo Nawaz Sharif have claimed win and deliv-

ered victory speeches. Now, since PML(N) has failed to get majority in the polls but has emerged as the "single largest party", it is in talks with PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutoo Zardari, Dawn reported.

On Friday night, former president Asif Ali Zardari and Bilawal met with former prime minister and PML(N) President Shehbaz Sharif in Lahore and exchanged views on government formation, Radio Pakistan reported. Both parties have agreed to work together to achieve political and economic



stability in the country, it added.



Nawaz had claimed that PML(N) has



emerged as the single largest party in the polls.

Quake halts search at Philippines landslide disaster site



MANILA, Feb 10 (Agencies): A strong earthquake in the southern Philipppines on Saturday halted a search for scores of people believed buried in a deadly landslide, forcing rescuers to vacate the area, officials said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage from the magnitude 5.8 quake that shook the Mindanao region at 11:22 am (0322 GMT), but rescuers were ordered to stop their search in the remote gold-mining village of Masara.

A massive landslide buried a bus terminal and 55 houses near an Apex Mining Co. gold mine on Tuesday night, killing 28 people, mostly miners, and leaving 32 injured, according to an updated official tally.

Hundreds of rescuers are searching for at least 77 people who remain missing and believed buried under the rubble spread over 8.9 hectares (22 acres) at the bottom of a wooded mountain

valley.
"We ordered them (rescuers) to go up to a safer area," Apex Mines official Ferdinand Doble told a news conference.

Rescue efforts had not resumed more than 30 minutes later as drones were flown to check for signs of potential secondary landslides that could endanger the lives of the rescuers, he added.

The quake epicentre is about 150 kilometres (90 miles) north of the landslide site.

On Friday rescuers found a three-year-old girl alive after nearly 60 hours under the rubble, but mostly they have only been finding bodies.

"We're still hoping to save more people even after four days," Davao de Oro provincial disaster chief Randy Loy told the news conference.

However "we can't really guarantee their chances of survival" after 48 hours, he said, adding 474 rescuers were deployed at the Masara landslide.

Military rescuers were set to employ specialised equipment, their commander, Brigadier-General Ronnie Babac, told the news conference.

These include thermal scanners that can detect signs of life beneath the rubble as well as specialised "snake cameras", also known as borescopes designed to peek into confined spaces.

Landslides are a frequent hazard across much of the archipelago nation due to the mountainous terrain, heavy rainfall, and widespread deforestation from mining, slash-and-burn farming and illegal logging.

Rain has pounded parts of Mindanao on and off for weeks, triggering dozens of land-slides and flooding that have forced tens of thousands of people into emergency shelters.

Massive earthquakes have also destabilised the region in recent months.

Pakistan Army Chief Says Need To Move On From "Politics Of Anarchy"

ISLAMABAD, Feb 10 (Agencies): Pakistan needs to move on from the politics of "anarchy and polarisation", the country's army chief said Saturday, as the final results from a general election trickled in.

The military looms large over Pakistan's political landscape, with generals having run the country for nearly half its history since partition from India in 1947.

"The nation needs stable hands and a healing touch to move on from the politics of anarchy and polarisation, which does not suit a progressive country of 250 million people," said General Syed Asim Munir, according to a statement from the military.

Politicians and political parties



rise and fall with the backing of the military, which this year was widely believed to be backing the party of three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

Pakistan faces days of political horse-trading after the final few election results released Saturday showed no clear majority, but a strong performance by independent candidates loyal to jailed former prime minister Imran Khan.

But after long delays in results that prompted further allegations the military establishment had engaged in vote-rigging, the army-backed Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) declared victory as the party with the largest number of seats.

"Elections are not a zero-sum competition of winning and losing but an exercise to determine the mandate of the people," the military statement credited Munir as saying.

"Political leadership and their workers should rise above self-interests and synergise efforts in governing and serving the people, which is perhaps the only way to make democracy functional and purposeful."

US: Over 200 abused corpses found at funeral home, why did it take authorities years to act?

DENVER (US), Feb 10 (Agencies): A county coroner reported suspicions about bodies being poorly treated by a Colorado funeral home more than three years before nearly 200 decomposing bodies were discovered inside a decrepit building in October, according to newly unsealed court documents that raise questions about how the mistreatment of corpses was able to continue for

so long.
The concerns raised by the Fremont County coroner also included worries about the improper refrigeration of bodies and were reported to a state agency in 2020, according to the arrest affidavits for Return to Nature Funeral Home owners Jon and Carie Hallford.
But the coroner

Jon and Carie Hallford.
But the coroner received no response from the state agency, which has long struggled to effectively oversee the funeral home industry, according to the documents.

Colorado has some of the weakest rules for funeral homes in the nation with no routine inspections or qualification requirements for funeral home operators. The Hallfords allegedly stored bodies as far back as 2019, and the count grew over the next four years, as prosecutors claim they used the money they were taking from grieving families for lavish expenses.

"The fact that he made a complaint and nothing was done about it just completely blows my mind," said Tanya Wilson, who hired the funeral home to cremate her mother before learning that her mother's remains weren't in the ashes she had spread in Hawaii but languishing inside a building back in Colorado.

"Families could've



been saved from this if they had done something about this," she said.

Colorado's Department of Regulatory Agencies on Friday confirmed that it did get an email from Fremont County coroner Randy Keller in May 2020 saying that he had gotten calls regarding refrigeration issues at a funeral home in his county but he did not say which one. Keller said he did not know if the concerns were justified and offered to do an inspection if the state wasn't able to, said department spokesperson Katie O'Donnell in a statement.

O'Donnell said the agency didn't have the power to inspect funeral homes at the time, with lawmakers giving the agency inspection authority two years later. It's unclear if the agency followed up after Keller's initial email, or if Keller did an inspection himself.

O'Donnell declined to

O'Donnell declined to elaborate on Keller's 2020 email and the agency's response. Keller did not respond to a phone call requesting comment.

The funeral home,

which was based in Colorado Springs and used a building in nearby Penrose where the bodies were found as a mortuary, was first licensed in 2017. State regulators did not conduct any inspection of the funeral home while it was operating, according to the affidavits. Colorado lawmakers have dragged their feet in passing funeral

home regulations on par with most other states even after a separate Colorado funeral home's operators were accused of selling bodies years before the discovery at Return to Nature.

The bodies were finally discovered last year after neighbors complained of the smell coming from the building. Authorities who responded found a stain coming out the front door that they say was the result of the decomposition of bodies, according to the affidavits. That echoed descriptions of the floors inside being covered with the fluid from decomposition provided during court hearings for the Hallfords. The affidavits describe

how the bodies were strewn throughout the rooms and how Jon Hallford was seen on surveillance video treating a body more like a sandbag than a former human being. They say that buckets had been placed under some bodies to collect the fluid. About 40 bodies had been stacked on top of each other and some were stored in storage totes, according to the affidavits, which note the "unimaginable conditions" authorities worked in to remove the bodies while wearing protective equipment. "I picture my mom in every single one of those situations," said Wilson. "I imagine my mom folded up and put in a storage tote. I imagine my mom just being left on the floor within inches of decomposition fluids." "And it haunts me," she said.

Investigators believe Jon Hallford moved some bodies from the main funeral home in Colorado Springs to the Penrose building in September after a complaint about odor at the main site. According to the affidavit, surveillance

footage showed him flipping a body off a gurney and onto the floor at the Penrose building so he could use it to bring more bodies inside from a van on Sept. 9, 2023, a

day after the complaint. The affidavits also provided more details about previous allegations that the Hallfords used money families and insurance companies paid to cover cremations and burials to pay for lavish personal expenses, including trips to California, Florida and Las Vegas, \$31,000 in cryptocurrency, laser body sculpting and shopping at luxury retailers like Gucci and Tiffany.

From 2020 to 2023, Jon Hallford also bought over 600 pounds of concrete mix at Home Depot and investigators suspect the couple put it in urns instead of ashes, the affidavit says. Prosecutors have said some relatives of the deceased received fake ashes rather than the cremated remains of their loved ones.

The arrest affidavits have been sealed since November when the couple was arrested in Oklahoma after they allegedly fled, but were made public following an evidentiary hearing held Thursday for Jon Hallford. Carie Hallford's hearing was held last month.

Jon Hallford is represented by Adam Steigerwald, an attorney from the public defender's office, which does not comment on its cases. Carie Hallford's lawyer, Michael Stuzynski, declined to comment.

They are each charged

with 190 counts of abuse of a corpse, five counts of theft, four counts of money laundering and over 50 counts of forgery. They have not been asked to enter a plea yet.

'Ludicrous': Boris Johnson slams Tucker Carlson's interview with Putin

LONDON, Feb 10 (Agencies): Former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson criticised the conservative commentator Tucker Carlson for interviewing Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling it a "ludicrous interview" filled with lies.

"Around the world, people are watching that ludicrous interview with Vladimir Putin conducted by Tucker Carlson, and we must not fall for this tissue of lies, above all for the notion that Putin is somehow fated to succeed in Ukraine. On the contrary, he is doomed to failure," Johnson said in a video posted by the Daily Mail.

Johnson's comments came in response to Carlson's interview with Putin, the first by a western media member since Russia's invasion of Ukraine nearly two years ago

Johnson accused Carlson of being too friendly and failing to ask tough questions.

In an op-ed for the Daily Mail, Johnson slammed Carlson's interviewing style, saying he "betrayed viewers" by not challenging Putin on his actions in Ukraine. Instead, Johnson argued, Carlson "acted like a fan" of Putin and accepted his "falsehoods" without question.

"He didn't ask tough questions. He didn't ask Putin why even now he is using the most brutal means of modern warfare to maim and murder innocent Ukrainian civilians," Johnson wrote.

During the interview, Putin expressed openness to negotiating with the US over the war in Ukraine but spent much of the time



justifying his decisions.

Johnson compared Carlson's approach to that of George Galloway, who praised Saddam Hussein in Baghdad. He urged Americans to see through the interview and called on Congress to remember their duty to support Ukraine.

Johnson concluded by expressing hope that Americans would not be swayed by Putin's message and would continue to support Ukraine in its time of need.

Record 8 Chinese Balloons Detected Around Taiwan, 2 Flying Over Island

TAIPEI, Feb 10 (Agencies): A record eight Chinese balloons have been detected around Taiwan, with two directly flying over the island, Taipei's defence ministry said Saturday

The ministry said the balloons were spotted on Friday, the day before the start of the Lunar New Year holiday, at an altitude of 15,000 feet (4,572 metres) to 28,000 feet

It was the highest number detected since the ministry started regularly releasing data on balloon sightings

in December.

China claims democratic Taiwan as its own territory and has never renounced the use of force to bring the self-ruled island under its control. Beijing has ramped up military pressure in recent years, and deploys warplanes and naval vessels around the island on a nearly daily basis. In February last year, Taiwan's military

alerted aviation authorities after spotting a balloon floating in the island's airspace but did not say where the balloon came from or provide a detailed location.

The latest balloon sightings came after Taiwan's presidential election last month, which was won by the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's Lai Ching-te, who Beijing regards as a "separatist".

China warned ahead of the vote that a win by Lai would bring "war and decline" to Taiwan. But it did not send an oversized number of warplanes and naval vessels in the election's immediate aftermath. Since the January 13 vote, the largest incursions included 33 Chinese warplanes detected around Taiwan, according to Taipei. The largest number of warplanes China has sent during a 24-hour window came in September, when Taiwan recorded 103 Chinese aircraft around the island.

GDC Udhampur organizes Extension lecture on

"Psychodynamic theory and its implications on English Literature"

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Feb 10: In the continuation of the league of programs under Azaadi ka Amrit Kaal, the PG Department of English in collaboration with IQAC of the GDC Udhampur organized an Extension lecture for the post graduate students of English, Hindi and Chemistry on the topic, "Psychodynamics theory and its implication on English Literature" in the conference hall under the Patronship of Principal Prof (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta for "Viksat Bharat @2047".

The event included an inaugural and a technical session, which was conducted by Prof Tania Akhter.

The program started with a formal welcome address presented by

Dr Sonia Khajuria, Head, PG Department

In her address she apprised all about the importance of the topic and how it correlates with English Literature. Dr Khajuria introduced the resource person, Dr Piyali Arora who is also the Head, Department of Psychology, GDC Udhampur. She expressed grati-

tude to the Principal Prof (Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta of the College for prompt approval for the conduct of the event. Professor Babu Lal Thakur, Head Department of Education and Dr Ashok Sharma, Convener, IQAC were the special invitees on the occasion. Professor Tania Akhter and Dr Meena Gupta were the coordinators and the Organizing Secretary for the event

Dr Piyali Arora while talking on the topic, laid bare the different

facets of Psychodynamics theory by citing Freudian Psychology, Jacques Lacan and the Mirror stage: Concept in Psychoanalysis and Carl Gustav Jung's Concept of Human archetypes.

She highlighted the structural and topographical models of personality, in which she in detail discussed the concept of Id, Ego and Superego. She also talked about Indian Psychoanalyst, Sh. Girindrasekhar Bose and his concept of Repression blended Hindu thought with Freudian Concepts.

The resource person also emphasized on various stages of psychosexual development and Ego defense Mechanism.

In detail, she discussed Sigmund Freud Concept on Neurosis with special reference to our day-to-day life,

in which she talked about Psychoneurosis, **Obsessional Neurosis** and Psychoanalysis in Shakespearean Works. Dr Arora concluded her talk by the concepts of Lack and Desire which are applied to students

The event ended with an interactive session wherein the resource person ably handled questions from the students and cleared their doubts and queries.

Principal Professor

of English Literature.

(Dr) Romesh Kumar Gupta in his address said that the lecture provided a deeper understanding of human behavior and engendered a curiosity among the participants to explore the new dimensions of Psychoanalytic theory and its implications on day-today life. He also congratulated head of PG

English Department for

organizing such a brainstorming session for the students and faculty respectively.

The resource person, Dr Piyali Arora was honored with a memento as a token of appreciation by the head of the PG Department of English.

At the end Dr Naresh

Sharma tendered the formal vote of thanks. The session was attended by a number of faculty members Viz. Professor Tania Akhter, Dr Meena Gupta, Prof Verinder Singh, Prof Rahul Sharma, Head Department of Hindi, Prof Sanjeet Singh, Prof Vijay Kumar, Dr Surakshit Chandail, Dr Rupali Sharma, Dr Heena Wali and students from other PG departments.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Mehroz Chandail, a student of PG-I Semester, Department of English.

Annual Urs of Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) celebrated



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KULGAM, Feb 10: Amid freezing winter, the annual Urs of Sufi saint Hazrat Syed Noor shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) was celebrated with religious fervor at Waltangoo area of Kund in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Saturday.

An evewitness said that thousands of people, including women and children, visited the shrine to pay their obeisance.

The maximum rush of devotees was witnessed on yesterday afternoon when devotees converged at the shrine to offer special prayers along with the recitation of Quran and Naat.

According to a local resident every year devotees from different walks of life throng the shrine to pay reverence to the saint and seek his blessings.

During the sermon, the preachers threw light on the Islamic

teachings and life of Hazrat Syed Noor shah Wali Baghdadi (RA), who devoted his life to the service of people and preaching of Islam.

The urs mubarak is being observed on 9th February every year. The devotees during the Urs prayed for longlasting peace in Kashmir and sought peace, blessings and mercy from Almighty Also Dua-e-Majlis and Fateh khawani was offered by the devotees.

Targeted killings by Islamist terrorists should serve as a wake up call for Government: Panun Kashmir

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The targeted killings of two labourers from Punjab in the downtown of Srinagar city by Islamist terrorists should serve as a wake up call for the governments in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and New Delhi to come out of its self-imposed delusion of Normalcy.

This was stated by Panun Kashmir Chairman Dr. Ajay Chrungoo in press conference at Press Club Jammu, on Saturday.

The killings have once again proven that



the assessment of the government about the security situation on the ground is out of sync with the actual reality,

he said

He added that terrorists have been striking at will both against the civilians as well as security forces.

Government has only responded to the situation by claiming time and again one way or

Normalcy before the act of terror and after it,' a self- defeating formulation articulated by none other than the former DGP of state police, he said adding that Non-Muslims living in Kashmir valley and vulnerable areas of Jammu particularly the Hindus are face to face with genocidal terrorism and denial of this has made the government complicit in the consolidation of crime of genocide.

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The government seems to be wilfully ignoring the messages of acts of terror in Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

Gujjar, Bakerwal, Pahari stand united, empowered under Modi govt: Vibodh Pahari Tribes under the

Top News Report

Chowdhary Jamat Ali, a prominent Gujjar personality, hosted a Gujjar-Bakerwal-Pahari gettogether titled "Sneh Milan" to welcome a series of decisions made by the Modi government, which have empowered Gujjar-Bakerwal and Pahari Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir. The gathering was attended by leaders and prominent citizens of these tribes, including BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta. During the event, Gupta emphasised the enhanced unity, security, and empowerment

Modi government.

He highlighted several decisions, such as political reservation for Gujjar-Bakarwals, lifting the ban on inter-district recruitments, and granting ST status to Paharis among others, which have spurred development and prosperity among Scheduled Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir.

Vibodh expressed confidence that the youth of Gujjar-Bakerwal and Pahari tribes will avail benefits of the Modi government and will together script a glorious era for Jammu and Kashmir.

Gujjar-Bakerwal and

Paharis are the two eyes of Jammu and Kashmir, which are celebrating the historic decision of the Modi government to provide ST status to Paharis while maintaining the Gujjar-Bakerwal ST quota intact. However, frustrated by the overwhelming support of these tribes to BJP, leaders of NC, PDP, and Congress are attempting to mislead our people for petty vote

bank gains", he added. Sohail Malik also commended the Modi government for its commitment to empowering marginalized sections of society, including Paharis, and fulfilling their legitimate demands.

J&K HC ends 'discrimination' against **PoJK refugees settled** outside UT

5300 uprooted and displaced families came to be assuaged in due course of time by the law of nature itself but remained unassuaged by the lawmakers and lawmen all along compounding pain, suffering and deprivation to pass in inheritance even to next generations," Justice Rahul Bharti

The High Court said that the transformation of constitutional status of the State of Jammu and Kashmir with coming into force of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019 has self-paved the way to the reliefs sought alike by the petitioners leaving this court just to guide the grant of reliefs claimed by the petitioners to be carried out by the Union of India by its own Constitutional commitment.

"Before the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019, the relationship of the State of Jammu & Kashmir and the Union of India was getting governed by restricted application of the Constitution of India leaving or reserving little say with the Government of India to intermeddle, interject or injunct the

decision making," the court said. It said that now after the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, the Government of India, through its Ministry of Home Affairs, has come to revise its response in the case from being a passive voice to become an active voice by registering its willingness to do the course correction in all respects and aspects beginning with in extending the one time settlement benefit of equal extent and amount in favor of 5300 displaced families PoJK 1947 being represented by the petitioners as being successors-in-interest/legal heirs as otherwise made available to 26,319 displaced families PoJK, 1947 who had stayed and settled in the erstwhile State of Jammu &

"The mindset to exclude the known 5300 displaced families of PoJK 1947 not settled in the State of Jammu & Kashmir from getting any legal status and recognition got

exhibited with legislation Jammu & Kashmir Displaced Persons (Permanent Settlement) Act, 1971," the High Court said.

It said that just by text orientation of one definition in the Act, 5300 displaced families came to be disqualified legally from having any say and status in the State of Jammu & Kashmir notwithstanding their displacement from the princely State.

"This court has reasons and basis to make a safe inference that the then Governments in J&K intentionally kept the displaced persons of PoJK settled outside out of purview of relief and rehabilitation package in exploit of being its domain of decision making admitting of no dictation from Government of India because of constitutional relationship," the court said.

The court said that there was no legal basis but a political motive in keeping the displaced families settled outside J&K to remain out of the purview of the benefits of relief and rehabilitation package.

"Now, the Government of India and the government of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are on the same page intending to extend the benefit even to these 5300 displaced families and their successors," the High Court said.

The court said that it is equally pertinent to mention that out of Rs 2000 crore, an amount of Rs 1457 crore has been spent leaving an unutilized amount within the prescribed cap of which amount, the other displaced families of PoJK of 1947 can be duly taken care of.

DGP Orders Transfer. Posting of 34 Police Officers in JK

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NIA conduct raids in **Kashmir Valley, Jammu** city

Singh from DYSP Hqrs Doda to SDPO

The residences of two former leaders of banned outfit Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir were searched in Kulgam district, the officials said.

The raids were conducted at the residences of former Jamaat chief Sheikh Ghulam Hassan and another leader, Sayar Ahmad Reshi, they added.

The Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir was banned by the Centre for five years in February 2019.

Only 30 Per cent of Schools in JK have Internet Access: Survey

Wakf Board were having internet facilities available. About the recognised private schools of Jammu and Kashmir, the official figures reveal that only 3335 educational institutes were having internet facilities available that includes 3312 co-educational private, 20 girls and 13 boys' schools.

Pertinently, in August 2023, the Jammu and Kashmir government had initiated providing of smart classes in more than 23,000 public schools with educationally backwards blocks on priority.

of Gujjar-Bakerwal and

The government said that it took the initiative of providing a computer lab with smart class facilities in all the 23,283 schools of the Union Territory (UT). It also states that the government was keen to take up the digital initiates on priority for the schools falling in educationally backwards blocks and tribal areas.

The official figures reveal that at least 1420 were set up at elementary level and over 1500 ICT labs at secondary and senior secondary level. "Till Aug-2023, 1420 CAL centers have been established at Upper Primary School level and 1588 ICT labs at Secondary and Higher Secondary Level and are functional till date (May-2023),"

Principal Secretary, School Education Department was not available for his com-

Severe cold continue in Kashmir. minus 4.9°C in Srinagar

the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.4°C against minus 4.9°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 7.0°C against minus 9.0°C on the previous night and the temperature was below normal by 0.8°C for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 7.3°C and it was below normal by 2.8°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of 1.8°C, Batote 3.9°C and Bhaderwah minus 2.2°C, he Regarding the forecast, the MeT official

said that weather is expected to be dry till "Overall, dry weather is expected till Feb-

ruary 17 with occasionally cloudy evening during February 14." Regarding the outlook during February

snow and rain. As 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harsh period of winter ended on January 29, Kashmir

18-20, he said, there is possibility of light

is presently in the middle of 20-day-long winter period called 'Chillai-Khurd' that ends on February 19 and is followed by a 10-day-long period 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) which starts from February 20 to March 1.

Editors Guild of India condemns attack on senior journalist Nikhil in Pune

enforcement agencies to exercise restraint before registering complaints against journalist as an FIR, lest the process of investigation becomes a punishment itself," the statement reads.

Covid-19: India records 163 fresh cases, 2 deaths

188 new coronavirus cases and 3,915 deaths were reported on May 7, 2021.

Since the pandemic broke out in early 2020, more than 4.5 crore people have been infected and over 5.3 lakh deaths due to the disease reported in the country.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease is more than 4.4 crore, according to the health ministry's website. The website said 220.67 crore doses of Covid vaccines have so far been administered in the country.

501 positions vacant at Government Medical College. Udhampur: RTI

obtained through the Right to Information (RTI) filed by MM Shuja. While replying to the question regarding steps taken to fill vacancies, officials said to meet the deficiency for Tutors, Lecturers, Professors in Govt Medical College Udhampur, the recruitment is regularly being made on an academic arrangement basis(SO-364) till permanent staff is appointed by the higher authorities.

Indian Air Force inks contract with Bharat Electronics for modern communication sets

The indigenous software designed radio (SDR) technology based sets will boost the IAF's communication network

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Indian Air Force has signed a contract with Bharat Electronics for the procurement of Light Weight Man Portable modern communication sets. Bharat Electronics is involved in the business of aerospace and defence manufacturing.

These indigenous software-designed radios (SDR) technology-based sets will not only boost the IAF's communication network but also further the government's push on Atmanirbhar Bharat for defence indegenisation.



The contract will also give a push to the company's order book which

stood at Rs 76,217 crore as of January 1. The company also released its Q3 earnings two weeks ago which saw its net profit

rise 40 percent on year to Rs 859.6 crore as against last year's Rs 613 crore.

Revenue however, was almost flat on year at Rs 4,162.2 crore, as against Rs 4,153 crore in the corresponding period of last fiscal.

EBITDA of the public sector undertaking company grew 24 percent to Rs 1,072.6 crore in the October-December while operating margin stood at 26 percent.

On February 9, shares of Bharat Electronics closed 2.25 percent lower at Rs 180.65 on the NSE.

Central board recommends hiking rate to a 3-year high of 8.25% from 8.15%

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Central Board of Trustees of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has recommended a higher interest rate of 8.25 per cent for financial year 2023-24 for its over 29 crore total subscribers, out of which around 6.8 crore are active contributing subscribers, sources said.

Coming ahead of the general elections that are likely to be held in April-May this year, the recommendation to hike the EPF interest rate was taken in the CBT meeting held Saturday. This will be the highest rate of interest for EPF subscribers in the last three years.

The previous highest level of EPF interest



rate was at 8.5 per cent in 2019-20. It was maintained at the same level in 2020-21.

In 2021-22, the CBT had cut the interest rate to 8.1 per cent, the lowest in four decades. It then hiked it marginally to 8.15 per cent in 2022-23.

As per the convention, the Ministry of Labour and Employment will now send the interest rate recommendation to the Ministry of Finance for ratification. After the ministry's consent to the interest rate, the EPFO

would then credit the rate of interest for the previous fiscal to the EPE subscribers

EPF subscribers.
EPFO interest rates

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Elon Musk's Neuralink switches location of incorporation to Nevada

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Neuralink, Elon Musk's pioneering brain-chip implant venture, has announced a significant shift in its corporate base. The company has officially relocated its incorporation from Delaware to Nevada, as confirmed by the respective business registries of both states.

This decision follows closely on the heels of Musk's recent declaration regarding Tesla's corporate domicile. Last week, Musk revealed plans for Tesla to undergo a shareholder vote on transferring its incorporation from Delaware to Texas, prompted by a judicial nullification of his lucrative \$56 billion



compensation package. However, legal experts caution that the relocation of Tesla's incorporation may encounter formidable obstacles, particularly in the form of potential investor litigations. Should the move be perceived as a strategic manoeuvre aimed at safeguarding Musk's pay package, it could trigger legal chal-

lenges and scrutiny.
In tandem with this corporate reshuffle,
Musk disclosed a remarkable milestone for Neuralink.

The company has successfully conducted its maiden human trial, implanting a brain chip in a patient who is reportedly recovering favourably from the procedure.

Adani Group could run three Sri Lankan airports, including Bandarnaike International: Minister

MUMBAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Sri Lankan authorities have plans to work with industrialist Gautam Adaniled Adani Group to manage the country's airports, according to Harin Fernando, the island nation's minister for tourism, land, sports, and youth affairs.

"There are plans to work with the Adani Group for the management of airports," Fernando told The Hindu's Businessline on the sidelines of a programme in Mumbai.

Negotiations are currently underway, and the Indian business conglomerate is being offered three airports, including Colombo's Bandarnaike Interna-

tional Airport. Sri Lanka's premier international gateway, which opened in 1970, is named after Solomon Bandarnaike, the fourth prime minister.

The other two facilities are Ratmalana Airport (also in Colombo) and Mattala Airport. In 2017, the latter was dubbed 'The World's Emptiest International Airport' by Forbes due to low number of flights despite the facility's large size.

The plan to rope in a private partner to manage airports comes at a time when Sri Lanka has seen a resurgence in tourism, with 1.48 million (14.8 lakh) visitors coming here in 2023, with the number nearly



doubling from the previous year.

With 37% arrivals, India accounted for the largest group of tourists to Sri Lanka in 2023.

While the Adani Group currently has a portfolio of eight airports in India, the deal with Sri Lanka, if it goes through, would be its first such overseas aviation foray.

However, it is already present in the Indian Ocean nation's ports and renewable energy sectors, having secured a \$553 million (approx. ₹4600 crore) funding for its Colombo-based west container terminal project, with the said funds coming from the

US International Devel-

opment Finance Corpo-

ration.

million (23 lakh) tourists in 2024, and we are quite hopeful we will reach the target. By 2030, we hope to attract four million visitors. That's why we have to go for massive development projects," Fernando, the Sri Lankan minister, said.

"We are targeting 2.3

Should you skip breakfast after a heavy dinner?

(Agencies): Wellness experts have been emphasising on the importance of having a light and early dinner as a key for long-term health. But it happens many a time that we end up having a lavish meal at the end of a long and tiring day to reward ourselves or due to skipping of lunch earlier in the day. This may be followed by a feeling of guilt for consuming so many calories at one go or one may feel bloated the next morning after a high-calorie meal. Many people tend to skip breakfast to compensate for overeating. But they often wonder whether not having the morning meal could be beneficial or harmful in this case. When we asked experts, they

are divided over this. While some say skipping breakfast can be a dangerous choice for health, others feel it provides a longer overnight fast window which can help burn fat more efficiently.

Breakfast is an important meal, but why people are skipping it? Breakfast has been

traditionally considered the most important meal of the day and skipping it is linked with increased risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Breakfast, the first meal of the day, is an important part of a balanced meal and improves concentration and performance during the day.

However, many intermittent fasting diets that promote eating within a fixed time window, have

been promoting the culture of skipping breakfast and it's usual for people who are following these diets to have their first meal at 12 pm.

"Traditionally, breakfast has been hailed as the most important meal of the day, providing essential nutrients to kickstart metabolism and fuel the body for the day ahead.

However, recent trends in intermittent fasting have challenged this notion, suggesting that prolonging the fasting period by skipping breakfast can have potential health benefits," says Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS & Nutritionist Founder Of Nutracy Lifestyle, specialises in the field of diet and nutrition, with over 8 years of experience.

Sebi takes action against Zee Business guest experts

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has taken stern action against 15 people, of which 5 appeared as guest experts on Zee

These people made unlawful gains by taking opposite positions in the market compared to their on-air recommendations, said the market regulator in an order.

Business news channel.

According to Sebi's order issued on February 8, the individuals were found to have made unlawful gains to the tune of Rs 7.41 crore between February 01, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

Some of them have been directly involved in these trades, while others have facilitated them. As a result, some have been barred from trading until further notice. Sebi member Kamlesh Varshaney said, "The Noticees have played specific roles... found to be in violation of the Sebi Act." Investigations revealed that these experts shared advance information with profit makers before broadcasting their recommendations

on Zee Business.

The experts, profit makers, and enablers have been classified

into three categories by Sebi. Those who provided trading advice are categorised as guest experts, while profit makers and enablers are also under scrutiny.

Highlighting the importance of investor education, Sebi highlighted the need to sensitise investors against falling prey to such fraudulent schemes. Sebi said, "Investors need to exercise due diligence...

before accepting any free-flowing advice on TV or social media."

Sebi's interim order aims to protect investors from manipulation schemes orchestrated by dishonest experts. The unlawful gains, directly or indirectly, come from innocent investors who follow the advice of these experts without realizing the fraudulent intentions behind them.

JSW group signs MoU with Odisha to set up Rs 40,000 crore EV project in state



BHUBANESWAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): The JSW group on Saturday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Odisha government for establishment of an Integrated Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Battery manufacturing project at an investment of Rs 40,000 crore in the state.

At Naraj in Cuttack district the JSW group will set up an EV vehicle, and component manufacturing plant, while at Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district, it will set up a copper smelter and lithium refinery. The project consists of a 50 GWH EV battery plant, EV, lithium refinery, copper smelter and related component manufacturing units.

The MoU was signed two weeks after the state cabinet approved a special incentive package for the group's ambitious EV and component manufacturing projects at Naraj in Cuttack and Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district.

Physical activity not enough to offset heart disease risk from sugary drinks

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The benefits of being physically active do not outweigh the risks of developing heart-related diseases associated with consuming sugar-sweetened beverages. The study, led by researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health, followed approximately 100,000 adults over a period of 30 years to assess the hypothesis that physical activity can counter the negative effects of sugary drinks on health.

The researchers found that consuming sugar-sweetened beverages more than twice a week was associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease, regardless of physical activity levels. While physical activity reduced the risk of cardiovascular disease associated with these beverages by half, it did not fully eliminate the risk.

The study's lead author, Lorena Pacheco, emphasised the importance of limiting the intake of sugar-sweetened beverages and maintaining adequate physical activity levels to protect against cardiovascular disease.



Sugar-sweetened beverages are the largest source of added sugars in the North American diet and are associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease, which is the leading cause of death worldwide. The marketing strategies for these drinks often depict physically active individuals consuming them, potentially suggesting that sugary drink consumption is not harmful as long as one remains physically active.

Matrimony.com reports Q3 net profit remains flat at Rs 11.10 cr CHENNAI, Feb 10 crore, during the corand also new initiate.

CHENNAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): : Matrimony services provider Matrimony.com has reported a consolidated profit for the October-December 2023 quarter at Rs 11.10 crore.

The city-headquartered company had registered a consolidated profit at Rs 11.60 responding quarter of last year. For the nine month period ending December 31, 2023 the consolidated profit grew to Rs 37.80 crore, as against Rs 35.26 crore registered year

"We are working on various enhancements

and also new initiatives. These ongoing measures are expected to provide the desired momentum in the coming quarters," company Chairman and Managing Director Murugavel Janakiraman said in a statement on Saturday, on the financial performance.

India vs England: Virat Kohli not available for rest of series as BCCI announces squad for last 3 Tests

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Virat Kohli has decided to withdraw from the remainder of the series against England, citing personal reasons, as the BCCI announced the squad for the last three Tests.

In the statement released on the website, BCCI announced that Kohli will remain unavailable for selection for the remainder of the series and the board supports the star batter's decision.

"Virat Kohli will remain unavailable for selection for the remainder of the series due to personal reasons. The Board fully respects and supports Mr. Kohli's decision," read the state-

Kohli had initially withdrawn from the squad for the first two Tests in Hyderabad and Vizag, with many hoping that the star batter would make it in time for the final three matches. Kohli's former RCB teammate, AB de Villiers, had first stated that the Indian star was expecting his second child with Anushka Sharma, before performing a



U-turn on February 9. Squad: Rohit Sharma (C), Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul*, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (WK), KS Bharat (WK), R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja*, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep

KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja's participation subject to

clearance from medical team The BCCI also provided an update on KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja, who had missed the Vizag Test due to injuries. The board said that the participation of the duo will be subject to clearance from the medical

"The participation of Ravindra Jadeja and KL Rahul is subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI medical team," read the statement.

Jadeja had suffered from a hamstring injury while Rahul was feeling pain on his right

Shreyas Iyer out, Akash Deep

Another interesting addition to the squad was pacer Akash Deep. The Bihar speedster has impressed everyone with his performances for the India A side against the England Lions. A notable absentee from the team was Shreyas Iyer.

There were reports suggesting that Shreyas was facing trouble with a stiff back. The performances for the Mumbai batter have also not been up to the mark as he has failed to convert the starts he has made in both Hyderabad and Vizag.

Shreyas was pictured having a long chat with India coach Rahul Dravid after the win in Vizag.

Rajat Patidar and Sarfaraz Khan, who had come into the side for the second Test, retain their spots in the side as well. Mohammed Siraj, who was rested for the second Test, also makes his return into the squad.

The third Test between India and England will start on February 15 in Rajkot.

Winds of change

After quiet time in training, 'evolving' India return to action



BHUBANESWAR. Feb 10 (Agencies): For a change, the last few months have been all about the women's hockey team. From the high of winning the Asian Champions Trophy to the low of missing the Olympics qualification in front of home supporters, the women's team had an eventful four months.

While the women made the headlines, the men's team had a quiet time away from attention. After winning the Asian Games gold — and securing an Olympics berth — in early October, the men's team has been busy training.

Having been largely inconspicuous for four months, the team's return to action in the new season of the Pro League has aroused both excitement and anticipation.

Under a coach who has been at the helm for just over nine months, India's game is going through structural and tactical changes. Graham Reid guided India to the Tokyo Olympics bronze medal but when his team finished a disappointing ninth at last year's home World Cup, it was time to move

Right from the start, the Australian's replacement Craig Fulton had a clear idea of the changes he wanted to make in the team. "I like to defend to win so I would like to have a solid defensive structure because that's the first step of attacking," Fulton had said after joining the team in April last year.

The 49-year-old South African, though, added that it was important to harness the team's DNA, which he described as "fast, skillful, connected, counterattacking" hockey, with its strength being the "set-pieces". To India's game, Fulton is attempting to add variety, which would make the team adaptable to different situations. "We also need to get confident at playing half court and defending deeper," he said.

India's "fast" style was a handicap at times as they were not always able to control the game even against a 'weaker' opponent. India's inability to kill games cost them at the big stage - they were beaten by Malaysia in the semifinals of the 2018 Asian Games and by New Zealand in the crossovers of the World Cup. On both occasions, India couldn't protect their lead against a lower-ranked team.

Fulton was aware from the beginning that it would take some time to imprint his ideology on the team. With just months of work, though, Fulton guided India to the Asian Champions Trophy and Asian Games titles. The coach has been vocal about the need to make the Indian players mentally stronger. Therefore, he would have been pleased by the fighting spirit shown by his team in the two tournaments. They overturned a twogoal deficit against Malaysia to win the ACT final. In their Asian Games semifinal, India were not flustered by a South Korea fightback and sealed a two-goal

Captain Harmanpreet Singh, though, later said that becoming more consistent in defence was a major lesson from the Asian Games. "We were leading comfortably at one point, but we conceded goals and that put unnecessary pressure on us. That is something we need to work on — to stay mentally alert even when we are leading by two or three goals," he said.

With Paris qualifying sealed, India have been able to train in peace. They tested out their game on tours of Europe (December) and South Africa (January). But the Pro League will provide the toughest challenge to Fulton's team till date.

"We have the opportunity to play against some top-quality teams and we will get to prepare well for the Olympics," Harmanpreet said on the eve of their match against Spain. "We've been working on the areas that needed attention and we'll look to execute them in these matches that are extremely important to us," he added.

It's a distraction: Fulton on allegation against Varun

The rape allegation against defender Varun Kumar is a distraction for the men's hockey team and his absence from the FIH Pro League will be treated as an injury setback, India's chief coach Craig Fulton said today. "If you took it as an injury, someone now is injured. What would you do? What are the plans in place in the event of an injury? So, Varun is not here. What is the plan? There always is a plan for anyone that gets injured for a long time... (be it) striker, midfield or defence. So we're going on the level of professionalism we have in the group, the values that we hold. It's a distraction, it's challenging, it's not great but we have to move forward, we have a plan in place on how we go," the coach said.

"I'll Never Stop": Ex-West Indies Star Shuts Down Critic, Calls Himself 'Ambitionless Teenager'

The West Indies star is currently commentating in the ongoing Under-19 World Cup in South Africa

BENONI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Responding to a troll criticising him for his commentary, former West Indies cricketer and commentator Ian Bishop opened up on the reason why he will not stop praising and hyping performances of up-and-coming players through his platform.

Bishop, who has played 127 international matches and picked up 279 wickets for West Indies from 1988-1998 as a pace bowler, transitioned to a commentator following his retirement. His electric commentary, charismatic voice, and iconic quotables over the years have given him a lot of popularity among fans.

A key feature of his commentary is his knowledge of up-andcoming cricketers and how well he hypes them

up after a good performance.

Recently on X (formerly Twitter), Bishop was a target of trolling during the ICC U19 World Cup semifinal between Pakistan and Australia.

RAZA is a super star ... cliffhanger this #AUSup into."

To this, another user remarked that Bishop has a habit of making a 'star' out of everyone, referring to commentators' 'Remember The Name' call for allrounder Carlos Braithwaite after he guided West Indies to ICC T20 World Cup title against England after smashing four sixes in four balls of the final over.

"Yes Ian Bishop makes every 2nd player a

A user had said, "Ali says @irbishi as RAZA takes eighth wicket ... vPAK semi is shaping



superstar yaad hai na "Remember the name" Braithwaite kaha hain ab. Don't start making future stars of every other player hold your horses," said the user.

To this, Bishop replied on Friday that as a teenager who got his shot at senior cricket, he was "ambitionless and drifting" and it was words from seniors like Phil Simmons, Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner and Michael Holding that made him believe in himself.

He also said that he will never stop passing these words forward to other up-and-coming stars.

"I was an ambitionless, drifting teenager when I first played senior cricket with Phil

Simmons, against Marshall, Garner & later, Holding. I heard they'd said nice things about my game. That inspired me to believe in myself. I'll never stop passing that on to others," said Bishop.

Notably, India will take on Australia in the final of the ICC U19 World Cup on Sunday at Benoni.

Bumrah was dubbed as white-ball specialist without even asking him: Shastri

But I knew. I wanted to see how hungry he was. I told him to get ready, be prepared. I told him I was going to unleash him in South Africa.

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Former India head coach Ravi Shastri always knew that Jasprit Bumrah was "desperate and hungry" to play Test cricket as the pace sensation didn't ever liked being stereotyped as a "white-ball specialist".

Bumrah is the first Indian pacer to be ranked No.1 in the ICC Test rankings

The 30-year-old's pace prowess was on full display as he claimed a remarkable match haul of 9/91, playing a pivotal role in India's serieslevelling victory in the Vizag Test.

In the process, he also became the fastest Indian to 150 Test wickets.

In an interview to former England skipper Michael Atherton. who writes for 'The Times', Shastri remem-

bered his conversation with Bumrah where the pacer had told him playing Test would be the "biggest day" of his life.

"I remember my first call to him, it was in Kolkata. I asked him would he be interested in Test cricket. He said that would be the biggest day of his life," Shastri recalled.

"He was labelled as a white-ball cricketer without asking him. But I knew. I wanted to see how hungry he was. I told him to get ready, be prepared. I told him I was going to unleash him in South Africa."

Bumrah went on to make his Test debut against South Africa in Cape Town in January

"He's so excited to be playing and doing well in Test cricket," said Shastri who debunked

the notion of Bumrah being solely a white-ball specialist for his exploits with the Mumbai Indians in the IPL.

"He was desperate to play Test cricket with Virat Kohli. They know, at the end of the day, no one remembers white ball averages. They will always remember your numbers in Test cricket."

Reflecting on the criticism, Shastri stressed the significance of Test cricket and the enduring legacy it creates.

"They know, at the end of the day, no one remembers white ball averages. They will always remember your numbers in Test cricket," he affirmed.

Saw Kohli as an uncut

diamond Shastri, who assumed the role of national team director in 2014 and later became the head



coach, further reflected on his tenure, emphasising the shift in focus from individual brilliance to team brilliance.

Identifying Virat Kohli as an "uncut diamond," Shastri said he saw the potential for the Indian captaincy early on.

"There was a lot of individual brilliance but I wanted to see team brilliance. I wanted to win and to make Test cricket paramount and identified an uncut diamond in Virat Kohli.

"While (MS) Dhoni was

my captain, my eye was on him (Kohli). I told him very early in my second month: It'll take time but watch, observe, be ready (for the captaincy)'.

Shastri appreciated Kohli's passion for Test cricket, his readiness for challenges, and the willingness to play tough cricket.

"Kohli was fully engaged with Test cricket. He was passionate. He was prepared to do the hard yards and was prepared to play tough cricket, which fitted my way of thinking. When you play Australia or Pakistan you've got to have a 'no complaints', 'no excuses' attitude."

He was always on the same page with the erstwhile skipper on creating a potent pace force. The rest was history as India won backto-back Test series in Australia and drew five-Test series in England.

"We were on the same page and wanted a battery of fast bowlers. He was ready for a scrap. He wanted to play hard. We made it a free-forall in the nets. You were allowed to bounce the shit out of anyone. He was the first guy to embrace it; he was quite prepared to look ugly in the nets and the mindset changed.

Addressing concerns

about India's 40 per cent share of ICC revenues, Shastri suggested a nuanced approach.

While acknowledging India's economic contribution to the game, he proposes utilising a portion of the funds to assist countries in need.

"From the 40 per cent they can make use of a certain amount to help certain countries that need it. I've not had those conversations, but that's what I would keep in mind. One way of looking at it is to say: when we were in the dumps, who helped us? "(But) my argument would be let's see how the world game can prosper and how Test cricket can prosper.

Expressing his views on the future of cricket formats, Shastri firmly believes that T20 should serve as the "vehicle" for the game's expansion into new territories.

He envisions a football-style model with a thriving T20 franchised circuit, fewer bilateral internationals, ICC World Cups, and Test match cricket played among countries with the infrastructure to support it.

"T20 is following the football model. It will happen. It's inevitable, so be ready for it," he says. "That money will help Test cricket to survive but it can only survive if it is Test cricket, so you need the strongest teams playing against each other and the best players to be available. It has to be best versus best, otherwise it's not Test cricket," he concluded.

LG addresses Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's **'Sushasan Mahotsav 2024'**

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Feb 10: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha addressed the 'Sushasan Mahotsav 2024' organized by Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini in New Delhi, today.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor highlighted the transformational journey of J&K from misgovernance to good governance under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi after the abrogation of Article 370.

"Good Governance is the key to a Nation's progress. The mantra and the guiding principle of 'Citizen- First' of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, has inspired and helped to evolve J&K's new model of Good Governance, which is called 'Future Ready Governance'," the Lt Governor

J&K's 'Future Ready Governance' is futuredriven, tech assisted and human-centric. We have developed a powerful conceptual frame-



work, clearly specifying what each of these 3 terms means, and how they are intrinsically integrated for creating a holistic and futuristic model for Good Governance, he said.

He said the UT Administration has already initiated pilot projects, to work both as Proofs of Concept and as also models for communicating the novel and innovative ideas embedded in the framework.

We are concurrently setting up new adaptive and resilient systems, to develop organizational capacity to deliver precisely and effectively to each citizen, the Lt Gov-

ernor further added. The Lt Governor said the Human-Centric element of Future-Ready Governance will have two components.

The first will focus on all governmental employees, with a view to empower and energize them as the lead instrument of transformation. The second will focus on citizens as partners in developing our priorities and working modalities, in sync with their needs

and aspirations, he observed.

Addressing the special session on UT of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor shared the reforms and the vision of the Administration to improve policy performance and address

future challenges. Future Ready Governance is not a theoretical concept or a model. For us, this is the beginning of the journey to impact and improve the life of every person in Jammu & Kashmir, he observed.

"We intend to equip

ourselves fully to develop "Future-Driven" strategies and will continue to blaze new pathways for this journey," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Administration is looking at scientific tools like Artificial Intelligence & Big Data based Strategic Foresight to be able to visualize evidence and databased future scenarios. We are considering the setting up of "Centre for New Age Governance" (CNAG), for providing necessary knowledge inputs and capacity building support, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor also paid homage to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Rambhau Mhalgi, and remembered their significant contributions to the nation building.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Vice-Chairman, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini; Sh Harshvardhan Tripathi, senior Journalist; prominent personalities from diverse fields and members of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini orga-

nization were present.

NSF condemns Maharashtra Govt's interference in Sikh religious affairs

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The National Sikh Front vehemently opposes the recent decision by the Maharashtra Government to amend the Nanded Sikh Gurdwara Sachkhand Sri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib Board Act, 1956. This move, aimed at increasing the number of government nominees on the religious body's board, is a blatant interference in Sikh religious affairs and cannot be tolerated.

Chairman of the National Sikh Front, Varinderjeet Singh, expressed strong disapproval of the modifications made by the Maharashtra Government. He emphasized that such changes are uncalled for and undermine the autonomy of Sikh institutions. The National Sikh Front stands in solidarity with the Shiromani Sikh Sangat ,Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and Akal Takht in condemning this unjust amendment.

The Maharashtra Government's decision to reduce the representation of Sikh organizations on the Nanded Gurdwara Board is unacceptable. Sikh institutions play a vital role in ensuring transparent and religious functioning while upholding the sanctity of Takht Sri Hazur Sahib. Any alteration to the Act without consultation with Sikh representatives deeply hurts Sikh senti-

ments and undermines their rights. Chairman Varinderjeet Singh emphasized that direct intervention in Sikh gurdwaras by the government sets a dangerous precedent and must be



opposed. The Nanded Sikh Gurdwara Sachkhand Sri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib Act, 1956, serves as a crucial regulatory framework for the management, maintenance, and operation of Sikh gurdwaras in the region, and any amendments should be made in consultation with Sikh stakeholders.

The National Sikh Front calls upon the Maharashtra Government to reconsider its decision and engage in meaningful dialogue with Sikh representatives to address their concerns. Sikh shrines are not merely religious institutions but symbols of Sikh identity and heritage, and their autonomy must be respected.

NC Minority Cell delegation meets RC, seeks settling long pending issues of the migrants.



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: A deputation of National Conference Minority Cell, led by its President, Jatin Bhat called on the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner, Migrants, Arvind Karwani.

They congratulated the newly posted Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner and various issues pertaining to migrants came under discussion.

deputation The expressed dismay over the delaying tactics

adopted by Government in settling long pending issues of the migrants. It said that migrants were facing humiliation and harassment on one pretext or the other.

Jatin Bhat demanded Construction / Allotment of quarters for those who are still residing in rented accommodation particularly those who are in life consuming medicines. One time compensation for KP's over aged youth for their settlement, Allotment of shops in favour of those who have applied for the

same to run their business for their livelihood. Ashok Koul Vice Chairman Migrant Cell appealed for enhancement of cash relief assistance in favor of KP's relief holders from 10,000 to 25000.

Arvind Karwani assured them that issues raised by the migrant members will be looked into and redressal

The deputation comprised of R. L Malla, Varinder Pandita, Inderjeet, Subham Ji and

J&K Govt least bother about daily road accidents: Rajesh Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Rajesh Gupta, the General Secretary of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Media head in Jammu and Kashmir, has expressed deep concern regarding the rising number of road accidents in the region.

While interacting with media on Saturday, Gupta specifically referred to the recent Kishtwar accident, in which 4 killed and 12 sustained serious injuries. He held J&K UT adminstration responsible for rising road accident deaths in the region. He said despite repeated incidents of road accidents happening daily but LG Manoj Sinha is least bother

about these accidents. Gupta appealed to the LG Sinha, to prioritize human lives, emphasizing that a person's life is more valuable than



anything else.

Expressing shock and anguish, Gupta lambasted on LG administration which totally failed to put reins to road accidents in J&K particularly in Jammu region. He said, "several road fatalities in JK occurred on national highways, particularly in the hilly Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban areas of Jammu".

Rajesh Gupta further added that Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a surge in road accidents, with a staggering 6,292 incidents claiming the lives of 893 people in 2023, according to official data. Which is more than three times than those killed due to

Farooq, Omar convey condolences

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Nasir Ahmed Khan Assistant Sub Inspector Husband of Hasina Begum District Secretary Jammu Urban Women Wing JKNC and conveyed condolences to the bereaved

family. In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdul-

lah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family. message, General Secretary Haji Ali Moham-

In the condolence med Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal

dent Jammu Province, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Babu Rampaul Central Zone President and former minister, Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, and Vijay Lakhshmi Datta Sr. leader have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Gupta Provincial Presi-

Local Residents expressed gratitude to Vice **Chancellor CUJ for Installing Solar Lights**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The local residents of village Bagla Suchani surrounding the Central University of Jammu expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Central university of jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, today for the installation of solar lights along the threekilometer stretch of road bordering the university campus.

This initiative has significantly enhanced safety and convenience for the local community, especially during evening hours.

The installation of solar lights along the Central University Jammu road has been a transformative development for the neighboring villages. Previously, the lack of adequate lighting posed safety concerns and hindered accessibility, particularly for pedestrians and commuters traversing the area after sunset. However, with the implementation of solar lighting infrastruc-



ture, these concerns have been effectively addressed; promote a safer and more accessible environment for all.

The villagers commend Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu for their proactive approach in prioritizing the well-being and safety of the local community. The initiative not only demonstrates the university's commitment to sustainable development but also highlights its role as a responsible stakeholder in the broader community.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain during a meeting with the residents of a nearby village assured that the university stands ready to provide all necessary assistance to address their needs and con-

The installation of solar lights along the university campus road not only illuminates the path for villagers but also symbolizes a beacon of progress and collaboration between the university and the surrounding community.

The villagers extend their special thanks to Prof. Sanjeev Jain for his exemplary leadership in spearheading this initiative.

Security of unguarded ATM is "Ram Bharose": Shiv Sena

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has reacted strongly to the removal of guards from ATM booths by banks, to leave ATM on "Ram Bharose" and fearing an increase in cases of fraud and cyber crime. In a press conference

organized at the party state central office today, state chief Manish said that unemployment is emerging as the biggest problem in the country today. While on one hand the government is trying every possible effort to reduce unemployment on the other hand most



of the national and private banks are thwarting the government's efforts by removing guards from ATM booths.

Talking about Jammu and Kashmir Bank alone having 1500 ATMs in the state while the number of ATMs of various banks is around 4000. Where guards are deployed in two shifts. Due to this decision, clouds of unemployment have started looming over about eight thousand

people.

Along with this. Questions have also been raised on the security of ATMs. Consumers are beginning to fear fraud. Sahni said that unguarded ATMs can be easily targeted by cyber

criminals or fraudsters.

At the same time, in the name of helping people by tampering with ATM machines, the fear of withdrawing money from their accounts has also started troubling them. Sahni has appealed

to keep the ATM services open 24x7 and to reconsider the decision of removing the guards. Sahni said that he will soon meet the Regional Director of RBI and submit a memorandum regarding the above demands. On this occasion President female wing Meenakshi Chhibber, General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, vice president Sanjeev Kohli were

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