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Rusted grenade found near LoC in Poonch

POONCH, Feb 28 (Agencies): A rusted grenade was recovered along the Line of Control in Poonch district on Thursday. Official sources told GNS that a patrolling party of army found the device near fence at Mankote in Mendhar area of the district.

Major fire breaks out in Hotel at Gulmarg

SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): A major fire broke out in a hotel at the ski resort of Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday, officials said.

They said the tourists were evacuated safely from the hotel.

Fire and emergency services said the fire broke out in the attic portion of the three story hotel "Pine Palace" at snow bound Gulmarg at around 11.30 this morning.

"The fire service of Gulmarg is on the job to put out the flames," they said, adding that "the hotel is mostly made of wooden structures, and it would take time to douse the fire".

The fire tenders may take time to reach the spot as there is more than five feet of accumulation of snow at Gulmarg.

Fire tenders were also rushed from Srinagar, Tangmarg, Kunzer, and Magam, who are on the way to reach Gulmarg, to douse the leaping flames, they added.

More details are to follow.

Kashmir valley bracing for major snowfall tomorrow: MeT

SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): Kashmir Valley is bracing for a major snowfall tomorrow that may disrupt surface and air transport, officials said on Wednesday.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar has already issued an advisory in view of the forecast of heavy snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir, cautioning about the

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Indian Navy-NCB apprehends boat with drugs weighing over 3,000 Kg off Gujarat Coast

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): In a successful coordinated operation at sea, Indian Navy, in coordination with Narcotics Control Bureau, apprehended a suspicious boat carrying almost 3,300 kg of contraband off the coast of Gujarat. The seizure makes it the largest in terms of quantity, in recent times, said the Indian Navy in a statement.

The suspicious vessel was intercepted near the International Maritime Boundary Line off the Gujarat coast in the



Arabian Sea. The contraband, along with the apprehended boat and crew, were handed over to the law enforcement agencies at an Indian port, on February 27, they added.

The items seized included 3089 kg of charas, 158 kg of methamphetamine, and 25 kg of morphine.

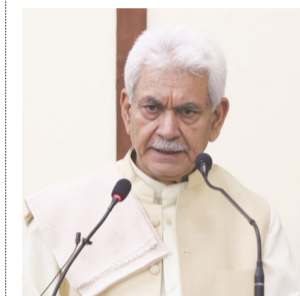
Based on the input of P8I LRM aircraft on surveillance mission,

the IN mission-deployed ship was diverted to intercept the suspicious dhow engaged in contraband smuggling.

The seizure of drugs from the dhow, which is by far the largest in terms of quantity, was possible through the collaborative efforts of the Indian Navy's mission-deployed assets with the NCB.

The coordinated response of the Indian Navy with law enforcement agencies is reflective of our resolute stance against narcotics trafficking in India's maritime neighbourhood.

JK Assembly polls before September, says LG Sinha



SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday reaffirmed the government's commitment to conduct assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. While speaking to a

TV Channel he ruled out contesting upcoming Parliamentary polls from Ghazipur in Uttar Pradesh saying he is presently focused on Jammu and Kashmir.

In an interview with TV9 Network, LG Sinha said Lok Sabha polls are being held in Jammu and Kashmir with rest of the country and full Election Commission is visiting the UT on March 12 to assess the state of preparedness first hand.

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Army opens fire on Pakistani Drone in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, Feb 28 (Agencies): Army troops guarding the Line of Control fired nearly two dozen rounds at a Pakistani drone after it intruded into Indian territory in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday.

However, the drone managed to return to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) after hovering briefly over some forward Indian posts in

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'Beautiful experience': Sachin Tendulkar shares memorable moments from Kashmir trip



SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): Renowned former Indian cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar took to social media on Wednesday to share a glimpse of his recent visit to Kashmir with his wife Anjali and daughter Sara.

In a video shared on a micro-blogging site, Tendulkar expressed his appreciation for the warm hospitality and breathtaking beauty of Jammu and Kashmir. He described the trip as a "beautiful experience" that will be cherished

forever. "Jammu and Kashmir will remain a beautiful experience etched in my memory. There was snow all around but we felt warm because of people's exceptional hospitality," Tendulkar tweeted.

During his visit, Tendulkar met with paracricketer Amir Hussain Lone from Jammu and Kashmir and presented him with a bat bearing his signature.

In the video, Tendulkar highlighted his favorite moments from the trip, including an aerial view of the Himalayas, a visit to a willow bat factory, interactions with artisans of Pashmina shawls, savoring Kashmiri tea and food, visits to temples, experiencing snowfall, meeting Indian Army soldiers, and enjoying a Shikara ride.

Tendulkar also visited the Aman Setu bridge in the Uri sector, the last point on the Line of Control, where he interacted

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SC grants bail to man after noting delay by J&K High Court

SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): The Supreme Court has granted bail to a man after noting that his bail plea had been pending before the High Court of J&K and Ladakh for over six months without a decision.

The apex court has granted bail to a man accused of being involved in a dowry death after it was informed that his bail plea had been pending before the High Court of

Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for months without a decision, reported Bar and Bench.

Justices BR Gavai, Rajesh Bindal and Sandeep Mehta observed that the accused (bail applicant) had been incarcerated in jail for almost eight years.

The Court also took into consideration the poor pace at which the criminal trial against him was proceeding. It proceeded to grant him bail despite the pendency of

his bail plea before the High Court.

"The petitioner has been incarcerated in jail for a period of almost eight years. Taking into consideration this fact and the speed at which the trial is proceeding, we are inclined to grant bail in spite of the pendency of the matter before the High Court", the February 26 order stated.

The bail applicant had approached the

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Terrorist associate held in Sopore, hand grenade recovered: Police

SRINAGAR, Feb 28 (Agencies): Security forces arrested a terrorist associate in Jammu and Kashmir's Sopore sub-district, police said on Wednesday.

The arrest was made a day after Lashkar-e-Taiba's terrorist associate was arrested in the neighbouring Baramulla district.

Police said, "Terrorist associate Arif Hussain

Bhat of Mundji Bomai Sopore, who was in constant contact with terrorist handlers across the border, was apprehended following information by Sopore Police along with the Army's 22 Rashtriya Rifles and 179 battalion CRPF."

"During questioning, the subject admitted his terrorist links, and based on his disclosure, a live hand grenade was

recovered," police said. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of UA (P)A was registered at Police Station Bomai, and the investigation is underway.

Police said this operation further ascertained the continued efforts of Sopore Police against anti-national elements by thwarting a potentially grave terrorist incident in Sopore.

Himachal Pradesh speaker suspends 15 BJP MLAs, adjourns house

SHIMLA, Feb 28 (Agencies): Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Wednesday suspended 15 BJP MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, and adjourned the House.

They were suspended for misbehaviour and shouting slogans in the House.

"We are apprehensive that Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania might suspend the BJP MLAs so that the budget can be passed in the Vidhan Sabha," Thakur told reporters earlier in the morning.

He said the Raja Sabha election had made it clear that the Congress government was in minority and

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Homestays introduced near International Border to boost border tourism in Samba

SAMBA, Feb 28 (Agencies): Former Sarpanch Mohan Singh Bhatti is ready to receive tourists at his homestay near the International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, a visible change in the ground situation after the renewed ceasefire between India and Pakistan came into effect in this month three years ago.



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Police seize properties worth Rs 60 Lakh of drug peddlers in Baramulla

BARAMULLA, Feb 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir police attached properties worth around ₹60 lakh belonging to drug peddlers in Baramulla district, officials said on Wednesday.

The drug peddlers whose properties have been seized were identified as Mohd Ayoub Shah and Ghulam Mohammad Shah, alias

Gulshah, residents of the Ladoora Rafiabad area in Baramulla district.

The action was taken based on a case under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS), the police said.

According to Baramulla police, the seized properties included a

single-story residential house and a double-story shopping complex with two separate washrooms.

During the investigation, it was prima facie found that the property was acquired from illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by the drug peddlers, they added.

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10TH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother **Smt Vishno Devi W/o** Late Sh. Dewan Chand Mehrya R/o Ward No. 6 Ramnagar who left us for heavenly abode on 19/2/2024 **10th Day** will be performed on 27-02-2024 (Tuesday) at Town Hall Ramnagar at 11:30 AM **Kriya** will be performed on 1-03-2024 (Friday) at our residence Ward No. 6 Ramnagar **GRIEF STRICKEN :**
Sh. Agya Pal Gupta and Smt Lalita Devi
Sh. Dharamvir and Smt Babli Devi
Sh. Hari Bushan and Smt Anu Radha
Smt Sushil Kala W/o Sh Vijay Kumar Gupta
Smt Parveen Gupta W/o Late Sh Ashok Gupta
Smt Sanjeeta Gupta W/o Sh Pawan Gupta
Contact Details : 7006503942, 9622359170, 9419158849



Smt Vishno Devi

TENTH DAY KRIYA

"THE LIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF OUR LIVES BUT THE AFFECTION & CARE YOU SHOWERED UPON US SHALL BRIGHTEN OUR HEARTS FOREVER."

KARAMYOGI SH. TRILOKI NATH DHAR (PAPA JI), S/O LATE SHRI SONA JOO DHAR (RESIDENT OF THAJIWARA, BIJBHARA, KASHMIR, AT PRESENT G-18, GALI NO.11, PREM NAGAR, NAJAFGARH, NEW DELHI-43) AFTER FULFILLING HIS EARTHLY RESPONSIBILITIES LEFT TO SERVE THE LOTUS FEET OF SHRI HARI VISHNU ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2024.



KARAMYOGI SH. TRILOKI NATH DHAR (PAPA JI)

TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2024 (MONDAY) AT ROHINI GHAT, SECTOR 16, NEAR MTNL OFFICE, BADLI ROAD AT 9:30 AM.

DEEPLY GRIEF STRICKEN:
SMT. MOHINI DHAR (WIFE)
DAUGHTERS & SONS - IN-LAW
1. RAJNI PANDITA, ASHOK PANDITA
2. JAYA KOUL, AVTAR KRISHAN KOUL
3. JEETA PANDITA, VEER JI PANDITA
MOTI LAL DHAR, JYOTI DHAR, SACHIN DHAR, MADHU RAINA

SAMAST DHAR, PANDITA, KOUL & TIKOO PARIVAR
PH.NO. 8178181868, 9868630627

TENTH DAY/RASAM PAGRI/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Neelam Gupta W/o** Sh Parshotam Lal Gupta. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 27-02-2024 Tuesday at our residence H. No. 316, Lane No.11, Talab Tillo, Jammu from 10AM.



SMT NEELAM GUPTA

Rasam Pagri & Kriya will be held on 01-03-2024 Friday at our residence H. No. 316, Lane No.11, Talab Tillo from 3 PM to 4 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Parshotam Lal Gupta (Husband)
Sumit Gupta (Son)
Sheetal & Parmod Wadhra (Daughter & Son-in-Law)
ALL MEMBERS OF MAHAJAN FAMILY
Mobile: -9149489373, 9796210000, 7889945645

ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **S. Man Singh Azad (Nepal Wale) S/o** Late S Kala Singh R/o Nanak Nagar, who passed away for his heavenly journey on February 21, 2024



S. Man Singh Azad Ji (Nepal Wale)
18 Dec 1941 - 21 Feb. 2024

PROGRAM:
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib: on 28/02/2024, Wednesday, at 9:30 AM at our residence - 38/2, Nanak Nagar

Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib: on 01/03/2024, Friday till 09:45 AM at our residence - 38/2, Nanak Nagar

Antim Ardas: on 01/03/2024, Friday at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Nanak Nagar followed by Guru Ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sdn Jasvinder Kaur (Wife)
Sdn Harvinder Kaur & S. Mohan Singh (Bhabhi & Brother)
Sdn Tejinder Kaur & S. Harvinder Singh (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Dr. Rummy Kour & Dr. Ravinder Singh (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Sdn Sarabjeet Kour W/o Late S. Tejinder Singh (Daughter-in-law)
Sdn Kulvir Kour & S. Charanjit Singh (Daughter-in-law & Son)
M: 9471234500, 9650833255

TENTH DAY

With great agony and sorrow, we inform that **Late Smt. Darshana Devi** our mother departed for the heavenly abode on 21st Feb 2024.



Late Smt. Darshana Devi

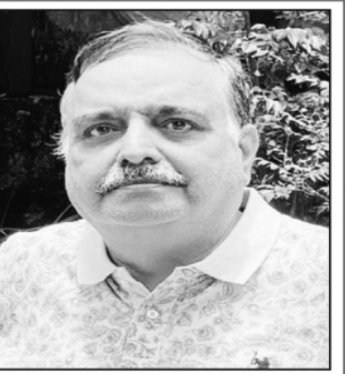
Tenth Day shall be performed at 11 am on 01st March (Friday) at Shri Guru Ravi Dass Temple, Ward No. 49, Jammu.

Residence: Channi Rama, Jammu.
Satsang: 12 Noon to 1 PM
Grief Stricken
Sh. Sukh Lal - Husband
Sons & Daughters-in-Law
Sh. Amit Kumar & Smt. Bindu 7006181962
Sh. Anil Kumar & Smt. Sneha 6005757454
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Amicka & Sh. Surinder Dogra 9596668346
Grand Sons & Grand Daughters
Anicka, Dhruthi, Harshit & Prince

10TH DAY KRIYA

Venue : Haridwar

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the unfortunate and sad demise of respected **Shri. Romi Ganju** Son of Smt. Kaushalya Ganju and Late Sh. Jawahar Lal Ganju original resident of Ganjoo House Lane, Raghunath Mandir, 2/3 Bridge Habba Kadal, Sgr. Kashmir & permanently residing at Dehradun on 24th February 2024 in Delhi.



Shri. Romi Ganju

10TH DAY KRIYA will take place on 4th March 2024 at Haridwar, followed by 11th & 12th day in Bhatt Sabha Haridwar.

GRIEF STRICKEN :
GANJU'S : 8130155461, 9149423011
KOUL'S : 9419795107, 9419181954

TENTH DAY KRIYA

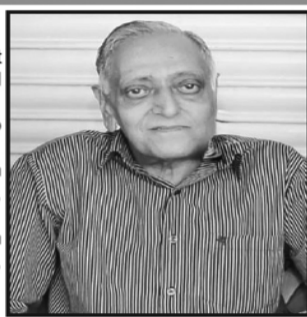
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Praba ji Razdan (Sheela) W/o** Lt. Sh Prithvi Nath Razdan at present lane No. 5, Block No. 22, Flat No. 4 Jagti Nagrota. She left for heavenly abode on 20 Feb. 2024. May her soul attain Moksh. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on 29 Feb. 2024 at Sainik School Nagrota at 09:30 am. **Grief Stricken**
Razdan Family (9906350083)
Raina Family (9906174981)
Mahaldar Family (9906696904)
Bhat Family (9858178343)



Smt. Praba ji Razdan (Sheela)

Tenth Day / Kriya / Uthala

With great agony and sorrow we inform that **Sh. Amar Nath Vaid S/o** Late Sh. Faquir Chand Vaid departed for the heavenly abode on 21st Feb. 2024. **Tenth Day** shall be performed at 11 am on 29th Feb (Thursday) at Ved Mandir, Amphalla, Jammu. **Kriya** shall be performed at 12 noon on 1st March (Friday) at our residence H.No. 11, Palace Hill Top, Karan Nagar Jammu.



Sh. Amar Nath Vaid

Uthala shall be performed at 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm on 1st March 2024 (Friday) at Ved Mandir, Amphalla, Jammu.

Grief Stricken
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Ajay Vaid (Advocate) & Smt. Ritu Vaid
Sh. Neeraj Vaid (Xen) & Smt. Veenu Sharma
Sh. Nishant Vaid & Smt. Shivani Vaid
Brothers & Bhabhi
Sh. Krishan Lal Sharma
Smt. Kusum Sharma (W/o Late Sh. G.D. Sharma)
Dr. Harbans Sharma & Smt. Arti Sharma
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Sudesh Raina & Sh. Gopal Krishan Raina
Grand Children: Vedant, Dhrrishaj, Shaunish, Nakshita
M/s Tej Ram Faquir Chand, Kanak Mandi Jammu
9419632944, 9419140396, 9906113414

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our Karam Yogi mother **Smt. Roopa Wati alias Sheela W/o** Lt Sh Shamboo Nath Shah originally resident of Vill. Shogpora (Magam) Handwara Dist Kupwara. At present Flat No. 6 Block No 86 Lane No 18 Jagti Colony, who left us for heavenly abode on 21st Feb 2024. May Lord Grant Peace to her divine soul. **10TH KRIYA** will be performed at Thajwal Mata Baderkali Asthapan on 29th Feb 2024 (Thursday) **Assembly** will be held at 11.00 AM at residence mentioned above. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
SMT & SH KULDEEP KUMAR SHAH (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SMT & SH SANJAY KR. SHAH (SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SMT & SH SANIL KR SHAH (SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SMT & SH PREM NATH BHAT (DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW)
SMT & SH S N BHAT (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
MOBILE NO 9622007694, 7006714389



SMT. ROOPA WATI ALIAS SHEELA

OBITUARY/ TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sudden demise of our beloved **Smt. Phoola Koul W/o** Late Poshkar Nath Koul originally resident of Ratnipora, Pulwama on February 21, 2024. Mourning is being held at House No 100A, Sector 4, Saugat Lane, Pamposh Colony, Janipura, Jammu. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on March 1, 2024 (Friday) at Akhnoor Ghat and the assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 11.00 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**
Daughters-in-law and Sons
Smt. Neetu and Anil Koul
Smt Veena Koul
Smt. Lovely and Ajit Koul
Smt. Dolly and Ramesh Koul
Smt Seema and Rajinder Koul
Daughters and Sons-in-law
Smt. Rajni and Rakesh Bhat
Smt. Girija and Pradeep Bhat
Smt. Anjali and Anil Koul
Sakshi, Shivansh and Rushil
Kouls, Bhats, Ganjoos
Phones: 9811447592, 9086037293, 9419237293, 9711244061



SMT. PHOOLA KOUL

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With great agony and sorrow, we regret to inform that **Smt Raj Dulari Bhat W/o** Late Sh Jagar Nath Bhat departed for her heavenly abode on 22nd Feb. 2024 at her residence 220 Sector D Ext. Bharat Nagar, Talab Tillo Jammu. **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed at Bhader Ghat, Mata Baderkali Asthapan, Thalwal, Jammu on 1st March 2024 (Friday) at 9 AM. **Assembly** will be held at 11.00 AM at residence mentioned above. **Grief Stricken**
Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
Sh M L Bhat & Smt Kishni
Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat -**Son (Mobile 7889560966)**
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Asha & Er. Vinod Wali (Mobile 7006587286)
Son & Daughter-in-law
Er. R N Bhat & Mrs Pushpa (Mobile 7006928141)
Grand Children & Great Grand Children



Smt Raj Dulari Bhat

OBITUARY/ 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of **Shri Giyan Jee Bhat S/o** Late Shri Ganesh Lal Bhat originally from village Monghama Pulwama presently at house no 109, Lane no 2, Deena Nagar Baramulla Jammu on 20.02.2024. **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 29.02.2024 at Akhnoor followed by **Assembly** at Muthi Ghat at 11.00 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
(Daughter in law and Son)
Gayatri and Abhijot Bhat
Urvashi And Abhishek Bhat
Vijay and Tej Krishan Bhat (Bhabhi and Brother)
Prana and Ramesh Kumar Bhat (Bhabhi and Brother)
Veena and Vinod Kumar Bhat (Bhabhi and Brother)
Dulari and M. L Raina (Sister and Brother in Law)
Nancy and B. L Bhat (Sister and Brother in Law)
Sunita and Ravi Kaul (Sister and Brother in Law)
Contact No : 600685935, 9419120180, 600695792, 9149876058.



Shri Giyan Jee Bhat

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Karmayogini Smt. Kamlawati Mantoo W/o** Late Nanak Chand Mantoo originally from Ram Ghat Varahmulla. **Vaishna Bawanas Aisenay Jaay Dyada.** You will be clearly missed, but never forgotten. **10th Day Kriya** will be held at Akhnoor Ghat on 1st March 2024 Friday, Assembly followed by Prasad will be held at our residence at 1230 hrs at House No 24, Poonch House Talab Tillo Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Smt. Dura and Shri Suriender Kumar Mantoo & Family
All Nears & Dears
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Karmayogini Smt. Kamlawati Mantoo

BARKHI

It's been a year you have gone, we still cannot believe you are not alive. You are probably looking down from heaven up above, Sending out smiles with days of Sunshine and showers of love. **BARKHI of Late Smt. Sneh Lata Gupta W/o** Sh. Ravinder Kumar Gupta will be held on 29th February 2024 at our residence Behind DC Office Lower Shiva Nagar Kathua at 12.00 Noon. **DEEPLY MISSED BY:**
Daughter & Son in law
Simple Gupta and Nikhil Jearth
Son & Daughter-in-law
Vikas Gupta and Megha Gupta
Grand Children:- Priyansh and Priyanshi
CONTACT NO:- 9419150746 7889554412



LATE SMT. SNEH LATA GUPTA

Tenth Day / Kriya / Uthala

With great agony and sorrow we inform that **Sh. Amar Nath Vaid S/o** Late Sh. Faquir Chand Vaid departed for the heavenly abode on 21st Feb. 2024. **Tenth Day** shall be performed at 11 am on 29th Feb (Thursday) at Ved Mandir, Amphalla, Jammu. **Kriya** shall be performed at 12 noon on 1st March (Friday) at our residence H.No. 11, Palace Hill Top, Karan Nagar Jammu. **Uthala** shall be performed at 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm on 1st March 2024 (Friday) at Ved Mandir, Amphalla, Jammu. **Grief Stricken**
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Ajay Vaid (Advocate) & Smt. Ritu Vaid
Sh. Neeraj Vaid (Xen) & Smt. Veenu Sharma
Sh. Nishant Vaid & Smt. Shivani Vaid
Brothers & Bhabhi
Sh. Krishan Lal Sharma
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Sh. Amar Nath Vaid

TENTH DAY, KRIYA & UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Chhaya Rani W/o** Sh Mohan Lal Dabgotra (Retd PDD) R/o H.No. 1064, Sector 8, Lane 10, Nanak Nagar, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 20-02-2024. **TENTH DAY** will be performed at 11 am on 29-02-2024 (Thursday) at Ram Mandir, Sector 8, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. **Kriya** will be performed at 9 am on 01-03-2024 (Friday) at our residence. **UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI** will be performed at 1 pm on 02-03-2024 (Saturday) at Ram Mandir, Sector 8, Nanak Nagar, Jammu. **Grief Stricken :-**
Sh Mohan Lal Dabgotra (Husband)
Sh Rajan Dabgotra (Son) & Smt Samiksha (Daughter-in-Law)
Sh Vimal Dabgotra (Son) & Smt Niti (Daughter-in-Law)
Smt Sona Dabgotra (Daughter) & Dr Amit Fotra (Son-in-law)
Mobile : 94191-31280, 9906169009, 9622222207



Late Smt Chhaya Rani

TENTH DAY/KRIYA KARAM

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Mahatam Singh Bandral** who left for heavenly abode on 19 Feb 2024. **10TH DAY KRIYA** shall be performed on 28 Feb 2024 at 12:00 Noon at our residence Ward No. 16, Near BGR Palace, Housing Colony Road, Kali Bari, Kathua. **13TH DAY KRIYA KARAM** shall be performed on 02 Mar 2024 at our residence. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Shrista Kumari -Wife
Mohinder Singh & Meena - Son & Daughter-in-law
Protam Singh & Sunita - Son & Daughter-in-law
Champa & Balwan Singh- Daughter and Son-in-law
Grand Children : Malkiyat and Anjali - Grand Son and Grand Daughter-in-law
Shikha and Sunil- Grand Daughter and Grand Son-in-law
Dheeraj, Shivani, Abhishek and Adarsh
Great Grand Children: Shrishti, Jeevika, Babya, Devansh, Sidarth
Contact No : 7400238308, 9469380524



Sh Mahatam Singh Bandral

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Mohini Sathoo W/o** Late Sh. Man Mohan Sathoo originaly from Channapora Srinagar, Presently residing at H.No.7, Lane-12, Hazori Bagh Bohri Talab Tillo, who left for heavenly abode on 20th Feb. 2024. **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be held at Akhnoor Ghat on 29th Feb. 2024 (Thursday). **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of Secondary Education at 12 Noon. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Sathoos, Turkis, Zutshis, Rainas, Kouls



Smt. Mohini Sathoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Father Shri Hira Lal Kak S/o** Late Shri Swaroop Nath Kak, resident of Natipora, Srinagar was presenty at R-603, Silicon City, Sector-76, Noida. **Tenth Day** will be performed on 29th Feb, 2024 at Murad Nagar Ghat, UP followed by **Assembly** at Ground floor, R tower, Silicon City, Sector-76, Noida at 11:30 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Smt. Prana Kak (Sister-in-Law)
Daughters and Son-in-laws
Smt Usha & Sh Ravi Dhar
Smt Sunita & Sh Virender Dhar
Smt Anita & Dr Ashok Kaul
Brother and Sister in law
Smt Krishna & Sh K.L. Kaul
Smt Girja & Sh M K Kaul
Sons and Daughter-in-laws
Sh Rakesh & Smt Sarina Kak
Sh Sanjay & Smt Samta Kak
Sh Anil & Smt Archana Kak
Grand Children :
Naav, Sameer, Anmol, Aashir, Archit, Savina, Harshit, Arnav & Ayush
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Shri Hira Lal Kak

TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Dalip Kumar Vaid (Raju) S/o** Late Smt. Vaishno Devi & Sh. Krishan Lal Vaid on 20/2/2024. The **Tenth Day** will be held at 10.00 am on 29th Feb. 2024 (Thursday). **Kriya** will be performed on 1/3/2024 (Friday) at our residence H.No. 165, New Plot, Jawahar Nagar, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**
Sh. Krishan Lal Vaid (Father)
Smt. Anupama Sharma (Wife)
Mr. Shравan Vaid (Son)
(Sisters-in-law & Brothers)
Smt. Radha Devi & Sh. Kewal Kumar Vaid
Smt. Anita Sharma & Yash Paul Vaid
Nephews & Niece
Aditya Vaid, Akshay Vaid, Rudrakshi Vaid & Trayksh Vaid
M/s Down Town the Fashion Hub
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Sh. Dalip Kumar Vaid (Raju)
(7/6/1970 - 20/2/2024)

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Advocating Sikh Rights: SPF demand their immediate redressal

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: Balvinder Singh, President of the Sikh Progressive Front, alongside Surinder Singh Wazir Vice President, Manjit Singh Bali Gen Secretary, Rajinder Singh Sudan, Joint Secretary, delivered a resounding condemnation of the JKUT Administration's neglect of Sikh Community in Jammu and Kashmir. They highlighted the failure to address critical demands, such as political reservation to Sikhs, excluding them from the Non-Migrant Quota, POJK Quota, or OBC Quota, thus denying their right to representation in the JK Assembly.

Despite assurances from LG of JKUT, Manoj Sinha, during a meeting with SPF delegation on March 14, 2022, where he pledged to advertise vacancies for non-migrant Sikh youths under SRO 425, no action has been taken to date.

Singh highlighted that a file concerning providing additional ex-gratia to the next of kin (NOK's) of the 14 individuals killed in the Jammu Sikh riots of 1989 has been pending in the



Civil Secretariat Jammu for over three years. Despite bringing this matter to the attention of the Hon'ble LG during the mentioned meeting, no progress has been made, and the file remains stagnant, gathering dust.

Singh further stated that despite the Sikh community's consistent advocacy, the central government has not addressed their demand to include Punjabi language in the JKUT Official Language Amendment Bill 2020. Assurances from the Hon'ble LG regarding the promotion of Punjabi language have not materialized.

Despite representations to the UT administration and Chairman National Commission for Minorities, S Iqbal Singh Lalpura, for providing Punjabi teachers in schools and making Punjabi a compul-

sory subject, no progress has been made.

Singh emphasized that while the central and JKUT governments have ensured representation for various sections of society such as SC, ST, OBC, Paharis, and Gujjars, the Sikh community has been notably excluded. This exclusion makes them feel marginalized and deprived of their rightful place in the national mainstream.

SPF strongly resented the government decision for transferring the installation of the Statue of baba Banda Singh Bahadur from Kunjwani to Bhagwati Nagar as this site is not acceptable to the entire Sikh Community of Jammu and strongly demand naming of Kunjwani Chowk on the name of baba Banda Singh Bahadur and installation

of suitable statue after the completion of Rotary as already promised by LG Administration and also stands passed by the House of JMC.

SPF also criticized JKUT administration for not implementing National Minority Commission ACT in JKUT despite being written number of letters by Chairman National Commission For Minorities S Iqbal Singh Lalpura vide letter No. D.O.No.-NCM/81/18/2023 dated 03.04.2023 & Vide Letter No D.O.No. Tour/Report/ JK/06/2023 Dated: 8.02.2023 to LG JKUT Minority Commission has not been set up in Jammu and Kashmir and thus deprived the micro-scope Sikh minority Community of their rights under NMC Act.

Attendees at the press conference highlighted their submission to the Chairman J&K Sociall

& Educationally Backward Classes Commission, JKUT, on January 5, 2021, advocating for the inclusion of approximately 54,000 Sikhs in the Valley into the OBC category. Despite the LG forwarding the representation to the Union Government, the micro-minority Sikh community in the valley has been overlooked, despite recent inclusions of other communities in the OBC category by the central government.

SPF urged LG Manoj Sinha and the current central government to address the mentioned issues before the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may compel us to advise our community members to refrain from voting for the BJP in the coming Lok Sabha Election as well as in the state assembly election.

Monik Gupta creates history by walking for 11 designers in NY Fashion week

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: International Model and actor Monik Gupta was the only Indian to walk in New York (NY) Fashion Week 2023 from India has created to become the only Indian model to walk for 11 designers in one season at New York Fashion Week 2024.

Monik who hails from Jammu had a long dream of becoming an international model has finally arrived.

After reaching Jammu, Monik shared his experiences with all his Indian counterparts and local talent of Jammu and Kashmir and hoped that in his own way, he is able to open doors for many more Indian models.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu, Monik Gupta said that it is a



proud feeling for him to represent the country and Jammu and Kashmir at the International Forum.

"I feel immense pride to be able to represent my country and showcase our culture, ethics and discipline. It was indeed commendable to see celebrate designers speak highly of the same and perhaps choose me for their shows," he said.

Monik not only walked for 11 designers from

different parts of the world like South America, Canada, London, Puerto Rico, Argentina and Hong Kong amongst others but fortunate to be selected by more designers but due to a clash in schedule, he could pick only 11.

He is also gearing up for Miami Swim Week in May which will be followed by Fashion weeks in New York, Paris and Milan in September and October.

PoJK DP's Front asks Govt to redress refugees demands



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: PoJK DP's Front displaced persons on Wednesday gathered at Maharaja Hari Singh Park under the Chairmanship of President, Captain (Retd.) Yudhvir Singh Chib along with General Secretary J.P. Sharma and Secretary K.S. Chib of the front to highlight their problems which are pending for the long time.

Majority of the DP's were carrying placards, banners and flags tried their best to move in the shape of the rally towards Secretariat under the leadership of Captain Yudvir Singh Chib, President assisted by Genl Secy J.P. Sharma and Secy K.S. Chib of the front but foiled by the heavy police ponting near Dogra Chowk.

After a long struggle of

years by the previous Govt. on false promises and running from post to pillar.

J.P. Sharma (Gen Secretary) and K.S. Chib (Secretary) also explain to all the refugees that we are approaching time and again regularly Govt. as well as other revenue authorities to please consider our genuine demands on priority and moreover the assembly election on J&K likely to be held in near future and we may unite together and aware about the policies of Govt. so that our demands could be accepted for benefits of all the refugees.

Other prominent who were present in the Rally include Sakandya Devi, Kehar Singh Chib, Master Raghunath Singh, Sham Singh Chib, Hoshnaki Ram, Kamal Sharma, Thoru Ram Chib, Ranjit Singh Chib and Bablu.

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Army organises Essay Writing Competition at Doda

Top News Report

DODA, Feb 28: To provide a platform for the school students to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence.

An 'Essay Writing Competition' has been conducted at Suigarh for school going children. The competition was



organised to develop creative skills among the students and to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence. A total of

25 children participated in the said competition. The response was overwhelming as the event witnessed active participation by the students. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praiseworthy. The spirit and zeal shown by the children

during the competition displayed the growing transformation leaning towards national integrity and amity amongst different communities of the region. Zubair Ahmed, Teacher, Government High School Thalela said these type of initiatives leave everlasting imprint

on young minds and are always welcomed as they help such far flung areas to relate it with mainstream activities. At the end of the competition, prizes were distributed to the winners. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praiseworthy.

Awareness Programmes on HIV/AIDS conclude



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: Awareness generation Programs on HIV/AIDS and drug de-addiction of six days concluded at village Kotli Charkan in Tehsil Bishnah Jammu by Public Welfare Organization under the aegis of J&K Aids Control Society which was attended by a large number of people of the area.

The programs were also conducted at villages Deoli, Laswara, Chack Waziru, Makhampur (Charkan), and Phinder in rural areas in Bishnah Jammu.

Renowned person of the area Gopal Singh (Numberdar) was the chief guest on occasion.

The other prominent persons of the area Ajeet Singh (ex-Sarpanch), Anoop Singh, Dileep Singh, Romesh Kumar Sharma, and Tinka also attended the programs as special resource persons.

Gopal Singh delivered the lecture on the topic of HIV/AIDS and drug addiction in detail and imparted awareness to the participants.

He impressed upon the youth to come forward and discharge their

assigned role in the eradication of the drug addiction menace from society for its overall progress and prosperity.

Ajeet Singh Ex Sarpanch also delivered a lecture on the topics and said that drug addiction is a big social evil that needs to be eradicated from society once and for all and urged for organizing more such camps in rural areas for the general awareness of the people.

Anoop Singh, Dileep Singh, Romesh Kumar, and others also addressed the program and imparted awareness to the participants in length on how to take preventive measures to prevent the spreading of HIV/AIDS, a dreaded disease in society so that our society always remains healthy and fit.

President of Public Welfare organization Soni Pandita also threw light on the subject in detail and appealed to participants to spread this awareness and message of the program to people at the grass root level so that they benefit and be educated with such awareness programs and the end she also extended vote of thanks to the participants.

Five days crash course on new criminal laws concludes at PTTI Vijaypur

Top News Report

VIJAYPUR, Feb 28: Five days Crash Course on new Criminal Laws-2023 which was commenced at PTTI Vijaypur on February 22 2024 concluded on Wednesday in which 50 Police personnel including SHOs, Incharge Police Posts and Investigating Officers of various units of Jammu-Kathua-Samba Range participated.

On this occasion, a special lecture of Shri Subash Chander Gupta, Retd. District & Sessions Judge was arranged with a motive to enlighten the



Police personnel with the key provisions of new Criminal Laws-2023 viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam-2023 which are going to be implemented in the Coun-

try with effect from 1st of July 2024.

The guest speaker delivered an impressive lecture, interacted with the Police personnel and replied to their queries concerning New Criminal Laws patiently. Pawan Khajuria, Retd. Joint

Director Prosecution also delivered a lecture to the participants and shared his insights to apprise about the New Criminal Laws.

During valediction, Dushyant Sharma, SSP thanked both the dignitaries for sparing their

precious time for sharing their valuable experiences with the participants which would definitely help the Police personnel while investigating the cases when the New Criminal Laws would come into force.

Among others, Khushwant Singh Dy.SP (Admn.), Surrinder Paul, Dy.SP (Indoor/Tech.), Ch. Asif Iqbal, Sr.PO, Rahul Sambyal, Chairman NGO Justice for Youth, Ram Lal (CLI), Inspr. Surinder Singh (CDI), Inspr. Mulkh Raj, Inspr. Anil Kumar, Inspr. Himanshu Dutta, Inspr. Ashish Darmat were present on the occasion.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. PHE/JJM/163 of 2023-24 Dated: 26.02.2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, JAMMU invites e-tenders on item rate basis from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums of all classes, required to be registered with Jal Shakti (PHE) Department of UT of J&K apart from registration with JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other State / UT Government for "Construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells by ODEX Method for 03 Water Supply Scheme (03 nos. Bore well) of District Poonch of Jammu Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1, consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2 shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No.	Particulars of the work	Tender fee (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Bid Validity	Estimated AMOUNT (in Rs.)	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of 200 mm Dia. Production Bore Wells by ODEX Method for 03 Water Supply Scheme (03 nos. Bore well) of District Poonch of Jammu Province under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	1000/-	50000/-	180 days	As per Appendix "E" of the SBD	As per bid document.

Position of funds: Available Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu.
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM) Poonch

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	26.02.2024
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	26.02.2024
iii	Date of Pre-bid meeting	28.02.2024 (12:00 Noon)
iv	Bid submission start date	28.02.2024 (4:00 PM onwards)
v	Bid submission end date	11.03.2024 (6:00 PM)
vi	Date and time of Bid opening	12.03.2024 (3:00PM)

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website

www.jktenders.gov.in

2. The pre-bid meeting shall held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu through virtual/online mode.

3. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

4. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu.

5. Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and EMD as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu.

a. EMD to be pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer (CAO), Jal Shakti PHE Department Jammu. EMD will be in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bid.

b. The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR / e-challan / Receipt under Major Head, MH:0215 in favour of CAO, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu or by online payment via NEFT/RTGS as detailed below:-
A/c Name : Chief Account Officer, PHE Jammu.
Bank : J & K Bank Ltd.
Account No : 0097010100002093
IFSC : JAKA01NHALL
Branch : Town Hall Jammu

6. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan/NEFT, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1.

7. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.

9. Queries by email if any, should be made at phceci@jammu.gov.in.

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EDITORIAL

NATIONAL
SCIENCE DAY

National Science Day is celebrated with great enthusiasm all over India on 28th February every year to remember the discovery of "Raman Effect" in India by Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman, Indian Physicist in the year 1928. In the year 1930, Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics for achieving great success in the field of science in India.

28 February 1928 was a great day in India when the invention in the field of Indian science was completed by the famous Indian physicist Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman. He was a Tamil Brahmin who was the first person in the field of science to research such an invention in India. In order to always remember and honor this program in the future, in the year 1986, the National Council for Science and Technological Communication had asked the Indian Government to designate 28 February as National Science Day in India. Today, National Science Day is being celebrated all over India as a great event in the field of Indian science. It is celebrated every year by students, teachers, institutions, and researchers from all educational institutions including schools, colleges, universities, technical and research institutes of India, medical, academic, scientific etc. On the occasion of the first celebration of National Science Day in India, the National Science Publicization Award was announced by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication in recognition of a commendable effort and excellence in the field of science communication and publicization. Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman worked at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science in Kolkata, West Bengal, India from 1907 to 1933, during which he conducted research on many points of physics, including the "Raman effect" (the effect on the propagation of light. When it is made to survive through various things) it became his great success and discovery which became famous in Indian history. For his major invention, he was honored with many Indian awards including the Nobel Prize in the year 1930. Since 2013, the "Raman Effect" has been designated an International Historic Chemical Landmark by the American Chemical Society. During the National Science Day celebrations of 2009, five Indian institutions were honored with the National Award for Science Communication in recognition of the great efforts and achievements of Indian scientists from government and non-government organizations in publicizing and leading modern science in the country. Awarded by the Indian Department of Science and Technology, Vikram Sarabhai Community Science Center received the highest award in the year 2009 in recognition of its major contribution to science. The main reason for celebrating National Science Day as a science festival was the participation of students from schools and colleges, scientists from state and national departments to recognize the scientific activities and programs and the daily life of the people. National Science Day is celebrated every year to widely spread a message about the importance of scientific applications in India. It reflects all the activities, efforts and achievements in the field of science for human welfare. The main objective of this day is to discuss all the issues and implement new technology for the development of science. The scientific mind in the country provides the right opportunity to the citizens. The mission of National Science Day is to popularize science and its technology as well as promote it to the people. The theme of National Science Day in the year 2020 was "Women in Science". However, the theme of the year 2021 has not been announced yet.

Western hysteria mounts as Russia makes Ukraine gains

By: Indranil Banerjee

The nondescript town of Avdiivka (pre-war population: 32,000) in eastern Ukraine entered the history books on February 17 this year when Russian frontline troops surged into the town in the war's most significant breakthrough in months. The encircled Ukrainian soldiers fled the town in disorderly retreat, leaving hundreds of their wounded behind and uncounted numbers unable to escape.

The Russian capture of Avdiivka sent shock waves across Western capitals and blew a hole in the propaganda about Russia slowly losing the war in Ukraine. This battlefield victory was the most significant since Russian forces captured the city of Bakhmut in May 2023. The latest Ukrainian pullback coming after last year's failed summer counter-offensive and continued Russian pressure along the 1,000-km-wide frontline suggested that things were not moving to Kyiv's advantage. A triumphant Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed the capture of Avdiivka and pledged to push further into Ukraine.

The Western response to these setbacks, which came precisely a week before the second anniversary (February 24) of the Russian invasion, has been close to hysterical. Mr Putin has been termed a tyrant, a war criminal and a "crazy SOB" by top Western leaders, including US President Joe Biden. Washington slapped 600 new sanctions on Russia, which came on top of 4,000 earlier sanctions imposed by the US since the start of the war. Similarly, the European Union introduced new sanctions (its 13th since the war began in February 2022) on several foreign compa-

nies and individuals for exporting products that could have military use for Russia.

The US Senate has also passed a military aid package (temporarily stuck in the House of Representatives) earmarking \$61 billion for Ukraine. Europe has signed a 50-billion-euro cheque for Ukraine. There has also been some debate about seizing Russia's \$300 billion-plus foreign assets lodged in Western banks, a move that would seriously undermine the global financial system. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has only fanned Western anxieties by claiming that his country is just the first step in Mr Putin's determination to subjugate all of Europe, a charge that the Russian President has vehemently denied.

Four top Western leaders, including the Prime Ministers of Italy, Canada and Belgium and the European Commission president arrived in Kyiv on the war's second anniversary to pledge solidarity with Mr Zelenskyy's continued war efforts. "We will stand with Ukraine with whatever it takes, for as long as it takes," Canada's PM Justin Trudeau declared, as he pledged \$2.25 billion in financial and military support. Italy's Giorgia Meloni, while signing a 10-year defence pact with Ukraine, said: "The message I want to send today to... all the Ukrainian people is that they are not alone."

With the Ukrainian and Western leadership digging in their heels and refusing Mr Putin's offer to freeze the frontlines and negotiate an end to the war, the global rift and associated risks are only increasing.

For the moment, President Zelenskyy faces enormous challenges. He has had to sack his popular top military commander and major

corruption allegations in arms dealings have surfaced in recent times, both of which have contributed to a lowering of military morale. Not surprisingly, a staggering six million Ukrainians have fled the country since the start of the war.

The Russian forces, despite a torrent of Western propaganda, are not on the backfoot. They continue to control about a fifth of Ukraine's territory, including the key regional city of Donetsk, whose security was bolstered by the capture of Avdiivka 15 km to the north. Moscow has successfully ramped up military production and is able to fire more artillery shells than Ukraine. Ukrainian soldiers are also exhausted, compelling Mr Zelenskyy to push for a bill to conscript an additional half a million Ukrainians into the Army, a move some say would cripple the country's floundering economy.

The West's strategy of crippling the Russian economy has not worked. The West had included a series of measures, including a cap on Russian oil prices, to derail its hydrocarbon economy. Nothing like that has happened; on the contrary, oil exports are close to prewar levels and, according to the IMF, Russia's GDP expanded 3.6 per cent in 2023.

Ironically, it is Europe that seems to have suffered the worst economic battering, dependent as it was on cheap Russian energy exports. Having unilaterally turned off its taps to Russian energy, Europe faces an unprecedented surge in energy prices that have made large sections of its industry uncompetitive and sent farm costs skyrocketing. Europe today is paralysed by farm protests while economic growth has plummeted.

Geopolitically too, Moscow has

held out with many nations outside the Western bloc not in sympathy with Western aims. A New York Times report pointed out that "Mr Putin is not nearly as isolated as US officials had hoped. Russia's inherent strength, rooted in its vast supplies of oil and natural gas, has powered a financial and political resilience that threatens to outlast Western opposition. In parts of Asia, Africa and South America, his influence is as strong as ever or even growing."

Faced with this reality, pressures are mounting in Europe to clamp down further on countries that are seen to be aiding Moscow's war efforts, and this includes India, which along with China has been buying billions of dollars of Russian oil. India so far has very successfully been able to manoeuvre around the Western blockade of Russia, but it will find it increasingly difficult to stay that course.

The only acceptable outcome for the Western leadership is an unconditional Russian defeat, which finds echoes in Mr Zelenskyy's declaration that he will not rest until every last Russian soldier is ejected from Ukrainian soil. This intransigence towards Russia has another, more ominous, aspect that could also adversely impact India.

And that is the cleaving of the global economy into two antagonistic halves. The Western powers have effectively pulled down a new iron curtain across the world, with Russia and its allies on the dark side. The gradual Western decoupling from China is adding to the global rift. This tectonic shift in global geoeconomics will pose a huge challenge for India, which has no desire to take sides or be sucked into the maelstrom of distant crises. But the fall of Avdiivka could well presage testing times ahead.

Transformation of Indian Armed Forces

By: Lt General Satish Dua



The growth story of India is only matched by the desire of many countries that India should play a larger role in global affairs. The Russia-Ukraine war, the Israel-Hamas conflict and attendant turbulence in diplomatic and economic circles is yet to settle. A new world order is taking shape. It goes way beyond the military realm. However, military forms a strong pillar. A much-needed and bold transformation in the defence structures is underway in India. The most discussed aspect is the integration between the army, navy and air force.

In accordance with the chosen Higher Defence Structures, Integrated Theatre Commands and Functional Commands are being formed out of existing resources for an optimized combat effectiveness in the Indian context. Integrated theatres will be organisational structures designed to control all military assets in a theatre of war to achieve the desired military effects.

However, integration is much more than only theaterisation or

creation of theatre commands. In addition to the integration between the structures and processes of the armed forces, at a macro level, it also involves synergy with other instruments of power and civil military fusion, especially in MoD.

Preparing the military for next generation warfare, raising the technology threshold, and dealing with nuances of multi domain warfare are some of the transformational changes that are underway.

In the operational realm, the biggest challenge will be aligning our operational preparedness to meet a two-front threat, which combined with the threat of proxy war, makes it a two and a half front war. When coupled with the advanced cyber and information warfare that China is capable of launching, layered with diplomatic and economic linkages, it becomes a multi spectrum war that our armed forces have to be prepared for. In fact, the nation is preparing for it, by reorientation of our forces, modernising the air and maritime platforms and raising of new army combat formations. However, some of these threats cut across all boundaries, extending beyond the military domain.

Future wars are not likely to be purely kinetic. In this era of multi domain warfare, other elements like diplomacy, economy, intelligence, information, cyber, space, energy, water, environment and more are likely to be applied as relevant in a graded manner or simultaneously.

Groupings and alliances between nations are realigning in the new world order. More

than one element of power will have a bearing on these groupings. Synergising military's power with other instruments of power is therefore, very essential in today's environment.

There is much advantage to be reaped out of fusion and synergy not only with defence ministry, but also with elements of diplomacy and economy (commerce). Military diplomacy can play a lead role in countries where military is in pre-eminent position. Military to Military cooperation can assist in improving bilateral relations and add substantive content to grouping of nations and alliances. QUAD, SCO, I2U2 and other bilateral military exercises are some of the examples. Post Russia-Ukraine war, such groupings are likely to assume more importance.

Raising of integrated theatre commands is a major challenge that the country faces, but it is not insurmountable. In almost all countries which have gone down this path, it has not been an easy transition. It must also be appreciated that the theatre commands are arrayed against our two main adversaries, with whom we have unresolved borders and both are nuclear powers. Our forces therefore cannot afford to be off balance at any stage. Smooth transition in these structural changes will be a major challenge for the Chief of Defence Staff, as this mandate has been given to him

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No country can hope to be a regional power by remaining majorly dependent on imports for its security needs. Our huge dependence on Russia as well as Ukraine for our defence needs makes us realise its vulnerabil-

ity, as both of them slug it out in the battlefield. It is, therefore, essential that we attain *atmanirbharta* in *suraksha* also. Three major steps are being pursued vigorously for this. One, reforming the public sector and second, incentivising the entry of private sector in defence industry. The third important aspect would be hand holding of the defence industry by respective service - army, navy, air force - in trying to develop weapons and equipment. The services need to take ownership and get into a driving role. These challenges appear to be daunting, but out of box thinking and bold execution is getting us closer to attain the goal of an *'Atmanirbhar Suraksit Bharat'*.

To conclude, the Indian armed forces are in midst of a transformation in the backdrop of new age technologies changing the nature of warfare. Non-contact warfare is gaining primacy and more lethality, as can be seen by the rocket and drone attacks in the Middle-East. A new world order is likely after the dust settles in Ukraine, Middle East and continuing confrontation with China in Ladakh. It is in this backdrop that the bold transformation of the armed forces and the integration of the services is taking place. It is a challenge that is a national imperative.

(Lt General Satish Dua is a former Corps Commander in Kashmir, who retired as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff.)
(Views expressed are personal)

National Science Day celebrated at Udhampur Campus

Aromatic crops and biodiversity: need for Indigenous Technology interventions for Viksit Bharat

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Feb 28: With an aim to spread awareness and significance of science and its application in people's daily life and exposing the stakeholders to new technologies being promoted as a step towards Viksit Bharat, Udhampur Campus, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the JK Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKSTIC), Department of Science and Technology, Udhampur organized a "One Day Awareness-cum-Training Programme on "Aromatic Crops and importance of Biodiversity" on the eve of National Science Day 2024.

On the occasion, Dr. Suphla Gupta, Principal Scientist at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu & Nodal Scientist Aroma Mission III and prof Susheel Verma, Head, Department of Botany, University of Jammu, Jammu were the expert speakers and resource persons while the special guest Shrutu Khanna, Assistant Director, represented the JK STIC, Udhampur.

During her presentation on the Importance of aromatic Crops in

society empowerment, Dr. Suphla Gupta highlighted the important contributions of Aroma Mission in the growth, nurturing, and positioning of the essential oil-based aroma business in the nation.

Dr. Gupta stated, "The aroma mission has established a strong ecosystem that benefits the industry, farmers, and young entrepreneurs".

Both productivity and income of the farmers are increasing, and their lives are changing as a result of the employment of indigenous technology and scientific interventions in the areas of agriculture, processing, and product development.

She shared several inspiring success stories of the young entrepreneurs across Jammu & Kashmir who are involved in the cultivation, processing, value addition, and marketing of highly lucrative aromatic and medicinal plants like lemon grass, Rosa grass, tulsi, mint, marigold, monarda, and other aromas based plants.

In the afternoon session, Prof Susheel Verma spoke on the "Importance of biodiversity and its conservation in the era of climate change".

Biodiversity is indispensable for our well-being and prosperity. Therefore, protecting the cultivated and wild crops and their pollinators like honeybees, beetles and other insects are very much helpful for us as well as the ecosystem, as our survival depends on them", said Prof Verma. He enlightened the audience about the role of conservation organizations such as IUCN, CITES, etc., in protecting the diverse flora and fauna.

In her address, Shrutu Khanna, highlighted the major initiatives and activities undertaken by the DST, J&K, all over Jammu & Kashmir for the upliftment and development of the local communities. She thanked the Udhampur Campus faculty and staff for working together to arrange the "One Day Awareness-cum-Training Programme on "Aromatic Crops and significance of Biodiversity."

Earlier, Prof Yash Pal Sharma while conveying his gratitude to prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, for his stewardship and unwavering support in the development and advancement of the Udhampur Campus, he extended warmly

welcome to the the resource persons and the participants and hoped that such efforts will be helpful in making India 'Atm Nirbhar' and Viksit Bharat as envisaged by our Hon'ble Prime minister of India, Narinder Modi.

The mega event was conducted by the JK STIC representative, the faculty and students of Bhaskar Degree College, Kalra College of Education, and the local schools in the village of Garnai-Lotta, as well as members of the civil society, members of the local bodies, and progressive women agri-entrepreneurs including Vimla, Mrs Santosh Jamwal, Dalip and the faculty members and students of Udhampur Campus. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Tarun Dubey, Dr Anushka Singh extended warm welcome to the guests and participants while the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shilpa Gupta.

Every year the National Science Day is celebrated to honour the discovery of "Raman Effect" on 28th February, 1928 by the Indian Physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman, the first Asian scientist to bag Nobel Prize in Physics in the year 1930.

Dharm Rashtriya Sewa Mandal donates firewood at Panjpeer Cremation Ground

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JAMMU, Feb 28: In a bid to address environmental concerns and promote sustainable practices, a active group named Dharm Rashtiya Sewa Mandal (DRSM) has embarked on a commendable initiative to collect waste wood from agricultural activities and transport it to cremation ground at Panjpeer for eco-friendly disposal.

The group, comprising dedicated local volunteers in the lead of Darshan Kumar, Ritesh Gupta, Mohit Gupta & other members of DRSM collaborated with the Agricultural Department to gather unused or discarded wood from pruning, harvesting, and land clearing activities. This initiative not only helps in clearing agricultural land but also prevents the burning of wood in open fields, which contributes to air pollution and environmental degradation.



By transporting the collected waste wood to cremation grounds, the group ensures that it is utilized in a controlled and regulated manner, minimizing harmful emissions and maximizing its utility.

Additionally, the process aligns with eco-friendly practices, as the wood is utilized as fuel for cremation, reducing the need for traditional

firewood sourced from forests.

Furthermore, it serves as a model for other regions to adopt similar practices, promoting sustainability and responsible waste management in agricultural settings.

DRSM also ensured that it will continue to provide all the help to needy people and will regulate such kind of activities in near future.

130 students from HS Galodi, HSS Bhoond attends on Educational Study Visit



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BASOHLI, Feb 28: A total of 75 students from High School, HS Galodi and HSS Bhoond participated in an educational study visit organized by the Zonal Education Office, Basohli, under the Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (RAK) initiative of SAMAGRA.

The visit aimed to broaden the students' perspectives and expose them to diverse learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by Zonal Education Officer, Basohli, Lalit Sharma, and his staff members.

Sharma briefed the students about the significance of RAK and its role in fostering scientific temperament and innova-

tion among young minds. The first stop on the itinerary was DIET Basohli, the premier institution for training government teachers in the district.

The students had an enriching interaction with Principal Roshan Lal and senior faculty members, gaining valuable insights into the teacher training process and the crucial role of DIETs in shaping the future of education.

Next, the students embarked on a fascinating journey to Mini Goa Purthu and Atal Setu Basohli.

At Mini Goa Purthu, they marveled at the breathtaking natural beauty, while Atal Setu, a magnificent bridge, provided a glimpse into the marvels of modern engineering.

These visits sparked the students' curiosity about science, technology, and

their applications in real-world scenarios.

The study visit concluded with a visit to the Vishawsthal Paint- ing Centre, Basohli, renowned for its traditional miniature paintings. The students interacted with artists, learned about the rich artistic heritage of the region, and witnessed the intricate techniques involved in creating these exquisite masterpieces.

The study visit proved to be a highly enriching experience for the students, igniting their curiosity, broadening their knowledge base, and fostering a deeper appreciation for various fields of learning. The Zonal Education Office, Basohli, remains committed to organizing such initiatives that empower students and nurture their holistic development.

JKMS organises inter school sports fest

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JAMMU, Feb 28: JK Montessorie School organized an Inter School Sports Fest to promote healthy life style and physical fitness. The students from various schools enthusiastically participated in it.

The event commenced with the arrival of the special Guest Madhu Kapoor Principal Smart Kids.

The event was also graced by the presence of Sanjeev Gupta Chairperson JKMS, Rajni Gupta Director JKMS, Apurv Gupta Dean Academics JKMS.

The guests were extended a floral welcome.

After lighting of the traditional lamp by all the dignitaries, the Sports Meet was declared open.

The school choir mesmerised the audience with an inspiring welcome song followed by the Formal Welcome Address given by Aarti Gupta Principal JKMS.



The main aim of holding the Sports Fest was to create awareness about the importance of sports, fitness and health among the students for their overall development.

The games in which the students participated were Sorting the Ball, Pick the Object Race, Paste the Carrot Rabbit Race, Goal with Pom-Pom, Lemon Race and Tower Making.

The most intriguing aspect embellishing the event was the field display based on the theme

'Fit Body, Fit Mind, Fit Environment' involving mass student participation which splattered all over the ground.

The Fest was successful in instilling the importance of having a healthy lifestyle in the students. The students participated with the spirit of sportsmanship.

The Special Guest Madhu Kapoor congratulated the winners and appreciated the students and the faculty members whose persistent and untiring efforts made the

event a success. She said that a proper balance between studies and sports is necessary in one's life.

The Special Guest along with all the dignitaries presented medals to the winners. Participation certificates were also given to all the participants.

A Series of items consisting of Yoga and Martial Arts were also presented by the students to lighten the atmosphere.

The Formal Vote of Thanks was given by the Co-ordinator of the school

Sonia Kapoor.

The event ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

The names of the games and the winners

Pick the Object Race: Jastegh Singh (Kids heaven), 1st, Samarveer Chib (JKMS), 2nd, Reyansh Kumar Padha (Smart Kids), 3rd.

Paste the Carrot Rabbit Race:

Atharv Singh (Smart Kids), 1st, Shivansh (Kidzee Playway), 2nd Ujjwal Magotha (Smart Kids), 3rd. Goal with Pom-Pom: Kavleen Kour (Kids Heaven), 1st, Kavnoor Kour (Shemrock), 2nd, Aasvi (JKMS), 3rd. Sorting the Ball: Jaiveen Kour (JKMS), 1st, Mishika, 2nd. Tower Making: Aadhya (JKMS), 1st, Bharghav (Smart Kids), 2nd, Smarth (JKMS), 3rd. Lemon Race: Raman Kumar (JKMS), 1st Tajesmay Gupta (Kids Heaven), 2nd, Ruhan Sanjotra (Flower Kids Play School), 3rd.

GDC R S Pura celebrates National Science Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: On the occasion of National Science Day, Science Club in collaboration with NSS unit, Govt. Degree College, R.S Pura, celebrated the Day on Wednesday.

The programme was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Rajni Bhagat (Principal) and under the supervision of Dr. Neeru Sawhney (Convener, Science Club). The programme started

with the welcome address by Dr. Sawhney. She elaborates the contribution of Dr. C.V Raman in sciences and Indigenous technology for Viksit Bharat.

About, thirty students along with faculty members attended the programme and near about fifteen students participated in the speech and poster making competition which was judged by Prof. Anju Kumari, Prof. Meeshu Pandita and Dr. Ankita.

In the poster making competition, Sabneet Kour bagged 1st position, whereas 2nd and 3rd positions were bagged by Preeti Choudhary and Taniya Verma respectively. Certificates of appreciation were distributed among the participants.

The proceeding of the programme was conducted by Smita Sharma (NSS volunteer), while the formal votes of thanks were presented by Dr. Hari Singh.

Chinar Open Winter Games 2024 concluded

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Feb 28: The Chinar Open Winter Games 2024, an initiative by the Indian Army held in Gulmarg, concluded on Wednesday pwith resounding success and record-breaking participation of 676 individuals (the highest ever in any winter games in the valley).

The event, organized by the Pir Panjal Brigade of the Dagger Division, cap-

tivated audiences with exceptional display of athleticism, sportsmanship, and camaraderie.

Amidst the picturesque snow capped peaks of Pir Panjal Ranges, the Winter Games provide a positive outlet for the energy and enthusiasm of Kashmiri youth, channeling their potential towards constructive and competitive endeavors. Even during chilly nights and minus temperatures, the par-



ticipants were seen lined up for registration till 27

Feb 2024, displaying the enthusiasm of the young local athletes.

The Chinar Open Winter Games extended beyond the arenas, engaging local communities through outreach programs making it an inclusive event. The event further highlighted the Indian Army's commitment to promoting sports by providing a platform for the budding talents.

This Year's Winter Games attracted a diverse range of participants from across the Valley, including seasoned competitors and enthusiastic amateurs. From adrenaline-fueled skiing races to exhilarating snowboarding competitions, the event featured a wide array of winter sports.

Athletes competed in five winter sports disciplines, namely slalom, snow boarding, ice skating and X-country skiing showcasing their dedication and determination.

We celebrate the 45 medal winners, whose sportsmanship and

unwavering spirit embodied the true essence of Chinar Open Winter Games that showcased the remarkable talents and skills of the region's youth.

The event was graced by Chief Guest Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai. Senior officers of the military, police and civilian administration were also present.

As the curtains draw on this year's Winter Games, the organizers express their gratitude to all participants, volunteers and supporters who made the event possible.

With the overwhelming success of this edition, plans are already underway to expand and enhance future editions of the Chinar Open Winter Games, ensuring that Kashmir continues to shine as a beacon of sporting prowess and youth engagement in the years to come. This landmark event marks a significant milestone in the sports history of Kashmir, heralding a new era of inclusivity and excellence.

Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands Distt 3070 provides support for girl's marriage



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JAMMU, Feb 28: Rotary Club Jammu Helping Hands, District 3070, provided support for the marriage of a daughter from a finan-

cially needy family in the village Chouhana Chack, Marh, Jammu. President Karuna Malhotra, Secretary Jaswinder Singh Kuku and Club Treasurer Rtn. Sunny Gupta, Rtn

Sushma Sahni visited the family, offering both monetary, in-kind gifts and ration on behalf of all contributing club members.

Rtn Karuna Malhotra wished the bride to be a joyful and prosperous married life.

Rtn Jaswinder Singh Kuku thanked the members, Rtn Mahant Rajesh Bittu, Rtn Jatinder Mengi, Rtn Dr Rohit Gupta, Rtn Dr Vinu Jamwal, Rtn Sanjay Puri, Rtn Rohit Vashisht, Rtn Jasmeet Kaur, Rtn Jaswinder Singh, Rtn Rumpy Madaan, Rtn Arun Sabharwal for their contribution to the noble cause.

Words come easy to lyricist-actor Swanand Kirkire when he is sipping his favourite tea. In Amritsar recently, the lyricist-actor tells us what he likes about Punjab

It is not every day that you are offered a piping-hot cup of tea, on a chilly winter evening, with crisp fritters and a conversation with the master storyteller and lyricist Swanand Kirkire on the side. Kirkire takes his tea seriously, "If you have only one cup of tea a day, you should have a good one, just as you like it," he explains.

The same goes for his body of work. From Tu kisi rail si guzarti hai (Masaan) to Bavra mann (Hazaaron Khwaishien Aisi) to All is well (3 Idiots) to Monta re (Lootera), each song stands testimony of his versatility, his flair for evoking emotions. "If I have talent or skill to write, then I should do that in the best way possible. I don't believe in doing bad work. I cannot do everything, if you ask me to dance or to cook or keep accounts, I will be terrible at it. But writing, even singing, I give my all," he shares.

The lyricists' three National Awards are enough proof that he believes in doing what he says, his sense of humility in place. Poetry, is another thing that is close to his heart.



Performing live at the opening ceremony of the second edition of the Sacred Amritsar Festival with excerpts from Ibn-e-Insha, a book dedicated to eminent Pakistani Leftist Urdu poet of the same name, Swanand delves into the rich repository of poetry that Punjab has. "Punjabi poets and writers have always touched the common men, resonated with their dreams, aspirations, challenges and longings. Whether it's Waris Shah, Bulleh Shah, Amrita Pritam,

Shiv Kumar Batalvi, Lal Singh Dil or others, Punjab has a rich history in literature.

The young generation, whether in Punjab, Maharashtra or anywhere else in the world, listens to Sidhu Moosewala. Why? Because somewhere, their ideas resonate with his songs irrespective of the language barrier," he says.

All for embracing one's roots to thrive, Swanand says that traditional art forms are a powerful medium to connect with the

masses. The reason, maybe, on his Instagram handle, he refers to himself as a Bhaand-Nakkal (a community of mimicry based folk artists).

Swanand recently wowed the cinephiles with his film, Three of Us. Happy with the rave reviews and success of Three of Us, a beautiful, poignant story that nobody knew they needed, Swanand, a National School of Drama graduate, says that the film happened to him as an experiment. "So, the character of Dipankar that I play in the film cannot sing and Shefali Shah, when she heard that, joked that she really wants to see me singing out of tune.

Also, as an actor, something like this, a character that is opposite to what I am, seemed like an opportunity to explore my skills.

After playing the role of Dipankar, my heart really goes out to people like him, who dream to achieve the simplest of things in life, like singing in tune, and strive to do it despite being told the opposite."

Bhumi Pednekar completes 9 years in Bollywood; expresses gratitude



Actor Bhumi Pednekar, who made her Bollywood debut with 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha', is now nine years old in the industry. On Tuesday, her first film completed nine years ever since it hit the theatres.

Recalling working in the film, Bhumi took to Instagram and dropped the film's most popular and melodious track 'Moh Moh Ke Dhaage'.

'9 years since my life changed. Thank you for all the love,' she captioned the post.

Helmed by Sharat Katariya, 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha' revolves around a school dropout named Prem, essayed by Ayushmann Khurrana, who reluctantly marries the educated but overweight Sandhya (Bhumi). The couple come closer when they take part in a race, which involved Prem carrying Sandhya on his back.

Adele struggles to hit certain notes

The Rolling in the Deep singer, Adele needs some rest as constant performances have strained her, and her voice. Adele has been advised to put her vocal chords on rest. This happened after she struggled to hit certain notes during her Las Vegas residency. Currently busy with her Weekends With Adele show, she revealed that lack of sleep had stopped her from being able to hit certain notes.

The singer said, "I'm sure you can hear it in my talking voice and my singing voice. Your girl was tired. I didn't sleep very well. And Ursula from the ocean has come from my chest tonight. I can't hit my headnotes properly. I



didn't sleep very well and my chest is on fire.

Straight after this show I am going on voice rest."

Diljit Dosanjh shares BTS moments from 'Crew' sets, says 'forget half Kylie, here's full Kareena Kapoor'

Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh is a regular at entertaining his fans, especially with his hilarious content on Instagram. The Raat Di Gedi hitmaker on Monday dropped a reel featuring his candid moments spent on the sets of Crew film, which stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu, and Kriti Sanon in the lead roles.

The highlight of the whole video is Diljit's voiceover in Punjabi. As he shows the visuals of his shot with Kareena, Diljit's voiceover can be heard saying in Punjabi, "Adhi Kylie shado maharaj, aithey poori Kareena Kapoor" (Forget half Kylie, here's full Kareena Kapoor). He added, "Main te Kareena dungian gallan kar rahe haan, tusi dasso ki gallan kar rahe haan" (Kareena and I are having a deep conversation, guess what we are talking about).



Diljit also received a surprise visit from the rapper Badshah, making it clear that the rapper would be lending his rap skills to one of the songs in the film. In the clip, he can also be seen interacting with choreographer Farah Khan and producer Rhea Kapoor.

He also posed for pictures with

his fans.

"Kylie Shado... Ethey Poori Kareena Kapoor," he captioned the post. Diljit's post has been flooded with likes and comments.

"Voiceover is lit," a social media user commented. "Hahaha Diljit paaji tussi chaa gaye," another one wrote.

Speaking of Crew, it features Diljit in a special cameo. Kapil Sharma will also be seen in the film.

The film is made under Balaji Telefilms and Anil Kapoor Film and Communications Network banners. The film will be hitting the theatres on March 29, 2024. Earlier it was slated to release on March 22 but the makers have decided to push the film's release.

Crew is a story of three women and is touted as a laugh-riot, set against the backdrop of the struggling airline industry. However, their destinies lead to some unwarranted situations and they get caught in a web of lies. The movie marks the second collaboration between Ekta R Kapoor and Rhea Kapoor after the 2018 female buddy comedy Veere Di Wedding.

Neha Kakkar brings her musical talent to Superstar Singer 3 as Super Judge!

Joining the young aspirants on their journey will be Indian pop sensation Neha Kakkar, who steps into the role of Super Judge this third season in Sony Entertainment Television's singing reality show, Superstar Singer.

With her passion for singing, Neha will be the perfect role model for these young singing prodigies. Super Judge Neha will also be joined by music icons Pawan Deep Rajan, Arunita Kanjilal, Salman Ali, Mohd Danish and Sayali Kamble, who will reprise their roles as Captains.

Neha shared, "When it comes to music or any art form, the seeds

of talent are sown at a very young age. I can vouch for this because I too started my musical journey at a young age and since then, it's been all about learning and enriching my talent. Superstar Singer is not only a great learning ground but also the perfect guiding force for grooming the young musical talent that our country has to offer. I am elated to be a part of their journey as the Super Judge in Superstar Singer 3, where we will celebrate and honour India's rich musical heritage and find sangeet ke naye hunar jo banenge kal ke darohar."



'Family that travels together...,' says Rubina Dilaik

Rubina Dilaik, who is currently enjoying the motherhood phase, on Saturday delighted her fans by sharing a glimpse of her family's cherished moments during a staycation in Lonavala.

Rubina and her husband Abhinav Shukla have become parents to the twin daughters — Jeeva and Edhaa.



On their outing, the Chotti Bahu actress was accompanied by her adorable twins, her mother, and Abhinav.

The post is captioned as, "Family that travels together, stays together". Meanwhile, on the work front, Rubina was last seen in Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 10 and Abhinav was seen in Khatron Ke Khiladi 11.

Richa Chadha, Ali Fazal to produce 5 more films via their production house Pushing Buttons Studios

Following the Sundance success of their maiden production venture, "Girls Will Be Girls", actors Richa Chadha and Ali Fazal have announced a slate of five more films that they will back via their production house Pushing Buttons Studios.

The slate includes an adult animated project, a comedy, a satire, a documentary, and a fantasy drama film.

Directed by Shuchi Talati, "Girls Will Be Girls", a coming of age story of a teenager and her young mother, earned rave reviews at the international film festival in January this year. A collaborative effort between Pushing Buttons Studios, Crawling Angels, Blink Digital, and Dolce Vita Films, the film won the Audience Choice for Best Film and the Jury Award for Best Actor for lead star Preeti Panigrahi at the festival.

The actor-couple is also producing crime thriller "Papita". To be directed by Akash Bhatia, the film revolves around a Mumbai paparazzi photographer who aspires to become



respected in his profession.

"Doggie Stylez", an adult animation project, directed by Ashutosh Pathak, is a tongue-in-cheek satire on modern humans, told through the lens of a society of dogs imitating human values, and failing, while musical comedy "Pinky Promise" is set in a Himachal Pradesh hill-ock-town and revolves around the forbidden love story between a

'spirited' dancer and the singer from a rival Bhajan-Mandli.

Documentary film "RiAlity", to be directed by Rahul Singh Datta, will delve in Chadha and Fazal's lives when they were planning their whirlwind wedding while juggling demanding jobs and tricky relationships in 2022.

The sixth film from their production venture, fantasy drama "Miss Palmoliv All Night Cab-

aret", is by noted filmmaker Kamal Swaroop, known for films such as "Om-Dar-Ba-Dar", documentary film "Battle For Benaras" and "Pushkar Puran".

As per the film's plotline, a revolutionary celibate daku, Bhavani Singh, and a cabaret dancer, Miss Palmolive, embark on a platonic musical journey through the fantastical world of Cinemata, where the government discovers that only a kiss can defeat him.

"We are driven by a passion for storytelling and a commitment to bring fresh, diverse narratives to the forefront. The success of 'Girls Will Be Girls' at Sundance has fuelled our determination to continue pushing creative boundaries," Chadha said in a statement.

"Pushing Buttons Studios is not just a production house; it's a platform for artists to collaborate, experiment, and create memorable experiences for audiences. We are excited about the diverse range of projects in our pipeline," Fazal added.

PM Modi inaugurates projects, lays foundation stone for new ISRO launch complex in Tamil Nadu

Modi says the state is writing a 'new chapter of progress', and due to the Centre's efforts, modern connectivity in Tamil Nadu is 'on a new high'

THOOTHUKUDI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated projects and laid the foundation stones for new initiatives, totally worth over Rs 17,000 crore and castigated the UPA regime for not 'bothering' about Tamil Nadu's progress.

Laying the foundation stones and inaugurating projects, Modi said the state is writing a "new chapter of progress", and due to the Centre's efforts, modern connectivity in Tamil Nadu is "on a new high".

In a veiled reference to the ruling DMK, he alleged that though newspapers and TV channels wanted to highlight the Centre's such efforts "the regime here won't allow them to do so".

"But we won't desist from development work," Modi asserted.

Flagging off India's first indig-



enous green hydrogen waterway vessel in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi, he said increasing connectivity due to the consistent efforts of the Central government has enhanced 'ease of living' in Tamil Nadu. The new projects are an important part of the roadmap for a developed India.

"Whatever I am saying belongs neither to any political ideology nor to my own ideology, it only belongs to development."

Apparently targeting the DMK-Congress and pointing to a slew of development projects launched, he said: "I need to tell a truth to people of Tamil Nadu and the rest of the nation. Truth

is bitter but it needs to be told... all these projects I have brought, they were demands of locals for decades."

In an indirect reference to the DMK, he said the Tamil Nadu's ruling party shared power at the Centre during the UPA regime.

However, they were not "bothered about your progress".

All development initiatives had been delivered by the "sevak", he said in a reference to himself.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for a new launch complex of ISRO at Kulasekarapattinam near here, which is worth about Rs 986 crore and the facility is set to accommodate 24 launches per year.

The new complex includes 35 facilities, and features mobile launch structure (MLS) with checkout computers marking a significant stride in enhancing space exploration capabilities.

"Government's Unwavering Commitment": Amit Shah Lauds "Largest" Drug Haul



NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah today lauded the Indian Navy and NCB's joint operation in seizing almost 3,300 kg of contraband off the coast of Gujarat and called it a "testament" to the government's unwavering commitment to making India a drug-free nation. The Narcotics Control Bureau, along with the

Indian Navy, intercepted a suspicious boat off the Gujarat coast, seizing nearly 3,300 kilograms of contraband on Tuesday.

The Indian Navy, in a statement, declared this seizure the "largest" in recent times in terms of quantity.

The items seized included 3089 kg of charas, 158 kg of methamphetamine, and 25

kg of morphine.

Commending the joint operation, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah posted on X, "Pursuing PM Narendra Modi Ji's vision of a drug-free Bharat, our agencies today achieved the grand success of making the biggest off-shore seizure of drugs in the nation. In a joint operation carried out by the NCB, the Navy, and the Gujarat Police, a gigantic consignment of 3132 kg of drugs was seized," Mr Shah remarked.

"The historic success is a testament to our government's unwavering commitment to making our nation drug-free. On this occasion, I congratulate the NCB, the Navy, and the Gujarat Police," he added.

Bengal Congress leader Kaustav Bagchi quits party, hints at join BJP

KOLKATA, Feb 28 (Agencies): West Bengal Congress leader Kaustav Bagchi resigned from the party on Wednesday, claiming "lack of respect" within the organisation.

Bagchi, who had his head tonsured after being released on bail following his arrest over comments against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee last year, sent his resignation letter to Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, with copies to party state chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and general secretary and state in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir.

When contacted, Bagchi said, "Maybe people will call me anti-party now. But, I have been saying one thing



again and again that I am against Congress joining hands with the corrupt TMC."

The Congress and the TMC are part of the opposition bloc INDIA.

"The Congress top leadership does not give any importance to the West Bengal unit. So, I do not want to compromise my self-respect and stay in it," he added.

Asked about his future plans, he hinted at joining the BJP.

"You have to wait a day or two. Everything will be clear, but I would like to say that at the moment it's only BJP's Suwendu Adhikari who can oust the Trinamool Congress government from West Bengal," he said.

After being released on bail in March last year, Bagchi had his head tonsured and vowed to not grow hair till the Mamata Banerjee government is in power in the state.

Manipur Commandos' "Arms Down" Protest Over "Restrain" Order On Action Against Armed Group

IMPHAL/GUWAHATI, Feb 28 (Agencies): A section of Manipur Police commandos has started an "arms down" protest over allegations that senior officers asked them to restrain themselves after some 200 members of an armed group shot at and vandalised the house of a senior police officer in the state capital Imphal on Tuesday night.

The commandos are upset they were allegedly told not to respond with effective fire at the armed group, whose members also kidnapped Additional Superintendent of Police Moirangthem Amit and his security guard, people with direct knowledge of the matter said.

"They were later rescued from Kwakeithel Konjeng Leikai area and admitted to Raj Medicity for medical treatment. A case has been registered in this regard and investigation has started," the Manipur Police said in a



post on X, formerly Twitter. Two others were injured.

In the gunfight yesterday, the armed group damaged Mr Singh's house, vehicles, and a clinic, the police said. The clinic belongs to Mr Singh's family, whose seven members are doctors.

A huge armed mob forcibly opened the gate and opened

fire, sources said. The police officer's father said Mr Singh was not at home when the attack happened. The police officer, on hearing the incident, rushed home with a group of commandos; however, they were intercepted by the armed group, sources said.

Visuals of the gunfight shared on social media show nearby

residents running for cover in the dark amid the loud crack of automatic gunfire.

The army, Assam Rifles, and state police personnel later took control of the area, sources said.

The armed group attacked the police officer's house to force him to release some of its arrested members, sources said.

The incident came amid the ethnic violence and tension in the northeast state, where armed groups of both the hill-majority Kuki-Zo tribes and the valley-majority Meiteis are engaged in battles to control areas near the foothills. The violence over disagreements on land, resources, political representation, and affirmative action policies has dragged on for nine months now.

Over 200 have died and thousands have been internally displaced in the Manipur violence that began in May 2023.

Won't hesitate to take tough steps in party's interest, Jairam Ramesh on Himachal Pradesh crisis

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday said the BJP cannot take away the mandate of the people of Himachal Pradesh through its 'Operation Lotus' and it will not hesitate to take tough steps in the party's interest.

Addressing reporters here on Wednesday after crisis gripped the party's government in Himachal Pradesh, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said party president Mallikarjun Kharge has despatched three observers -- Bhupesh Baghel, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and D K Shivakumar -- to Shimla and has spoken to them. He said Kharge has

asked the observers and AICC in-charge for the state Rajeev Shukla to speak to all MLAs, including those who are disgruntled, and submit a comprehensive report to him soon.

"The Congress will not hesitate to take some tough steps as the party is our priority and will not let the people's mandate be betrayed in Himachal Pradesh," Ramesh told reporters.

"We cannot lose the people's mandate through BJP's 'Operation Lotus' as only people can take it back," Ramesh asserted.

He said accountability will also be fixed for cross-voting in the Rajya Sabha poll in Himachal Pradesh, which the Con-



gress nominee lost.

"Individual's interests are not important as the party is supreme," Ramesh said, adding that the people's mandate needs to be respected.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also said in a democracy, the general public has the right to choose the government

of their choice.

The people of Himachal used this right and formed the Congress government with a clear majority, she said.

"But BJP wants to crush this right of the people of Himachal by misusing the money power, power of agencies and power of the Centre.

The way BJP is using

government security and machinery for this purpose is unprecedented in the history of the country," Gandhi said on X.

"If a party with 25 MLAs is challenging the majority of 43 MLAs, then it clearly means that it is dependent on horse-trading of representatives.

This attitude of theirs is unethical and unconstitutional. The people of Himachal and the country are watching everything. The BJP, which did not stand with the people of the state during the natural disaster, now wants to push the state into political disaster," she said in a post in Hindi.

Assam: Congress leader Rana Goswami resigns, likely to join BJP



GUWAHATI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Congress leader Rana Goswami resigned from the party on Wednesday, and headed to New Delhi where he is likely to join BJP.

Goswami, who resigned as the working president of the

state Congress recently, is the former MLA of Jorhat.

Soon after sending the resignation letter to Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal, he went to New Delhi where he is likely to meet BJP president JP Nadda and join

the party.

Asked about the speculations of Goswami switching sides, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said he had no information about it, but "he is a powerful leader of the Congress and if he joins the BJP, I will welcome it".

Earlier this month, Congress MLA Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha resigned as state Congress working president and along with another party legislator, Basanta Das, expressed support for the BJP-led government's "development agenda".

Akhilesh Yadav Summoned As Witness By CBI In Illegal Mining Case: Sources

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has been summoned as a witness by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for questioning in the illegal mining case. Sources in the probe agency said that the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister will be questioned tomorrow.



Mr Yadav held the mining department between 2012 and June 2013. The cases of illegal mining were reported from seven districts of Uttar Pradesh,

Shamli, Kaushambi, Fatehpur, Deoria, Saharanpur, Hamirpur and Siddharthnagar.

It has been alleged that government officials had allocated some illegal mining sites by flouting rules and regulations between the year 2012 and 2016. Mining rights were also given in violation of NGT orders, the agency added.

Kerala Man sentenced to 51yrs imprisonment for rape of minor stepdaughter

IDUKKI, Feb 28 (Agencies): A Kerala court on Wednesday convicted and sentenced a 40-year-old man to a cumulative 51 years imprisonment for the rape of his then 17-year-old stepdaughter in 2018 at their residence in Munnar here. Devikulam Fast Track Special Court (POCSO)

judge Sirajudheen P A sentenced the accused to varying jail terms for offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the IPC for a total of 51 years, special public prosecutor (SPP) Smiju K Das said.

However, the man will

serve 20 years in prison as sentences have to be served concurrently and that was the highest jail term announced by the judge, the SPP said. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1.55 lakh on the convict which shall be given to the victim, the prosecutor said.

The court also recom-

mended compensation to be provided to the victim as per the Victim Compensation Scheme and give a direction for the same to the District Legal Services Authority, Idukki-Thodupuzha, the SPP said.

The girl was raped on three separate days in November 2018 when

the victim's mother was not at home, the prosecutor said.

The stepfather, who was 34-years-old at the time of the incident, had also intimidated the victim by threatening to kill her and her mother if she disclosed to anybody about the crime, the SPP said.

Zelensky will co-host summit in Albania seeking more war support from southeastern Europe

TIRANA, Feb 28 (Agencies): Ukraine's president will co-host a summit with Albania's government on Wednesday that is meant to encourage further support for Kyiv by southeastern European countries, as signs of fatigue grow two years after Russia's full-scale invasion.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky arrived before midnight Tuesday on the latest stop in an international tour that saw him in Saudi Arabia earlier Tuesday to push for a peace plan and the return of prisoners of war from Russia.

Zelensky on Wednesday called Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama "Ukraine's unwavering friend" in a message on X, formerly Twitter, adding the two would "discuss defense and political cooperation, support for the Peace Formula, and security agreements."

"I will propose supporting Ukraine's efforts to achieve just and lasting peace, as well as organizing the Global Peace Summit in Switzerland," he said, referring to the summit.



Zelensky is accompanied by Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.

Rama wrote on Facebook that he was proud to welcome Zelensky for "a solidarity meeting and to further the commitment of our democracies against Russian aggression."

Securing further support is key to Ukraine's leader while his country faces battlefield challenges. Zelensky on Sunday announced that 31,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed in action since Russia's invasion — the first time that Kyiv had confirmed the number

of its losses.

Ukraine has urged Western leaders to increase the joint production of weapons and ammunition, improve Ukrainian air defenses and put new pressure on Russia via expanded sanctions. The head of NATO has said the U.S.-led military alliance has no plans to send troops to Ukraine, and Germany, Poland and other countries this week have said the same.

Thirteen countries from southeastern Europe, including some of Ukraine's neighbors, are expected to attend the Albania summit, along with officials from

the European Union and other international institutions.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Albania earlier this month.

not all the countries are in full support for Ukraine in its war against Russia. Kremlin ally Serbia is the only European country that has refused to align with EU sanctions following Russia's invasion. It continues signing cooperation agreements with Moscow.

Albania, a NATO member since 2009 and a candidate for EU membership, has voiced its full support for Kyiv against Russia's invasion. It has provided military assistance in the form of ammunition and training of Ukrainian military. It was among the first countries offering shelter to Ukrainian refugees. It has joined international sanctions against Russian officials and institutions.

As a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council in the last two years, Albania joined the U.S. in initiating resolutions against Russia's invasion.

US Spacecraft, Russian Satellite Set For A Risky Encounter In Space: NASA

the spacecraft are expected to miss each other, a collision could result in significant debris



WASHINGTON, Feb 28 (Agencies): The U.S. Department of Defense is monitoring a close pass between NASA's Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetics and Dynamics Mission (TIMED)

spacecraft and the Russian Cosmos 2221 satellite, NASA said in a blog post early Wednesday.

Although the spacecraft are expected to miss each other, a collision could result in

significant debris, the U.S. space agency said, adding that it was continuing to monitor the situation with the Department of Defense. The statement did not say how close the spacecraft would come to each other.

The two satellites, which cannot manoeuvre, are expected to make their closest pass about 1:30 am EST (0630 GMT) on Feb. 28, at an altitude of about 373 miles (600 km), NASA said.

The TIMED mission is studying the influence of the Sun and humans on the Earth's mesosphere, lower thermosphere and ionosphere.

Russia jails Ukrainian man for 11.5 years on espionage charges

MOSCOW, Feb 28 (Agencies): A court in southern Russia has jailed a Ukrainian man for eleven-and-a-half years after convicting him of espionage for trying to procure secret missile components for Ukraine, Russian news agencies reported on Wednesday.

The agencies cited Russia's FSB security service as saying that the man, who it named as 57-year-old Sergei Krivitsky, was an agent for Ukrainian military intelligence. They did not say whether he pleaded guilty or not.

The FSB was cited as saying that he had tried to buy secret com-



ponents for Russia's S-300 surface-to-air missile system in order to smuggle them into Ukraine.

The FSB said Krivitsky was a resident of Melitopol, a Ukrainian city taken by Russian forces in early 2022 as part of what Moscow

calls its special military operation. Moscow says Melitopol is now part of Russia, something Kyiv and the West reject.

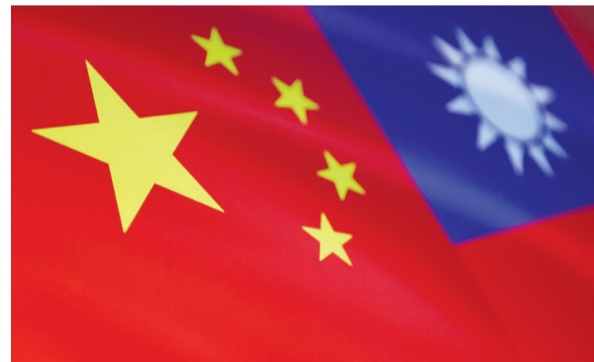
In 2023, Russia opened 31 espionage cases and 98 treason cases, the highest number since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union.

11 Chinese Ships Spotted Near Taiwan Amid Tensions Over Deadly Boat Sinking

TAIPEI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Eleven Chinese naval vessels were detected around Taiwan, Taipei's defence ministry said on Wednesday, the highest number this year as a row between the island and China over a fatal fishing boat incident drags on.

A Chinese speedboat carrying four people capsized on February 14 near Taiwan's Kinmen islands while being pursued by the Taiwanese coast guard, throwing all on board into the water.

Two of the crew died and two others were rescued and temporarily detained in Kinmen -- a territory administered by



Taipei but located just five kilometres (three miles) from China's city of Xiamen.

The incident occurred against a backdrop of already-heightened tensions between China and Taiwan, a self-ruled island that Beijing claims as part of its territory.

A survivor reportedly

claimed the boat was "rammed" after returning to the mainland, though Taiwan insists the coast guard was following legitimate procedures.

In the 24 hours leading up to 6:00 am on Wednesday (2200 GMT Tuesday), Taiwan's defence ministry said China sent 15 war-

planes, 11 naval vessels and one balloon into the waters and skies around the island.

The ministry said at least 15 more Chinese warplanes had been detected since then.

The number of Chinese naval ships was more than the usual four to six spotted in a 24-hour window, and the highest so far this year, according to Taiwan's official data.

In December, 11 Chinese naval vessels were detected around Taiwan in the run-up to its January presidential elections -- won by Lai Ching-te, whom Beijing has called a "separatist".

On Monday, one Chi-

nese maritime surveillance ship and four Chinese coast guard boats briefly entered prohibited or restricted waters around Kinmen, according to Kuan Bi-ling, minister of Taiwan's Ocean Affairs Council, which supervises the coast guard.

Beijing has accused Taiwanese authorities of "seeking to evade their responsibilities and hide the truth" about the February 14 incident, while a Taiwanese coast guard official has said the boat involved was zigzagging, "lost its balance and capsized" while trying to evade a patrol vessel.

Families of hostages held in Gaza launch a 4-day march to demand their freedom

JERUSALEM, Feb 28 (Agencies): The families of hostages held in Gaza and their supporters are launching a four-day march from southern Israel to Jerusalem to demand their loved ones be set free.

The march comes as negotiations are underway in Qatar to bring about a deal between Hamas and Israel that would lead to a cease-fire in exchange for the release of hostages. U.S. President Joe Biden has said such a deal was at hand but officials from Israel and Hamas were skeptical of his optimism.

Negotiators from the U.S., Egypt and Qatar are working on a framework deal under which Hamas would free some of the dozens of hostages it holds, in exchange for the release of Palestinian prisoners and a six-week halt in fighting.

During the temporary pause, negotiations would continue over the release of the remaining hostages.

The war has unleashed a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and sparked global concern over the situation in Rafah, Gaza's southernmost town along the border with Egypt, where 1.4 million Palestinians have sought safety from Israel's daily bombardments.

Nearly 30,000 Palestinians have been killed after almost five months of Israel's war in the Gaza Strip, according to the Health Ministry, which does not distinguish in its count between fighters and noncombatants. Israel says it has killed 10,000 militants, without providing evidence.

The war began after Hamas-led militants stormed across



southern Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking about 250 others hostage.

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Wednesday that at least 29,954 people have been killed in the Palestinian

territory during the war between militants and Israel.

The toll includes at least 76 deaths in the past 24 hours, while 70,325 people have been wounded since the conflict began on October 7, a ministry statement said.

China "Will Provide Wisdom" For Political Settlement In Russia-Ukraine War

BEIJING, Feb 28 (Agencies): China says it is a neutral party in the Ukraine war but has been criticised for refusing to condemn Moscow for its invasion in February 2022.

Beijing released a paper last year calling for a "political settlement" to the conflict, which Western countries said could enable Russia to retain much of the territory it has seized in Ukraine.

China said on Wednesday the "most urgent thing at the moment is to restore peace".

"In the past two years, we have never given up in our efforts to promote peace and have never stopped promoting talks," foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a briefing.

"Everything we have done leads to one target, which is to build consensus to end the war and pave the way for peace talks," she said.

"We will continue to play our unique

role, conduct shuttle diplomacy, build consensus among all parties, and contribute Chinese wisdom to promote a political settlement of the Ukrainian crisis," Mao said.

China and Russia have in recent years ramped up economic cooperation and diplomatic contacts, and their strategic partnership has grown closer since the invasion of Ukraine.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin declared during a summit in Moscow last year that ties were "entering a new era".

And in Russia this week, China's Vice Foreign Minister Sun Weidong declared relations "are at their best period in history".

Analysts say China holds the upper hand in the relationship with Russia and that its sway is growing as Moscow's international isolation deepens.

A small drone flies into a damaged Fukushima reactor for the first time to study its melted fuel

TOKYO, Feb 28 (Agencies): A drone small enough to fit in one's hand flew inside one of the damaged reactors at the wrecked Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant Wednesday in hopes it can examine some of the molten fuel debris in areas where earlier robots failed to reach.

Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings also began releasing the fourth batch of the plant's treated and diluted radioactive wastewater into the sea Wednesday.

The government and TEPCO, the plant's operator, say the water is safe and the process is being monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency, but the discharges have faced strong opposition by fishing groups, as well as a Chinese ban on Japanese seafood.

A magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami in March 2011 destroyed the plant's power supply and cooling systems, causing three reactors to melt down. The government and TEPCO plan to remove the massive amount of fatally radioactive melted nuclear fuel that remains inside each reactor — a daunting decommissioning process that's already been delayed for years and mired by technical hurdles and a lack of data.

To help fill in that data, a fleet of four drones were set to fly one at a time into the hardest-hit No. 1 reactor's primary containment vessel.

TEPCO has sent a number of probes — including a crawling robot and an underwater vehicle — inside each of the three reactors, but got hindered by debris, high radiation and inability to navigate them through the rubble, though they were able to gather some data in recent years.

In 2015, the first robot to go inside the reactor got stuck on a grate. Some helpful information came from the mission, but the crawling robot had to be abandoned.

Wednesday's drone flight comes after months of preparations and training that began in July at a nearby mockup facility outside of the plant.

The drones, each weighing only 185 grams (6.5 ounces), are highly maneuverable and the blades hardly stir up dust, making it a popular model for factory safety checks. It's nearly a square of about 18 centimeters (7 inches) on both sides, 5 centimeters (2 inches) thick, and carries a front-loaded high definition camera to send live video and a higher-quality images to an operating room.

In part due to battery life, the drone investigation inside of the reactor is limited to a 5-minute flight each.

TEPCO officials said they plan to use the new data to develop technology for future probes as well as a process to remove the melted fuel from the

reactor in the coming years.

The data will also be used in the investigation of how exactly the 2011 meltdown occurred.

First, two drones were to inspect the area around the exterior of the main structural support in the vessel, called the pedestal, before deciding if the other two could be sent inside to the area previous probes could not reach.

The pedestal is directly under the reactor's core. Officials hope to film the core's bottom to find out how overheated fuel dripped there in 2011.

About 880 tons of highly radioactive melted nuclear fuel remain inside the three damaged reactors. Critics say the 30- to 40-year cleanup target set by the government and TEPCO for Fukushima Daiichi is overly optimistic. The damage in each reactor is different, and plans need to be formed to accommodate their conditions.

TEPCO's goal is to remove a small amount of melted debris from the least-damaged No. 2 reactor as a test case by the end of March by using a giant robotic arm, but was forced to delay due to difficulty removing a deposit blocking its entry. That monthlong postponement comes in addition to its already nearly two-year delay, underscoring the difficulty and uncertainty of the decommissioning process.

CEO Kupwara organizes Medical Assessment Camp for visually impaired on 3rd consecutive day

Top News Report

KUPWARA, Feb 28: Chief Education Officer (CEO) Kupwara organized Medical Assessment Camp for Children with Special Needs (CWSN) for Visually impaired & Hearing impaired Children under Inclusive Education Component of Samagra Shiksha J&K (U.T) in collaboration with DSSC (Doctor Shahs Sight Centre Kupwara) & Inclusive Education Team of CEO Kupwara. Visually impaired CWSN were assessed by Dr Faisal Qayoom Shah MBBS, MS, FVR, & Dr Bilal Ahmed Mir MBBS, MS, Consultant Ophthalmology assisted by medical technocrats



with latest and modern equipments and Hearing impaired CWSN were assessed by CREA-SOUL Hearing and SPEECH Clinic Budgam wherein 20 VI students and 26 students with Hearing impairment from Trehgam, Villgam & Kralpora Education Zones were assessed

and recommended for supportive devices so as enable them to continue their studies parallel to normal students for their happy and independent livelihood, strive and thrive for the society as well. The initiative of Education department for proper care and such steps for these special

section of people which are part and parcel of our society was highly appreciated by the locals of area especially parents of CWSN.

Appropriate seating and heating arrangements were put in place by HOI & his supporting staff under guidance of Principal Mr Paul for smooth & successful Conduct of camp in extreme cold climate. CEO Kupwara Abdul Majeed Dar & District Coordinator Javid Wani told media that it was 3rd consecutive Medical Assessment Camp under Inclusive Education Component of Samagra Shiksha and all students falling under this category shall be covered throughout the District

under assessment and recommend for supportive devices as required and shall be followed as per the calendar already circulated by this office for the benefit and betterment of special class of our student community and appealed parents / guardians of CWSN to bring their children at the designated venues accessible to them to avail this benefit in the forthcoming camp as scheduled in case of left out also (if any).

The medical camp concluded in a pleasant atmosphere and all measures were taken for the safety of our special Children. Arrangements made by HOI GMS Bunkpora Trehgam were upto mark.

VKMI celebrates National Science Day in HLF Higher Secondary School

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: To commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928, "National Science Day" was celebrated by Vichar Kranti Manch International (VKMI) in Himmat Learning Field (HLF) Higher Secondary School.

Rich tributes were paid Sir Chandrasekhar Venkatesh Raman, who was felicitated with Nobel Prize in physics in 1930, He was first Asian to receive this prestigious award in the field of Science.

C M Sharma, School Chairman, narrated Life History of CV Raman, born on 7th November 1988 in Tiruchirappalli Madras, Presidency British India, now Tamilnadu India. He did his BA, MA, from the University of Madras.

He was also awarded Fellow of the Royal Society (1924), Matteucci Medal(1928), Knight Bachelor (1930), Hughes Medal (1930), Bharat Ratna(1954), Lenin Peace Prize (1957)

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, State Chairman Indian Yoga Association & President Vichar Kranti Manch International, was Guest of Honor on the occasion, said Raman was Indian Physicist known for his work in the field of Light Scattering.

Using a spectrograph that he developed, he and his student K S Krishnan discovered that when light transverse a transparent material, the deflected light changes its wavelength and frequency.



This phenomenon, a hitherto unknown type of scattering of light, which is called 'Modified Scattering', was subsequently termed as Raman Effect or Raman Scattering, he said.

Indu Sharma, School Principal, while presenting vote of thanks, inspired the students to adopt a career in Science & Technology. Science has made human life easy and relaxed. Science has given us education new techniques, smart classrooms, multimedia, E- Books, technical understanding, new vision, easy conversation, operating systems, pacemaker, Sophisticated Fitness equipments, wellness Apps, on line Doctors, Smart phones, Auto-

mobiles, Computers, new agriculture techniques, New irrigation Schemes, Anatomy of Human body, Treatment of Incurable diseases, Surgeries, X-rays, MRIs, EEG, ECG and what not is available as gift of Science.

This year's Themes " Indigenous Technologies for Vikshit Bharat," was also discussed. Other Teachers Jasmeet Kour, Kamins Devi, Sajni Gupta, Sarita & Sahil Gupta also expressed their viewpoints.

Indian Air Force personnel will unfurl Tricolour in space: Raman

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 28: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announcing the names of the four astronauts-designate who have been undergoing training for the country's maiden human spaceflight programme Gaganyaan, is a proud moment for India. The relentless efforts of Indian scientists, engineers, defence personnel and the immense support of Prime Minister besides Union Minister in PMO Dr Jitendra Singh to the space mission has led to this day, when we are close to launching the indig-

enous human space flight.

Raman Suri congratulated the four astronauts-designate, who were called "four Shakti" by PM Modi — Group Captains Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Angad Pratap, Ajit Krishnan, and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla — and wished them good luck for their well-being and endeavour to fulfil the aspirations of Indians. These officers of the Indian Airforce underwent rigorous training at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre at Russia for four years and will soon be a part of the country's first manned space mission.

The BJP leader said that it is after four decades that Indians will be travelling to space.

This, he added, will further strengthen India's resolve to complete the manned mission to Moon in years to come and, also set up a space station. He congratulated Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, for making India self-reliant in space technology.

Now that four astronauts-designate have been bestowed with the prestigious 'astronaut wings' by our Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi, it has sent jubilation amongst Indians espe-

cially, the science students and our defence forces. Prime Minister's words that "this time around, the countdown, the timing, and even the rocket would be ours," is not only encouraging but also an indication that India is poised to become self-reliant and a power to reckon with, Raman Suri asserted.

Raman Suri added that the Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme will be the best example of Made in India programme launched by the BJP Government at the Centre. He said, those doubting the credentials of Modi government must see how swiftly the nation is progressing in every field. He also congratulated the Indian Space Research

Organisation (ISRO) scientists in making preparations for the launch of India's indigenous human space mission in months to come, adding that the recent space infrastructure projects inaugurated by PM Modi which include — 'Trisonic Wind Tunnel' at Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), the new 'Semi-Cryogenics Integrated Engine and Stage Test Facility' at ISRO Propulsion Complex at Mahendragiri (Tamil Nadu), and the PSLV Integration Facility (PIF) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR) in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota, will provide world-class technical facilities for the space sector.

NOTICE

I, Mohd Yaseen, S/o Abdul Majeed Wani, R/o Village Bheja P/o Katyra Additional District Bhadarwah district Doda, am applying for Upgradation of as "DEE" to "CEE" class contractor card, bearing card registration no. 03/DEE/PWD/2020-21. Objections if any may be reported to (PWD/R&B) District Office Doda within 07 days of the publication of this notice.

NOTICE

I, Sahil Sharma, S/O Vijay Kumar Sharma, R/O VPO Jib Teh and Distt Udhampur J&K have lost my Airforce Canteen Liquor Card. Now I am applying for duplicate of the same. Objection if any may contact to concerned authority with in seven days.

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JK Assembly polls before September, says LG Sinha

elections, Sinha assured that they would be held before September, alongside the restoration of statehood at an appropriate time. He clarified that the Election Commission is responsible for conducting Assembly polls, and the government stands prepared whenever they decide.

On the topic of talks with Pakistan, Sinha reiterated the clear stance of the Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir administration: no negotiations until Pakistan alters its approach.

Sinha underscored a significant decline in violence and casualties in Jammu and Kashmir, with reduced security force deployment compared to the past.

Army opens fire on Pakistani Drone in Poonch

Mendhar and Krishna Ghati sectors, the officials said.

The incident happened late Tuesday, prompting a search operation to ensure that there was no airdropping of weapons or narcotics by the drone, they said.

The operation was on when the last reports were received, they added.

The troops also opened fire after observing suspicious movement near the LoC in the Sarla area of the Poonch sector on Tuesday night. The area was searched and nothing was found on the ground, officials said.

'Beautiful experience': Sachin Tendulkar shares memorable moments from Kashmir trip

with army personnel. He also engaged in a game of roadside cricket with local youngsters in Uri.

In his post, Tendulkar encouraged people worldwide to visit Jammu and Kashmir, describing it as one of the many jewels of Incredible India.

SC grants bail to man after noting delay by J&K High Court

Supreme Court with a grievance that his bail plea had been pending before the High Court for over six months without a decision.

When the matter was first heard by the top court, it was informed that the bail plea had been pending before the High Court since May 2023.

On January 30, 2024, the Supreme Court had directed the High Court to decide on the bail plea as soon as possible.

"We fail to appreciate the speed at which the High Court is dealing in the matter pertaining to the personal liberty of a citizen. The bail matter ought to be decided as expeditiously as possible," the top court had said in its January 30 order.

However, the bail plea remained pending before the High Court. Whereas the matter was listed before the High Court on February 23, it could not be taken up due to paucity of time and was adjourned.

In view of this, the Supreme Court proceeded to decide on the bail plea and allowed the accused man's release on bail.

Homestays introduced near International Border to boost border tourism in Samba

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has recently given its nod for the construction of homestays in the close vicinity of the famous Baba Chamliyal shrine in Ramgarh sector to boost border tourism amid prevailing peace on the borders.

Considered a symbol of Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in the past, the famous shrine of Baba Chamliyal on the zero line attracts thousands of devotees from across the country, especially on the occasion of the annual fair in the middle of the year.

Delegations from Pakistan used to come to pay obeisance at the shrine during the annual fair but the practice was stopped after cross-border firing left four BSF personnel including an Assistant Commandant dead on June 13, 2018.

Last year, a BSF jawan was killed in Pakistan Rangers firing in Ramgarh sector during the intervening night of November 8-9, the first loss of life on this side after the renewed ceasefire was agreed upon by the two countries on February 25, 2021.

Bhatti, who has come up with a double-storey homestay at his Dagh Channi village of Fatwal, has also constructed a well-furnished underground bunker with a twin

objective to make the visitors feel living on the borders and as a safety measure to prevent any damage in case of shelling from across the border.

"On your visit to the border, you will see everything but not the bunker, which we are using during cross-border shelling. The one who had not seen this bunker (during the border visit) has seen nothing," Bhatti said.

He said they have constructed the underground bunker also to ensure the safety of the visitors in case there is firing or shelling from the other side. "As former Prime Minister A B Vajpayee had said, we cannot change our neighbour but we have to remain prepared to avoid getting caught in unwanted situations."

Samba Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma said there are many locations along the 55-km International Border in the district which have the potential to attract tourists in large numbers like Chamliyal shrine, 300-year-old temple Bamu chak, Baba Bali Karan and Baba Sidh Gorla shrines.

"Both the centre and J-K administration are focusing on the promotion of border tourism. Last year, visitors to Chamliyal shrine faced accommodation problems and to bridge this gap, we are promoting homestays," Sharma said.

He said there is an encouraging response from the border residents, especially young entrepreneurs who are ready to convert their homes into homestays.

"The district administration, Municipal Committee and Central University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide a hand-holding to the owners of 40 identified homestay owners, both in online and offline mode, to guide them and promote their business," the deputy commissioner said.

He said the people like to visit international borders and the government has come out with a border tourism promotion strategy to enhance the economy of the local population.

"The BSF has a strong coordination and communication with the administration. The BSF is also happy about people visiting border villages as it generates nationalistic fervour among the visitors as well," Sharma said.

The visitors can also witness farming along the zero line, while the administration is planning to turn community bunkers at Ramgarh and Samba into model bunkers by setting up a gym or a library as part of the campaign to ensure proper usage of the structures.

"We are seeing that the bunkers constructed for the protection of the border residents are not properly used or maintained and utilised for other purposes. We have started a campaign so that the space is properly used," the deputy commissioner said.

Om Prakash, a resident of Chamliyal, welcomed the government scheme and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring peace on the borders.

"Earlier, cross-border shelling was a routine but now peace is prevailing on the borders and new opportunities are opening for the villagers," he said, adding that the border residents want everlasting peace so that the people, who are mostly farmers, can tend their land on both sides without any fear.

Chairman of Baba Chamliyal shrine, Billu Choudhary also thanked the government for the step and said, "Our village is situated just two kilometres from the IB and we want the people to come in large numbers. A person coming from Delhi or Mumbai has only heard about the borders and on reaching here, he can have a feel of the ground situation." "Homestays provide an opportunity to mingle and know each other's culture besides earning some bucks," he said, adding they have never thought of such a situation developing on the borders which was always roaring with gunfire and mortar shelling.

Himachal Pradesh speaker suspends 15 BJP MLAs, adjourns house

demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

The move comes a day after the BJP on Tuesday won the state's lone Rajya Sabha seat with its candidate Harsh Mahajan defeating Congress stalwart Abhishek Manu Singhvi due to cross-voting by MLAs of the state's ruling Congress party.

Kashmir valley bracing for major snowfall tomorrow: MeT

disruption of surface and air transport. The weather will remain partly cloudy with light snow over isolated higher reaches on Wednesday. The MeT centre said an active Western disturbance is most

likely to affect J&K and adjoining areas from February 29 evening/night onwards and can cause widespread moderate rain/snow in Jammu and Kashmir night/early morning of March 1 and till the afternoon of March 3, with its peak activity on March 2.

"The above system is most likely to cause heavy to very heavy rain or snow over the Pirpanjal Range of Jammu Division and the middle and higher reaches of Kashmir Division, including Anantnag-Pahalgam, Kulgam, Sinthan Pass, Shupiyar-Pir Ki Gali, Sonamarg-Zojila, Bandipora-Razdan Pass, Gulmarg, and Kupwara-Sachna Pass," it said.

The weather activity may lead to disruption of surface and air transport, including the Jammu-Srinagar national highway and other major roads in the middle and higher reaches of J&K.

People living in snow-bound areas have been asked to avoid venturing into sloppy and avalanche-prone areas.

There are chances of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones, most likely over the vulnerable areas. Farmers have also been advised to withhold all farm operations during the first week of March, it added. Kashmir witnessed a prolonged dry spell this year. But in recent weeks, the valley has received two significant spells of snowfall.

Meanwhile, nighttime temperatures improved in Kashmir Valley and stayed above normal in all major stations on Wednesday. The MeT office said that the minimum temperature during the intervening nights of Tuesday and Wednesday in Srinagar was recorded at 4.5 °C, against the 1.0°C recorded the previous night. It was 3.0°C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Qazigund on Srinagar-Jammu national had a low of 2.0.2, and Kokernag in south Kashmir settled at 1.1°C recorded the previous night. The minimum temperature at Gulmarg improved but remained the coldest place, with a low of -5.6°C against -6.4°C the previous night. It was 0.2°C above normal for the famous ski resort of North Kashmir.

The mercury at the tourist resort of Pahalgam settled at -2.6°C against the -1.3°C recorded the previous night, and it was 1.6°C above normal for the tourist hot spot of south Kashmir. Kupwara also had a low of 1.0°C against 0.4°C, and it was 1.0°C above normal for the frontier north Kashmir district on Wednesday, the MeT office said.

GDC Thannamandi celebrates National Science Day

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Feb 28: The Department of Botany in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) under the aegis of IQAC of GDC Thannamandi celebrated National Science Day as part of Viksit Bharat @2047 Abhiyan here today.

On this occasion a Seminar on the theme "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat" organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal

of the College. Dr. Ashaq Malik, IQAC Coordinator and Head, Department of Botany was resource person whereas Anuj Bali, Vice President, IIC and Librarian of the College co-ordinated the event.

Prof. Farooq Ahmed said that the groundbreaking discovery of Sir C.V. Raman popularly known as "Raman Effect" that brought the first Nobel Prize for South Asia in general and India in particular in 1930 is the source of inspiration for younger

generation of scientists and scholars in many ways. He emphasized upon the need of promotion of indigenous technologies to make our nation a truly developed nation and fully self-reliant by 2047. The institution Innovation Council can play pivotal role in igniting spirit of innovation and creativity among budding minds, he added.

Dr. Ashaq Malik, in his lecture, explained the life, works and unparalleled contribution of Sir CV Raman in optics and

acoustics and relevance of celebrating Science Day. He underlined the remarkable role of Sir Raman in establishing nearly every Indian research institution in his time, setting up the Indian Journal of Physics and the Indian Academy of Sciences, besides training hundreds of students who demonstrated prominence in different fields. The student speakers including Noushin Qureshi, Aqsa Raina, Saba Naz, Mehtab Khan and Razak Mirza also deliberated

upon scope of innovations in Science and Technology and how youth and students can contribute in nation building while seeking inspiration from Sir CV Raman and other leading scientists of the country. Earlier, Anuj Bali welcomed the audience and conducted the proceedings of the programme. Misba Dar student of B.Sc 6th Semester presented the formal vote of thanks. A large number of students and staff members were present on the occasion.

Rare bladder tumour operated with robotic surgery successfully

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH, Feb 28: A rare bladder tumour was operated upon successfully with robotic surgery at Max Hospital, Mohali recently.

A 32-year-old patient, who was initially undergoing treatment for trans-urethral resection of bladder tumor in Patiala was admitted at Max with severe lower abdominal pain.

Giving information, Dr. Muninder Singh Randhawa senior urologist said that the tumor was affecting both the bladder and left ureter thus causing significant pain and urinary complications.

Due to the rarity of tumor, cystoscopy and ga dotanoc Pet CT were



done. Surprisingly, the patient did not exhibit common symptoms associated with paragangliomas, such as headaches or high blood pressure. The comprehensive evaluation led to the decision for a partial cystectomy and ureteric re-implantation which is a complex surgical procedure, maintained Dr. Randhawa.

He further said that the

significance of complete tumor removal for effective treatment highlighting the precision was achieved through robotic surgery.

The success of the surgery, coupled with the patient's smooth recovery post-operation, underscores the hospital's commitment to employing advanced medical techniques for the treatment of rare and challenging medical conditions, he asserted.

This accomplishment serves as a testament to the expertise of the medical team at Max Hospital, Mohali while showcasing the pivotal role of robotic surgery in ensuring accurate and minimally invasive interventions.

Army organises Kotranka Cricket League at Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Feb 28: Army organised Kotranka Cricket League for youth of Rajouri District at Kotranka to reach out to resident youth.

The main motive behind this event was to positively engage the youth, promote healthy lifestyle and physical fitness. A total of 12 teams from different villages of Kotranka and Budhal sub division participated on knock out basis in the Kotranka Cricket League spreading over two days. All participating Teams supported by huge spectators displayed great enthusiasm & sportsman spirit during the Kotranka Cricket League.

In a thrilling final

match, Kandi Warriors lifted the winner's trophy by beating Kotranka Cricket Club. Mr Umar Gul was adjudged man of the match and man of the tournament respectively.

The Kotranka Cricket League culminated with positive engagement of young minds weaning away from getting involved in issues related to drug abuse, unlawful activities and channeling the energy of the youth in a positive direction and boost competitive skills.

Youth and inhabitants of areas expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude towards Indian Army for conducting Kotranka Cricket League & taking this noble initiative towards effective 'Youth Engagement'.

GDC Kathua organises Quiz on National Science Day

Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 28: Science Club, GDC Kathua organized an Interdisciplinary Quiz Competition to celebrate National Science Day under the patronage of Principal Prof. Seema Mir.

The event was convened by Prof. R. K. Pandita, Convener Science Club & HoD Zoology. The event commenced with the lighting of a traditional lamp by the Chief Guest of the function, Prof. Seema Mir along with senior faculties of the college. On this occasion, Prof. Mir congratulated the committee for organizing this knowledgeable event and appreciated the student's participation.

She commended all the teams for their hard work and encouraged them to continue exploring the realms of knowledge with passion and enthusiasm.

The proceedings of the Quiz Competition were conducted by Dr. Shiv Kumar in coordination with Prof. Shradha Anand, wherein, he briefed the rules at the outset and conveyed necessary instructions related to the contest.

There were four teams namely A, B, C and D, each comprising eight



students from various fields of science including Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, and Biotechnology. The competition, which was a testament to the dedication and hard work of the students, featured intense rounds of questions that delved into the depths of scientific knowledge.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as participants showcased their quick thinking, problem-solving abilities, and a comprehensive understanding of their respective fields.

The panel of judges for this prestigious event included Prof. Jagdish Lal, HOD Chemistry, Prof. Sanjeev Gupta, HOD Botany, and Prof. Ravinder Kour, Convener IQAC.

After an intense battle of wits and knowledge, Team B emerged as the winner, showcasing their

exceptional teamwork and depth of understanding across disciplines.

The winning team comprising Archana, Dishpreet, Roshini, Nishant Sharma, Khitzay Sharma, Shruti Sharma, Anmol Sharma and Meenakshi demonstrated not only their academic excellence but also their ability to collaborate effectively under pressure.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. R. K. Pandita, Convener Science Club.

The Science Club members who participated and organized the event were Prof. Pawan Kumar, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sharma and Dr. Daya Ram.

Other senior faculty members who were present on the occasion were Prof. Yash Pal, Prof. Kulbir Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar and Prof. Jagdish Lal.

Mahila Congress leaders extend support to injured colleague Shameema Iqbal

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 28: Vice President of Mahila Congress in Jammu & Kashmir, Shameema Khan, along with Shabnum, State General Secretary, Rahila, Raziya Jabeen, District President Srinagar, and Nargis, District Secretary Srinagar, led a delegation to visit the residence of Congress Leader Shameema Iqbal. The purpose of the visit was to inquire about her hand injury sustained due to a broken window.

On the direction of Shameema Raina, Mahila Congress President of Jammu & Kashmir, the delegation visited and expressed solidarity and concern for Shameema Iqbal's well-being.

They conveyed heartfelt wishes for her speedy recovery and offered any assistance she may require during her healing process.



This gesture underscores the unity and compassion among Mahila Congress leaders in Jammu & Kashmir. It exemplifies the ethos of the party in standing by its members and fostering a supportive environment within its ranks.

Furthermore, Shameema Iqbal's resilience serves as an inspiration to all, highlighting the strength and determination of women leaders within the Congress party. The visit also symbolizes the commitment of Mahila Congress to support its members in

times of need.

Shameema Raina's scheduled visit to Shameema Iqbal's residence today further reinforces the party's dedication to ensuring the well-being of its members. It reflects the proactive approach of Mahila Congress in addressing the concerns and challenges faced by its constituents.

In conclusion, the visit by Mahila Congress leaders to Shameema Iqbal's house signifies the unwavering support and solidarity within the party, showcasing a united front in times of adversity.

GLDM GDC Hiranagar visits Atal Tinkering Lab on National Science Day

Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, Feb 28: To commemorate the National Science Day, the students of Govt. Girdari Lal Dogra Memorial Degree College Hiranagar visited the Atal Tinkering Lab Housed in Bharatiya Vidya Mandir High School, Hiranagar.

A visit to the Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) was an enriching and educational experience for college students. ATLs are innovation spaces set up by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a government initiative in India, to foster creativity, problem-solving skills, and a spirit of innovation among students.

Upon arrival, students were introduced to the concept and purpose of the Atal Tinkering Lab.



The facilitator provided an overview of the AIM initiative, the role of ATLs in promoting innovation, and the resources available within the lab.

Students had the opportunity to explore various tools and equipment available in the ATL, such as 3D printers, robotics kits, electronic components, and other prototyping materials. The visit included the hands-on demonstrations and interactive sessions

with some of the tools.

The visit served as inspiration for students and demonstrated the practical applications of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) concepts.

The Principal, Dr. Pragya Khanna lauded the efforts put in by the school Management and congratulated the Principal, staff and the students of the school who were sent to ISRO under the Atal Scheme.

The Principal Dr. Pragya Khanna was accompanied by Dr. Poonam Kamotra, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma and Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma.

Dr. Pragya Khanna urged that the students the students may engage in guided mini-projects or workshops facilitated by ATL mentors. These activities could involve problem-solving challenges, basic coding exercises, or small-scale innovation

projects. Overall the day exposed college students to cutting-edge technologies and innovation and also inspired them to think critically and creatively to pursue their educational and career paths.

The Atal Labs are designed to promote curiosity and creativity in the minds of students plus inculcating design mindset, computational thinking and physical computing. The visit was extremely informative for the young minds as the working models prepared by the students of school as Chandra Yaan; Toys from waste and Bungalow's alarm etc were show cased. The students of the college were also given small assignment which was completed in due course of time.

OBC Tiranga Yatra reaches Reasi, shares Govt giving lollipop to OBC people



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REASI, Feb 28: The Eighth O.B.C. Adhikar Tiranga Yatra led by Working President of Udhampur District of O.B.C Adhikar Tiranga Yatra and Ashok Kumar, President of Barber Association accompanied by Kasturi Lal Basotra Chairmen Jammu & Kashmir O.B.C.Mahasabha along with Mohan Lal Pawar, Gen.Secretary, O.B.C Mahasabha, Sh.Faqir Chand Satia, President A.I.B.C.F, Kewal Fotra, General Secretary All J&K Sain Samaj, All J&K

O.B.C.Welfare Forum, Srinagar, Abdul Qadir, General Secretary, Dhobi Welfare Central Committee, Rehameen Malik, President Teeli community, Rakesh Kumar Verma, Viswakarma Sabha-Lohar Tarkhan Bira d ri, Balwant Katria, Vice-Chairman Vishwakarma Library New Plot and Bansil Lal Choudhary, Convener O.B.C Adhikar Tiranga Yatra started the 3rd day of four days yatra from 26.02.2024 to 29.04.2024 from Bhagat Sabha Reasi towards Zanana Park, Mohalla Muslim, and

main Bazaars and Reasi Bus Stand and then moves towards various villages and Sunderbani.

The JK-UT OBC masses rejected Govt.Lollipop of 12% reservation in JK-UT Govt.Services and 10% in Panchayati Raj System and in Municipalities as at present the JK-UT O.B.C.Masses have 42% population keeping in view the 32% as per census-1931.

So Caste census in the country is the main agenda of this yatra and there should be a separate column for O.B.C like Schedule caste and Scheduled Tribes.

While speaking at Reasi Dr.Nareish Kumar Verma, Senior leader of OBC Samaj detailed that Further it was also detailed that the O.B.C students of Pre-Matric Classes, Post-Matric classes and students of higher studies are not getting the Scholarships since three years due to which most of students have been compelled to leave their studies due their poorness.

DFSS holds protest against Congress leader for raising Pakistan zindabad slogans



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JAMMU, Feb 28: The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena (DFSS) under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a massive protest rally in Jammu city against the raising of Pakistan zindabad slogans by Naseer Hussain, political secretary of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, won Rajya Sabha election from Karnataka.

The party workers burned the effigy of Karnataka Chief Minister over his non action towards such a heinous sloganeering.

The party president stated that this is not

acceptable to any Indian as Pakistan has killed out soldiers and still trying to harm our nation through contraband and fake currency.

Anybody who raised such slogans shall be booked under the sedition act and string action should be taken against such person, he said.

Gupta stated that if congress really doesn't support such seditious act they should take action against the man and throw him out of the party.

The party workers present at protest were Abhishek, Goldie, Ashish, Raj Kumari, Geeta, Janki, Sushil, Bantu, Prem, Sahil.

Army conducts Motivational Lecture at GDC Doda

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DODA, Feb 28: In order to ensure peace and development in Jammu & Kashmir, the role of youth is of paramount significance, Indian Army is aligned with the Government's agenda to get the youngsters into mainstream and has been taking concrete steps to execute the same.

Indian Army conducted a motivational lecture with an overall theme to ignite the young minds at Government Degree College, Doda, inviting the esteemed civil speakers and social activists namely, Mehraz Malik who has conducted several campaigns and programmes across Kashmir to guide the youngsters towards a positive path and Abida Huseen War who is a Social activist working towards Women Empowerment, National Integration and Human Resource Development for Nation Building, to enlighten and engage with the students and youth.

The event aimed to promote harmony, peace and



understanding among the youth, emphasizing the importance of education and community engagement. A total of 300 students including 120 boys and 180 girls and 07 teachers attended the event.

The motivational talk organised by Indian Army brought together students, youth and local community to discuss the role of education, dialogue and empowerment to promote a culture of tolerance and inclusivity.

The speakers shared their insights and experiences, emphasizing the need for constructive engagement and mutual respect in building a peaceful society and the importance of education in the overall develop-

ment of society and Jammu & Kashmir.

They encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and aspirations, highlighting the power of education in shaping a positive future. The event concluded with an interactive session, allowing participants to ask questions and engage in meaningful discussions. The Indian Army reiterated its commitment to working closely with the community to promote a culture of peace and understanding and contribute towards the development of Jammu & Kashmir.

The efforts of the Army were appreciated by the college staff and the students.

Hanuma Vihari's fight with ACA: Aakash Chopra says he believes player's version

Aakash Chopra has said that he would like to believe the version of Hanuma Vihari in his feud with the Andhra Cricket Association.

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Aakash Chopra has said that he believes the version of Hanuma Vihari as the batter's row with the Andhra Cricket Association continues.

Vihari, following Andhra's loss to MP in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinals, would come out and making some shocking allegations as to how he was asked to give up captaincy.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Chopra said that he has huge respect for Vihari after the way he has battled injuries to play for both Andhra and the Indian national team over the years.

The former cricketer said that he would actually believe the version of the batter.

"Mud-slinging is happening, the blame game is happening from both sides. From a players' fraternity, you want to trust the player always. Hanuma Vihari



is not just any player. He battled for Andhra with one hand when he had a fracture in his hand."

"He has had an incredible journey. He has helped Andhra qualify. He has got the team together. I have huge respect for him, whether it was the Sydney match where he played with a torn hamstring and put his career on the line, and then he battled one-handed for Andhra. I would want to actually believe

Hanuma Vihari's version," said Chopra.

Hanuma Vihari's feud with ACA

Vihari, in a lengthy statement on Instagram, said that he was asked to resign after a run-in with a player, whose father, 'a politician', complained to the Andhra Pradesh Cricket Association.

The middle-order batter even shared a letter from his team-

mates with the state unit president, showcasing the backing he had from his teammates.

The 17th player, who later revealed himself to be KN Prudhviraj, said that Vihari was doing it to gain sympathy. The ACA also claimed that players were threatened to sign the letter of support.

In an exclusive interview, Vihari would go on to say that he wanted to let people know about the truth.

"I wanted to stand up for my rights. I put out a letter as well stating all the 15 players, excluding myself, and that players have stated they want me as the player and captain of the team. The team trusted me as a leader. I appreciate all the help which I have got in the last 24 hours. I came out to speak because people have to know the truth. That's why I came forward," said Vihari.

"He Is The Next MS Dhoni": Ex-India Star's Massive Praise For Rohit Sharma



NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Suresh Raina was all praise for Rohit Sharma for the player's leadership skills. Raina even compared the Indian team skipper to legendary captain MS Dhoni. The Indian cricket team, led by Rohit, recently sealed the five-match Test series against England with a game to go. India were trailing 0-1 before making a sensational comeback. Rohit and Co. won a hat-trick of matches against the Three Lions to keep India's home dominance intact. It was India's 17th consecutive Test series win on home soil.

"He is the next MS Dhoni. He has

done well. He has been giving a lot of chances to youngsters the way MS Dhoni did. I played a lot of cricket under MS Dhoni. Sourav Ganguly supported his team a lot. Then MS Dhoni came and led from the front. Rohit is going in the right direction. He is a brilliant captain," Raina told Times of India.

"Rohit has been amazing with his planning. He has been giving a lot of chances to the youngsters. The way he is rotating the players is something I have never seen in the last couple of years. Whenever the fast bowlers came in the last couple of years, we have seen injuries. But Rohit has been managing that really well," he added.

Former captain Nasser Hussain on Monday said that England should not feel ashamed of losing the Test series to India, as Rohit Sharma's side are the deserved winners in view of the skill-set as well as the mental toughness they possess.

England suffered their first Test series defeat of the 'Bazball' era after India beat them by five wickets in the fourth and penultimate Test in Ranchi to take an unassailable lead in the five-match affair.

Shreyas Iyer named in Mumbai squad for Ranji Trophy semifinal against Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer was named in Mumbai's 16-member squad for the Ranji Trophy semifinal against Tamil Nadu starting on March 2.

Mumbai qualified for the semifinals after their quarter-final clash against Baroda ended in a draw at the BKC Ground, with the 41-time champions making it to the final four on the basis of a first-innings lead. Lacking big runs and struggling with a back-lated issue again, the 29-year-old Iyer was not named in India's squad for the last three Tests against England.



Iyer, subsequently, also missed Mumbai's quarterfinal match along with all-rounder Shivam Dube. The timing of Iyer pulling out of the key Ranji clash coincided with BCCI secretary Jay Shah announcing that a directive would be issued to players to compulsorily play domestic matches. While Dube is on the mend having suffered a side strain issue, Iyer has recovered com-

pletely and will be available for the semifinal against Tamil Nadu.

Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane, Shreyas Iyer, Prithvi Shaw, Bhupen Lalwani, Amogh Bhalkal, Musheer Khan, Prasad Pawar, Hardik Tamore, Shardul Thakur, Shams Mulani, Tanush Kotian, Aditya Dhumal, Tushar Deshpande, Mohit Avasthi, Royston Dias, Dhawal Kulkarni.

Ranji Trophy semi-finals: Mumbai to host Tamil Nadu, Vidarbha vs MP in Nagpur

NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): Mumbai will play Tamil Nadu at home, while Vidarbha will host Madhya Pradesh in Nagpur in the Ranji Trophy semifinals, which begin on Saturday. The elite domestic tournament's final four-stage matches will be held at Nagpur's VCA Stadium and Mumbai's BKC Ground.

Mumbai are prepared to welcome Tamil Nadu for what is anticipated to be a thrilling contest at the BKC Ground. Both teams, rich in history and talent, are eyeing a spot in the final, adding an extra layer of excitement to their encounter. Mumbai, a powerhouse with a record 41 Ranji Trophy titles, will look to leverage their home advantage and rich vein of form, including remarkable performances like those by Tanush Kotian and Tushar Deshpande,



who etched their names into the record books with centuries batting at numbers 10 and 11 respectively.

Meanwhile, Vidarbha, having secured their semifinal berth with a commanding 127-run victory over Karnataka, is set to host Madhya Pradesh in Nagpur at the VCA Stadium. This match-up is particularly intriguing

given the coaching narrative; Chandrakant Pandit, the man at the helm for Madhya Pradesh, previously guided Vidarbha to consecutive titles in 2017-18 and 2018-19. His deep understanding of both teams adds a strategic depth to this clash, promising a chess match of cricketing tactics.

The journey to this stage has

been nothing short of dramatic, with Madhya Pradesh edging past Andhra by a mere four runs in the quarter-final, while Tamil Nadu dismantled defending champions Saurashtra with a comprehensive innings and 33 runs victory, thanks in part to R Sai Kishore's exceptional 9-wicket haul.

As the semifinals approach, the anticipation among fans and players alike is palpable. The cities of Nagpur and Mumbai are not just hosting cricket matches; they are the battlegrounds where dreams are pursued, and legends are born. With the stakes higher than ever, the Ranji Trophy semifinals are set to be a showcase of India's cricketing prowess, where resilience, skill, and passion will determine who advances to the ultimate showdown for the coveted title.

Novak Djokovic can't wait to perform at 'favourite Masters' Indian Wells

CALIFORNIA, Feb 28 (Agencies): Novak Djokovic has said that he is eager to perform well at the Indian Wells tournament following a five-year hiatus from the competition.

Djokovic has been away from the tournament since 2019 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. The 2020 edition was cancelled due to the outbreak of the pandemic and the Serbian star would miss the next three as the United States didn't allow unvaccinated foreigners to enter the country. Speaking in a video,

as quoted by agency, Djokovic said that Indian Wells is probably his favourite Masters tournament.

"It has been five years, way too long to not be part of the Tennis Paradise tournament, one of the best tournaments in the world without a doubt," Djokovic said in a video from the small, picturesque city in the Southern California desert. "It's probably the favorite Masters tournament of so many players including myself. I can't wait to come and perform once again in front of some of the best



tennis fans that we have on the tour."

Djokovic had won the Indian Wells for the first time in 2008 and said it was one of the greatest titles of his career at that point. The Serbian also said he was fortunate to win the event

four more times in his career and was happy to have played some great matches against Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal at the time.

"The first time I won the title in Indian Wells, it was one of the greatest titles of my career at

that point. I remember I played Mardy Fish in the finals," he said.

"I was fortunate to win the tournament another four times and played some epic matches in the finals against (Roger) Federer and (Rafa) Nadal and many of the great players in that era. I'm really looking forward to coming back," said Djokovic.

The Indian Wells tournament is all set to run from March 3 to 17. Rafael Nadal, who had missed the Australian Open this year, is expected to play in the competition this time.

OTD: Virat Kohli blows away Sri Lanka in Hobart with 133 off 86 balls



NEW DELHI, Feb 28 (Agencies): On a radiant afternoon of February 28, 2012, in Hobart, Virat Kohli truly arrived on the international stage for India with one of the most iconic ODI knocks of all time.

He had already made a mark with 3100 runs from 81 matches, including eight centuries before the match against Sri Lanka. However, what unfolded that day would surpass all his previous achievements.

Facing a daunting target of 321 set by Sri Lanka, thanks to stellar innings by Tilakaratne Dilshan (160) and Kumar Sangakkara (100), India's pursuit began on a high note.

Openers Virender Sehwag and Sachin Tendulkar provided a brisk start, putting up 54 runs in just over six

overs. Despite their promising beginning, both openers departed without converting their starts into significant scores. It was then that Kohli, joining forces with Gautam Gambhir, took center stage.

Virat Kohli's carnage in Hobart

The task ahead was formidable. Sri Lanka's bowling arsenal, featuring the likes of Lasith Malinga, Nuwan Kulasekara, Farveez Mahroof, and Rangana Herath, was not to be underestimated.

Yet, Kohli's response was nothing short of spectacular. From the outset, he displayed an aggressive intent, confidently dispatching Malinga's yorker for a boundary early in his innings. Kohli's strategy was clear: keep the scoreboard ticking, seize every opportunity

for runs, and maintain the chase's momentum.

The partnership with Gambhir flourished, crossing the hundred-run mark, until the left-handed batter's dismissal at 63. With India still needing 121 runs from 76 balls, the pressure was mounting.

However, Kohli, now joined by Suresh Raina, unleashed an onslaught that would become the stuff of legend. The highlight came in the 35th over bowled by Malinga, where Kohli hammered 24 runs. The over unfolded with a sequence of 2, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4, leaving spectators and players alike in awe.

Kohli's masterclass ensured India overhauled the target in just 36.4 overs, marking one of the most exhilarating chases in cricket history. His unbeaten 133 off 86 balls was a testament to his extraordinary talent and his ability to thrive under pressure.

Since then, Kohli has gone on to solidify his position as one of the modern-day greats. The Indian star would go on to become the player with the most ODI hundreds in history, going past Sachin Tendulkar's record during the World Cup 2023.

Devon Conway injured, ruled out of New Zealand vs Australia 1st Test

WELLINGTON, Feb 28 (Agencies): New Zealand opener Devon Conway will miss the opening Test against Australia in Wellington due to the thumb injury he sustained in the recently concluded T20I series. Henry Nicholls has been called into the squad, although Will Young will most likely replace Conway at the top of the order. Conway injured his left thumb while wicket-keeping in the second T20I against Auckland on Friday. Initial scans

revealed no fracture, but he did not keep or bat following the blow, and was declared out of the series' third match. Further analysis revealed that the thumb had been damaged.

"It's disappointing for Devon to be ruled out on the eve of an important match," New Zealand coach Gary Stead said. "He's a class player batting at the top of the order for us and I know he was really looking forward to this series."

Conway's fitness will be evaluated further

during the week to determine the severity of the injury and the final diagnosis. The second Test will take place in Christchurch on March 8. New Zealand had also been concerned about Rachin Ravindra's fitness after the all-rounder suffered pain in his left knee and missed the final T20I, but Stead confirmed that the 24-year-old rising talent would be available to play at Basin Reserve.

New Zealand used four seamers in their last Test against South Africa, but

Stead believes this was a mistake in retrospect. However, considering the greenish tint of the pitch at Basin Reserve, they are likely to consider adding Scott Kugeleijn to the quartet of Tim Southee, Matt Henry, and William O'Rourke.

"I think in hindsight, we probably got that wrong the way that the pitch did behave," Stead said. "We've certainly got Mitch Santner here as that option and we'll certainly consider him

as well."

"We don't play Australia that often, which is strange considering that they're just across the Tasman there," Stead said. "But, look, they always set the benchmark and are current world Test champions and they are that for a reason. They're a very good side. But that's our opportunity. And that's for us to go out and I guess show our wares and we're certainly looking forward to the challenge that is ahead."

Gujarat Model of paper leakage is a gift to the people of UP & as also other states of India: AAP

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JAMMU, Feb 28: In a meeting at Jammu North Party office, the Senior AAP leaders Kuldeep Kumar Rao, Ramesh Lal Bhagat, Adv. Arvind Bandral, Adv. Dalvinder Bhagat, Ashni Matoo, Suresh Bhagat, Shadi Lal & Omparkash Sharma, while lashing at the central government & accusing it of issuing Nader Shahi Farmaan, they further lamented the Modi led Government for taking the countrymen for a ride by issuing un-mindful demonetization breaking the back bone of Indian economy in respect of lowest ever GDP; ill motivated three black Agriculture laws giving benefits to friendly Capitalists & taking the lives of about 750 farmers without showing a single word in remorse & now playing a cruel joke with crores of young qualified, unemployed youths of the country by bring-



ing in Agniveer Yojna, Modi Govt. is bound to eat a humble pie like withdrawing 3 farmers laws, the AAP leaders anticipated.

What will youths do after rendering 4 to 5 years service where they have "No Pension-Only Tension" they questioned and added that it is entirely against the future of youths of the Nation for which they will not forgive, the Capitalist friendly Modi Government in times to come, they made a forecast?

The AAP leaders further said that as regards the plight of highly educated frustrated unemployed youths, Gujarat Model of paper leakage where 22 cases surfaced in 5 years is being implemented in UP & other states of

India, including J&K-UT, playing with their future without estimating that the same youth generation has the capacity to change the government & pay in the same coin in the coming Lok Sabha elections.

The recent, on February 19, a police constable in Luknow had lodged a first information report (FIR) over a paper leak in his exam centre, within hours after the two-day exam ended. Despite that BJP's top leadership and officials continued to deny the allegations of paper leak.

The copy of the FIR, which says that around 150 questions that were found in a paper chit, carried by an accused applicant to the exam centre, were featured

in the question paper, indicating that the paper had been leaked in advance.

After initially denying the allegations of a paper leak, the UP home department under Chief Minister, Adityanath, on Saturday, February 24, said it had directed the UP Police Recruitment and Promotion Board (UPPRPB) to conduct fresh exams within six months. Of the 50 lakh applicants, over 43 Lakh candidates had appeared in four shifts of the exam held across two days for over 60,400 posts of constables in UP Police.

This is the gift of Gujarat Model of paper leakage to the people of UP & also other states of the country, including J&K-UT.

The AAP leaders further cautioned the countrymen in general & youths in particular to read between the lines & judge for themselves as to who is anti-youths, anti-farmers, anti-labourers, anti-workers, anti small traders, anti employees etc.

In fact, the ruling Party is working on the policy to keep 95% people poor and 5% wealthy to fund & rule which is very dangerous for unity & integrity of Country, the AAP leaders cautioned & appealed to reject the spent forces who have exploited & deceived people in the name of region & religion & have only sold "Pseudo-Secularism & Pseudo-Nationalism" over the past 74 years & tried to carve out their vote pockets weakening the fabrics, unity & integrity of Nation and embrace the Delhi Model of governance across the country which has proved its benchmark status globally as well.

WVO organises training program by SIDBI

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JAMMU, Feb 28: One month training programme in cutting, tailoring & embroidery was launched by SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) in collaboration with Women Welfare Organisation (WVO), NGO working since 1997 at Mohalla Jullaka Jammu for the women beneficiaries belonging to economically backward.

The programme began with welcome address by the President Women Welfare Organisation Usha Anand in which she welcomed the chief guest Anil Kumar Sharma Deputy General Manager of SIDBI and the guest of honour Sanwal Dogra and the special guests Rittu Sethi a social activist and successful entrepreneur and Varsha Jamwal a renowned singer (entrepreneur) the Jammu di Kudi. Usha Anand appreciated the guest about the aim and objective of women Welfare Organisation.



She also presented the work done in various fields particularly for women and child.

The chief guest addressed the beneficiaries about the one month training programme and its outcomes after the training.

He gave detail of the benefits which these women shall avail through hand-holding of NGO. He also showed them that this training is sure to prove fruitful to them in many openings in future to stand on their own feet.

Sanwal Dogra also spoke to women explained them benefits of this training programme.

Ritu and Versha Jamwal narrated their success story, the journey of which was not very smooth but both of them proved that all is well that ends well.

Ritu donated two sewing machines to Women Welfare Organisation which shall prove helpful during training programme and in future as well.

The vote of thanks was presented by the co-coordinator of the programme and the executive member of Women Welfare Organisation.

Ramesh was the event manger. Rita Abrol treasure of Women Welfare Organisation was the stage secretary.

Education Deptt should stop playing with future of students: Amit Kapoor



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JAMMU, Feb 28: President of Parents Association Jammu, Amit Kapoor has strongly condemned the School Education Department for not allowing the students who have passed half yearly examination of class XI to appear for the examination.

He said that students who had failed a subject in class 11th have now passed but they are not being allowed to appear in class 12th examination.

Amit Kapoor said this while addressing a press conference in Jammu. He said that these children were admitted in the next class. Along with this,

their forms were also filled and fees were also deposited but now they are not being allowed to appear in the examination by various schools which is a matter of serious concern.

He has asked the Director of School Education Department to issue instructions to all such schools to allow these children to appear in the examination.

He has warned that playing with the future of these children should be stopped. At the same time, he told the government that it should not implement the rule of giving admission to 6 year old children in the case of children who are studying earlier. They should be given some leeway.

JKBS condoles death of Vikram Lakhotra, urges Govt to compensate his family

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JAMMU, Feb 28: To mourn the sad, sudden and unfortunate demise of Batwal community's youth Vikram Lakhotra, who hailed from Bishnah tehsil's Chorli Colony Village and died of an accident on Monday, the Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha held a condolence meet here today.

Deceased Vikram was the only brother of two sisters in his family and the only earning person.

His father Mohan Lal works as a labourer. After his death, a mountain of sorrow has fallen on the family. Vikram's mother and two sisters are in bad condition and crying. His father is in



deep shock. The family is unable to believe that their only son is no more in this world.

All JKBS members present in the condolence meet, urged the government to compensate the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give immense strength to the near and dear ones to bear this immeasurable loss boldly.

Release salary of 2211 Head forthwith: JKMEF urges Dr Tabasum

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JAMMU, Feb 28: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) under the president ship of Sushil Sudan met with Dr. Tabasum Jabeen, Director Family Welfare, Immunization and MCH regarding the salary of 2211 Head which is pending from the last six months.

The Female Multipurpose Health Workers and other employees drawing salary from 2211 Head are facing tremendous problems due to non release and disbursement of salary and they are at the verge of starvation, Sushil said.



He urged the Director Family Welfare to resolve the long standing issue of salary and it should be paid regularly from the state coffer so that justice should be done with the Family Welfare employees at the earliest otherwise we will be forced to adopt the path of agitation. Director Family Wel-

fare listened to the grievances of health employees and assured that matter will be resolved at the earliest.

Those who accompany the deputation included Anita Bhagat Sr.Vice President, Sapna Gupta Gen.Secretary, Jammu Kashmir Female Multipurpose Health Workers, Kulwant Singh and others.

JKBS thanks participant in Guru Gyagi's birth celebrations



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JAMMU, Feb 28: Members of Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) have expressed gratitude to all those who sparing their most precious time, graced the occasion of Guru Gyagi's 127th birth celebration function on Saturday, February 24.

Guru Gyagi Birth Celebration Committee Incharge: Corporator Rashpal Bhardwaj

said, "Birthdays are special days to create special memories with special people. Thanks to Chief Guest Shri Sukhmandan Kumar Choudhary, Guest of Honour SSP Mohan Lal Kaith, DDC Member Balbir Lal, ZEO Marh Kasturi Lal Kaith, Ex CMO Dr Girdhari Lal Motan, Assistant Professor Dr Ram Dayal and all other dignitaries that we had amazing day with best of the people."

NCC Cadets of GDC Udhampur visit War Veterans, Veer Naris, DEWS

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JAMMU, Feb 28: NCC Wing of GDC Udhampur including 24 SD Cadets of 2 J&K Boys Battalion and 13 SW Cadets of 2 J&K Girls Battalion along with Prof Vijay Kumar, ANO Boys Wing, and Prof Jasmeet Kour, on the occasion of Silver Jubilee of Kargil War, paid a visit to War Veterans and Veer Naris and Dhruva Ecofriendly Waste Disposal System (DEWS), Northern Command Udhampur.

Under the patronage of Principal of the College Prof. (Dr) Romesh Gupta, the Cadets visited War Veterans and Veer Naris and got an opportunity to interact with them.

While sharing his excruciating experience of war and its aftermath, Hony Capt. Arjun Singh apprised the cadets that it is not only soldiers on



the border or forefront but the whole nation fights a war.

They also said that war cannot be fought without determination, confidence, and willpower.

The cadets also interacted with the Veer Naris, Shushma Devi w/o Gdr Rattan Chand and Kaushalya Devi w/o Hav Kartar Singh, and came to about their hardships as well as their courage and strength to cope with the difficulties without their male counterparts.

After interaction with War veterans and Veer Naris, the cadets also paid a visit to Dhruva Ecofriendly Waste Dis-

posal System, Northern Command Udhampur where they received firsthand experience of Composite Pits, recycling and reusing of Wet Waste and Dry Waste.

In addition to this, they were also shown a kiln, having a carbon filter, where Hazardous Waste can be destroyed without any sort of pollution.

On their return to GDC Udhampur, the cadets met with the Principal of the college and shared their experiences about the visit.

In their meeting with the Principal, the cadets were thankful to him and the Northern Command Udhampur who

provided them such a golden opportunity to get valuable insights and motivation from the War Veterans, as well as to get knowledge about recycling and reusing wet, dry and hazardous waste which can play a significant role to curb down air and water pollution and can contribute towards a biocentric and ecofriendly environment.

In his address, the worthy principal appreciated the ANOs as well as the Northern Command Udhampur and also instilled a sense of responsibility among NCC cadets towards their nation alongside environmental well-being. He further motivated the NCC Cadets to take part in such activities and programmes in near future.

The event was coordinated by Prof.Jasmeet Kour and Prof. Vijay Kumar, ANO boys wing.

Chairman KCWT Chandan Datta greets Aditya Sangotra for his noble work



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JAMMU, Feb 28: Social activist and Chairman KCWT, Chandan Datta met IAS Aditya Sangotra at his Delhi West office and greeted him for his out-

standing work. KCWT chairman wished him all the luck for his future endeavours assignments and hoped may he serve the nation with more strength and courage to serve mankind and humanity.