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### BRIEFLY

### **J-K Govt** relaxes upper age limit for **CCE-2024**

SRINAGAR, Nov 10 (Agencies): The Jammu And Kashmir Government has set the upper age limits for the **Combined Competitive** Examination (CCE)-2024 at 35 years for candidates opting for open merit.

For the reserved and in-service candidates, the limit is set at 37 years and for the physically challenged candidates, it has set 38 years, an official order

### **JKPSC** postpones preliminary examination of CCE 2024

JAMMU, Nov 10 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has postponed the preliminary examination for the Combined Competitive Exam (CCE) 2024, originally scheduled for November 17, 2024. Jammu tourism packages

As per the notice, a new date will be

Announced separately this office Notice dated 21.10.2024, it is for the information of all the concerned candidates appearing in the J&K **Combined Competitive** (Preliminary) Examination-2024, notified vide Notification No.04-PSC(DR-P) of 2024 dated 26.07.2024. scheduled to be held on 17.11.2024 (Sunday) is hereby postponed. The fresh date for the said examination shall be notified separately."

### Search operation underway in Baramulla after Sopore encounter

SRINAGAR, Nov 10 (Agencies): The search operation continued for the second day in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, officials said. According to Army officials, one terrorist was killed in the joint anti-terror operation on Saturday evening in the Sopore area of Baramulla.

The operation was launched by police and security forces based on specific intelligence on Saturday, they said.

"One terrorist has been neutralised by the security forces in the ongoing Operation in general area Rajpura, Sopore, Baramulla. Search Operation is in progress," Chinar

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## LG Sinha flags off Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic **Sansthan Trust's 2nd Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul**



JAMMU, Nov 10 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today flagged off the second Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul of Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust, at Raj Rhawan

On the occasion, the Lt Governor extended his felicitations and commended Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust and everyone associated with the initiative for their constant efforts to popularize

Sanskrit language and timeless wisdom of San skrit scriptures.

Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul is a part of the "Sanskrit in Every Household" Campaign for the promotion of Devavani Sanskrit in Jammu

Kashmir. A vehicle for the Mobile Sanskrit Gurukul has been provided by Sh. Rakesh Gandotra, Chairman, S.D. Memorial Educational Trust.

Mahant Rohit Shastri, President, Shri Kailakh Jvotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust; Trustees and members of the Trust including RK Chhibber; Dr Vishav Gupta; Jagdev Singh Chib; Uttam Chand Sharma; Rajeev Sharma; Parmod Sharma; Rakesh Gandotra; Naresh Raina; Pawan Khajuria; Anjan; Pargun Sharma; Abhiraj Sharma: Prof. Sharat

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### "Enemies don't want peace in J&K": BJP's Darakhshan Andrabi on killings of VDG members



JAMMU, Nov 10 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board chairperson and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Darakhshan Andrabi on Sunday condemned the killing of two Village Defence Guards (VDG) members by terrorists, and said the 'enemies' don't want

peace to prevail. She further said it is a matter of "great concern" that such incidents (of violence) have started again.

"It is a matter of great concern for all of us that such incidents have started again. And this is the trick of the enemies. They do not want peace to prevail in Jammu & Kashmir, nor do they love the people of Jammu and Kashmir. They are not liking the prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. That is why they want to create chaos here again by

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### Drone seizures at Punjab Border double to 'Unprecedented' 200: BSF



NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Drone sei-∠ures along the Interna tional Border in Punjab have doubled to 200 as Pakistani syndicates continue to push narcotics and weapons to "destabilise" India by inducing drug addiction in the youth and "disintegrating" social harmony. the BSF said.

With the recovery of four more drones in

the last 24 hours, over 200 Pakistan-based seized along this border, it said in a statement issued on Saturday.

The BSF quards the 2,290 km of this border running on India's western flank, including 553 km of the front along Punjab. The IB also runs along Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir (LoC in Kashmir), Rajasthan

and Gujarat. The force had seized a total of 107 drones at the Punjab border in 2023.

The BSF said the almost doubled up drones seizure this year is a "significant landmark" and "remarkable milestone" that "reflects the force's enhanced anti-drone strategies and the deployment of advanced technical counter-measures along the border."

BSF troops, as per the force, have implemented "increasingly accurate" anti-drone drills, resulting in a significant setback for Pakistani narcotic syndicates attempting to push in drugs and weapons into the Indian territory with an objective to "destabilise" it by inducing drug

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### Udhampur witnesses surge in monkey attacks; 20-25 cases received in last six months

JAMMU, Nov 10 (Agencies): Udhampur district in Jammu and Kashmir has been witnessing a surge in monkey attacks on civilians and around 20-25 cases have been received in the hospital in the last five to six months, a medical offi-

cial said on Sunday. There has been a surge in the cases in the Jaganoo block of the

Speaking to agency, Dr Rooplai Gupta, Medical Officer at Public Health Centre Jaganoo said that people and staff of

the hospital are scared to venture out alone in the area, as monkeys attack them from behind.

"In the last 5-6 months, we have received 20-25 cases, we provide them full treatment, at our capacity. If the case becomes severe, we **Turn to page 9** 

### **Encounter** in Kishtwar, 3 Army personnel injured

JAMMU, Nov 10 (Agencies): Three Army personnel were injured on Sunday in a qunfight with terrorists in a remote forest area in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The encounter broke out in Keshwan forests when the joint search parties of the Army and police intercepted hiding terrorists around 11 am, they said.

A junior commissioned officer (JCO) is among the three injured soldiers.

They said the operation in the forests of Kuntwara and Keshwan was going on since Thursday evening following killing of two village defence guards.

"Encounter begins at Keswan-Kistwar between terrorists and security forces. Three or four terrorists believed to be trapped," a police spokesperson said.

The official said this was the same group of

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### Scheduled power cuts across J&K for Infrastructure Upgrades SRINAGAR, Nov

10 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Power Department has announced a series of scheduled power outages across various districts over the coming days to facilitate infrastructure upgrades, conductor reconductoring, maintenance work, and tree pruning. These planned outages are essential for ensuring long-term stability and efficiency in power supply, though they may temporarily impact several areas. Here are the details of the affected areas and dates:

Pulwama District: November 11, 13, 18, 20, and 23 (10:00 AM to 4:30 PM): Power supply to Pulwama, Pinglena, MM Flour Mill, Covid Hospital, and Tenghar grid stations will be dis-

rupted due to the con-

struction of the 33 KV

Lassipora-Pulwama

line (Phase II) and other

related projects.

November 10 (10:00 AM to 4:30 PM): Installation of the 33 KV SIDCO Line will cause power interruptions to the feeding receiving stations in Pulwama.

Pampore-Pulwama Line and Surrounding Areas

November 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, and 21 (10:00 AM to 4:30 PM): Areas including Newa, Kakapora, LIS Marvel I-IV, Gadoora, Nehama, Zadoora, Narbal, Parigam, and Pahoo will experience outages due to work on the 33 KV Pampore-Pulwama line. Awantipora Airfield:

November 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17 (9:00 AM to 4:30 PM): Augmentation work on the 33 KV Awantipora Airfield line will affect power supply to the Airfield and Quil LIS Stage 1st.

Beerwa and Surrounding Areas: November 11 and 13

Turn to page 9 Kashmir higher reaches to receive snow during next 24 hours: **MeT** 

SRINAGAR, Nov 10 (Agencies): The higher reaches of Kashmir Valley are likely to experience rain and snowfall during the next 24 hours, officials said.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Sunday predicted light rain and snowfall over the higher reaches of Kashmir valley during the next 24 hours, officials said.

The MeT office said the weather will generally remain cloudy on Sunday, and there is a possibility of light rain and snow over the higher reaches and over the north and a few places in central Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

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### 10TH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Shri Kedarnath Gupta son of late Shri Baghrai Gupta who left for heavenly abode on 1st Nov.2024.

10TH DAY will be performed on Sunday 10th Nov 2024 at Kameshwar Mandir Akhnoor at 11:00 a.m.

KRIYA (13TH) day will be performed on 13th Nov.2024 at our residence Sungal Morh

Akhnoor. UTHALA will be held on 16th Nov.2024 at Shri Kedarnath Gupta Kameshwar Mandir from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**Smt.Sham Kumari (Wife)

Rajkumar and Pooja Langar Vishal Gupta and Priti Gupta Daughter and Son in law



Soma Devi



## Smt. Meena Gupta and Suresh Gupta

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our sister Soma Devi W/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram Anand on 08-

FIFTH DAY shall be performed at Arya Samaj Mandir, Last Morh Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on 11-11-2024 at 10-11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN **Brothers & Bhabhis** 

Late Sh. Girdhari Lal Gandral & Smt. Pushpa Devi

Dwarka Nath Gandral & Lt. Smt. Om Kumari Suraj Gandral & Smt. Lalita Devi

Ramesh Chander Gandral & Smt. Suman

Mobile No.: 9419139740, 9419190939, 8899493698, 8717048509



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With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Lt. S. Harcharan Singh S/o Lt. S. Kartar Singh, Dablehar Wale. BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS will be held at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony, Jammu on Monday, 11th November 2024 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

ARAMBH SRIAKHAND PAATH on Saturday, 9th November, 2024 - 10:00 AM.

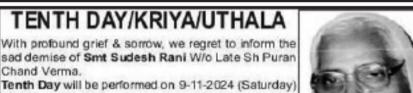
BHOG SRI AKHAND PAATH on Monday, 11th November, 2024 - 10:00 AM will be held at our LT. S. HARCHARAN Residence H. No 537, Sec-E, Sainik Colony. **GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Sdr. Mohinder Kour - Wife

C/Er. Gurmeet Singh & Navtaiz Kour - Son & Daughter in Law

Manjeet Kour W/o Lt S. Narinjan Singh (Daughter) Daljeet Kour W/o S. Gurmail Singh (Daughter) Kulwant Kour W/o Narinder Singh (Daughter) Harjyot Kour & Parineet Kour (Grand Daughters)

M :- 9419624943, 7006730227



at 10 am at Shiv Mandir near Govt. Quarter Janipu Kriya will be performed at our residence H.No. 25,

ane-7A Lakker Mandi Janipur Jammu on 12-11 2024 (Tuesday) at 12 Noon.

Uthala will be performed on 15-11-2024 (Friday) from 3 PM to 4 PM at Shiv Mandir near Govt. Quarter

Janipur Jammu. Grief Stricken Sons & Daughter-in-laws Mr Ravi & Mrs Simi Verma Mr Rajnish Verma

Mr Rajeev & Mrs Seema Verma Mr Rahul Verma

Daughter & Son-in-law Smt Asha Wo Late Sh Satish Gupta



Smt Sudesh Rani

Grand Daughters & Grand Sons Mrs Ayushi Verma W.o Shiv Verma Himanshi Verma Anurag Verma Aakarshan Verma Mob. 9419361517, 9796011330

## TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Nancy Raina W/o Lt Sh Sushil Kumar Raina original R/o K K Sokhta Safa Kadal Srinagar Kashmir and subsequent R/o

Present address Virar (Mumbai)

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Nageshwar Temple Police Colony Vasai Fort (Mumbai) on 12/11/2024 between 9.30 AM to 12 PM.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** RAINA'S, MATTOO'S, BAKSHI'S, SHAH'S AND VARTAK'S

Contact Numbers 7011322446 (Raina) 8329572906 (Raina) 9711697696 (MATTOO) 9823269111 (MATTOO)



Smt Nancy Raina

### TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of Sh. Omkar Nath Kaul S/o Late Sh. Makund Kaul resident of Sathu Bar Bar Shah Srinagar Kashmir. Presently residing at 5th Avenue F - 345, No ida extension, UP who left for heavenly abode on 03rd Nov 2024 (Sunday).

10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Gad Ganga (UP) on 12th of November 2024 (Tuesday) and assembly at F-345 Gaur City 1 (Noida Extension) at 6 am.

Prayer meeting Assembly - 11am at 5th Avenue Tower F Noida Extension UP

GRIEF STRICKEN:-Sons & Daughter in law:

Sh Abhin Kaul & Smt Suchitra Kaul Sh Amit Kaul & Smt Radhika Kaul Grand Children :- Vansh Raj Kaul & Dheer Kaul Griof Strickon:

All Nears & Dears 9871768612, 00971501169597.



### BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that our beloved S.Karnail Singh Wazir S/o Lt. S.Salinder Singh Wazir of Noorbagh Baramulla (who left heavenly abode on 07-11-2024).

PROGRAMME

Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji At 10AM on 11-11-2024 (Monday). Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji At

10:00AM on 13-11-2024 (Wednesday) Shabad Kirtan & Antim Ardass at 10:00 am to 12:30 at their residence, followed by Guru Ka Langar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Harpal Kour (Wife)

Dr. Baldev Singh & Smt Balbir Kour (Brother & Sister-in-law) Smt. Parkash Kour & S. MP Singh (Sister and Brother -in-Law) Er.Gurdeep Singh Wazir (Micky) & Manpreet Kour (Son & Daughter-in-Law) Er. Tarundeep Singh (Tarun) (Son)

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Papa Ji Sh. Kaka Ji Raina S/o Lt. Sh. Madsudhan Raina R/o Drussu Pulwama A/p QTR NO. 18 D. TRT Flats Muthi Camp, Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 6/11/2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on Friday 15/11/2024 at 8:30 AM near Directorate of School Education, Muthi (Muthi Ghat)

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Brother-in-law & Sister Sh. Manohar Lal Bhat & Smt. Nancy Bhat

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Bharti Raina & Sh. Vinod Raina

Son & Daughater-in-law

Sh. Akshay Raina & Smt. Prakrati Raina 9149511760, 7780818055

#### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Narinder Kumar Sharma S/o Lt. Sh. Pt. Hari Ram Sharma R/o Village Sialana (Surari) (Billawar), Jammu. At Present M-504, Royal Palms Flats, Akhnoor Road, Paloura, Jammu.

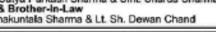
TENTH DAY will be performed at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, 11th November, 2024 at Royal Palms Club House (Royal Palms Apartments)

KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday, 12th November, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at Royal Palms Club House.

#### GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Chand Sharma (Wife) Son & Daughter-In-Law Sh. Sachin Shrivatsa & Smt. Shipra Sharma Daughter & Son-In-Law Smt. Ritu Sharma & Sh. Parveen Kumar Smt. Reena Sharma & Sh. Rajesh Sharma

Brother & Sister-In-Law
Lt. Dr. Satya Pal Shrivatsa & Smt. Santosh Shrivatsa Lt. Sh. Yashpal Sharma & Smt. Santa Sharma Lt. Sh. Satya Parkash Sharma & Smt. Sharda Sharma Sister & Brother-In-Law Smt. Shakuntala Sharma & Lt. Sh. Dewan Chand





Shree Rajeev Kaul

Sh. Narinder

Kumar Sharma

## 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, we wish to inform you of the sad demise of our beloved, Shree Rajeev Kaul, S/o Late Shree Chaman Lal Kaul, who left for his heavenly abode on Nov

10th Day Kriya on Nov 12th, 2024, at Alandi Pune at 9 a.m.

Assembly at 12:30 p.m. at home, B 02, Mont Verte 1, Sus Pashan Road, Pune

411021 **GRIEF STRICKEN** Sheela Kaul Chhoti Ji - Mother Deepa Kaul - Wife

Avtar Kaul, Moti Kaul & Villa Kaul - Uncles Kiran Kaul - Sister Satish Kaul - Brother in Law

Ayushi Kaul Nabar - Daughter Rahul Nabar - Son in Law

Jawaharlal Dhar - Father in Law, Shama Dhar - Mother in Law

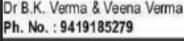
### FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Late Sh. S.N. Luthra H/o Late Smt. Mohini Luthra on 7th Nov, 2024.

Fifth Day will be performed on 11/11/2024 (Monday) between 12.30 PM to 1.00 PM at Hari Mandir, Rehari Colony, Jammu.

### **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Suman Lata Verma W/o Late Sh. Sat Kirti Lal Verma Sh. Parshotam Jeet Verma Dr KD Verma & Rita Verma





Late Sh. S.N. Luthra

Smt. Santosh Gupta

### TENTH DAY/KRIYA

inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Santosh Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta (Vaid Kishanpur wale) R/o Ward No.17, H. No. 1147, Opposite Pine Filling Station, India Kids School Lane, Omara Morh Udhampur left for heavenly abode on 01/11/2024 (Friday).

The TENTH DAY will be performed on 10/11/2024 (Sunday) at 11:30 AM at our residence.

Kriya will be performed on 13/11/2024 (Wednesday) at Devika Ghat Udhampur from 10:00 AM onwards.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-Smt. Darshana Devi

Wio Lt. Sh Shanker Dass Gupta (Jaithani Ji) Sons and daughters in law:-

Mrs Poojs and Mr Paul Kumar Gupta Mrs Renu and Mr Raj Kumar Gupta Mrs Ritu and Mr Vipan Gupta

Daughters and Sons in law:-

Mrs Sunita and Mr Sanjeev Gupta Mrs Neelam and Mr Satish Gupta Contact No. 9419333659, 9419158235, 7006109989



Sh. Kaka Ji Raina

Grand Children: Vihaan, Amogh, Shreyaan

TENTH DAY With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our son Mr. Tanishq S/o Sh. Parveen Kumar (Pinka) C/o Tanishq Hotel Slathia Chowk R/O Adarsh Colony Udhampur who expired 02/11/2024

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we would

like to share that Mr. Dharam Pal Gupta

left us for heavenly abode on 2nd

Tenth Day will be performed on 11th Nov.,

2024 at 11.00 am at our residence 506-A,

Kriva will be performed on 14th Nov., 2024

November, 2024.

Colonel's Colony, Bohri

Suman Gupta - Wife (Brother & Sister-in-law)

Satish Gupta - Brother

at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :

Kuldeep Mahajan & Sunita Mahajan

Tenth Day will be performed on 11/11/2024 (Monday) at 11:30 hrs at Ved Mandir, Adarsh Colony,

Udhampur GRIEF STRICKEN

(Grand Father and Grand Mother) Sh. Madan Lal and Smt. Chanchala Devi

Sh Parveen Kumar (Pinka) and Smt Meenakshi Gupta Vanshika and Shubam (Sister and Brother-in-law)

### Tenth Day/ Kriya / Uthala

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Vijay Singh Sambyal Slo Late Thekur Maghar Singh Sambyal who left for heavenly abode on 31st Oct 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on Saturday 9th Nov 2024 at Ram Mandir Sec D, Sainik Colony Jammu at 11 AM. Kriya (13th Day ) will be performed on 12th Nov 2024 at our residence H .No 6 Sec D Sainik Colony.

Uthala will be held on 16th Nov 2024 at 3 PM to 4 PM at Ram Mandir Sec D , Sainik Colony Jammu. Grief Stricken:

Vedhansh Pratap Singh - Son Neha & Rajbir Singh - Daughter & Son in Law Brother & Bhabi Late Smt Sheela Devi & Sh Sarab Singh Sambyal Smt Pushpa Devi & Sh Shakti Singh Sambyal

Smt Usha Rani - Wife

mt Raksha Devi & Sh Kalyan Singh Sambyal Smt Lalita Devi & Sh Sudershan Singh Sambyal TENTH DAY With profound grief and somow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt. Uttra Sambyal

wife of Late Sh. Sukhdev Singh Sambyal (Retd. Superintending Engineer, PDD) on 4/11/2024. 10th Day shall be held on 12/11/2024 Tuesday at our residence B-51, SBI Colony, Opp UCO Bank Tala Jammu, J&K at 10 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kiran and Sh. Prithical Singh Sambval Sister in law and Brother in Law Smt. Bimla and Late Sh. Jamail Singh

Smt. Shoba and Rajinder Singh Jamwal -Brother and Sister in Law Grand Children : Aditya, Pasas, Chhavi, Aaniya and Abhiraj Contact Number : 9419115953

### 10TH DAY / KRIYA / RASAM PAGRI

**Om Shanti** 

the sad demise of Shri Jai Krishan Sawhney R/o House No. 58, Ward No. -9, Arya Samaj Gali, Udhampur. 10th Day - Sunday, 10th Nov'24, 11 am -12 Noon - Arya Samaj School, Udhampur.

Devika Ghat, Udhampur. Rasam Pagri - Friday, 15th Nov'24 - 4 pm at our residence. Grief Stricken

Smt. Chanchal Kumari - Wife Sunil & Sunyana Sawhney - Son & Daughter-In-law Anil & Bhawna Sawhney - Son & Daughter-in-law Ranjana & Rajneesh Mahajan - Daughter & Son-in-law Manju Sawhney - Daughter Snorav, Sohrav, Arnav & Keyaan - Grand Sons

## OBITUARY age, presently residing at Lane agh, Jammu has left for heav TENTH DAY KRIYA will

EF STRICKEN GRIEF STRICKEN:
Vijay Trakkov Kaul (Wife) (9419127742)
Brothers and Bhabhis:
Mrs Lisha and O N Kaul (9419195988)
Mrs Jaya and M K Kaul (7695948453)
Mrs Jaya and M K Kaul (7695948453)
Mrs Dolly and Ravinder Kaul (838372965)
Sisters and Brothers in Law
Mrs Lisha and A K Garjoo
Mrs Sujats and T B Thusoo
In Jawa:

9419264098, 9819555242

mala and B L Trakroo Ins Usha and R K Trakru Ins Monica and Arupam Trakroo Ins Rashmi and Satish Koul Ins Sunceta and Mr Jatinder Mizza

Family
Mrs. Aschains and C. K. Bhat, Mrs. Anjana and Anil Koul, Mrs. Anuradha and Ashwani Kaul
1984177146), Mrs. Sunain and Avinash Kaul 19670299405), Mrs. Meghna and Aniur Dher, Mrs.
Vandhana and Mr. Kunai Marhatta, Mrs. Ritshi and Mr. Karan Kaul, Mrs. and Mr. Abhjeet Canjao,
Mrs. and Amil Canjao, Mrs. and Mrs. Sakshi Thusu Bhan, Mrs. and Mrs. Swait Thusu Tiku, and all
Crandchildren.

### FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Krishna Gupta W/o Late Gopal Krishan Gupta R/o Mast Garh, Jammu. The Fifth Day will be performed on Monday, 11th November 2024 at Mahajan Hall, Shalamar Road Jammu from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

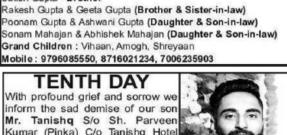
GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Santosh Gupta W/o Lt, Sh. Tara Chand Gupta Smt. Chanchala Devi Wo Lt. Sh. Kasturi Lai Gupta Smt. Veena Gupta W/o Lt. Sh. Tarlok Chand Gupta

Sh. Darshan Gupta & Smt. Rita Gupta Sh. Raiinder Gupta & Smt. Prem Gupta Sh. Vijay Gupta & Smt. Anuradha Gupta

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MR. TANISHQ

(Father and Mother)



Sh. Vijay Singh

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Sambyal

Mob: 9622212354



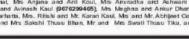
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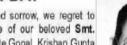


With profound grief and sorrow, we inform Kriya - Wednesday, 13th Nov' 24









Brothers and Sister-in-law

Smt. Krishna Gupta

Contact No.: 9419014331,9419226177, 9419194571, 9906286920,9419122436

the contents on their own before acting there upon."

## **JKTJAC** holds monthly meeting, demands resolution of genuine issues

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Nov 10: The Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held its monthly meeting in Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar. The meeting was attended by executive members and representatives from all eleven zones of the district. During his address, Vinod Sharma highlighted several pressing issues faced by the teaching community, especially teachers appointed under the ReT (Rehbare-Taleem) scheme. He appealed to the newly formed government to address these concerns for the welfare of thousands of teachers. One of his key demands was the implementation of Government Order No. 469 Edu of 2014, which grants seniority benefits and the transfer of the ReT cadre. Despite being issued a decade ago, this order has not



been implemented, and Sharma expressed hope that the current government would take action on it.

Sharma also raised the issue of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for employees appointed after January 1, 2010, urging the government to implement the scheme. He pointed out that the New Pension Scheme (NPS) has left many employees without adequate retirement benefits.

In addition, Sharma made several other demands, including the regularization of ReTs who have completed five years of service, the conversion of RRETs (Rehbar-e-Taleem) to Teachers Grade II/ III, and the granting of cash-in-lieu benefits for teachers. He also called for the conversion of Headmaster posts into non-plan posts of Masters, an additional

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Committee (DPC) for

teachers to be promoted to Masters, and the adjustment of recently promoted Masters.

Furthermore, he urged the release of time-barred arrears for teachers and masters, raising their grade to be on par with teachers in other UTs, and granting earned leave for teachers engaged during summer and winter vacations for camps and other duties. Additionally, he stressed the need to fill vacant positions of

ZEOs, Principals, and Headmasters in headless zones and schools.

Lekh Raj Parihar also spoke on the occasion, urging the Chief Education Officer of Udhampur to release the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) dues that teachers had paid from their own pockets. He also called for intervention in the matter of completing the service records of teachers in various zones and the timely release of teachers' dues, which remain a significant concern. Other prominent mem-

including Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, and several others, also voiced their support for these demands, emphasizing the importance of addressing the issues faced by the teaching community. The meeting concluded with a collective call for the government to take immediate action to resolve these genuine concerns, ensuring that the rights and welfare of teachers

are prioritized.

bers of the JKTJAC,

plished endocrinologist with an impressive academic and professional journey, holding a Doctorate of Medicine (DM) from the prestigious Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and

Presidency of Endocrine Society of India Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh. Before his presidency, he served as the Vice President of the Endocrine Society of India, where his proactive leadership furthered the Society's mission of promoting research and

education in endocrinol-

Lt Gen (Dr.) Narendra Kotwal assumes

Throughout his career, Dr. Kotwal has earned numerous accolades and published extensively, both nationally and internationally, contributing significantly to the body of knowledge in endocrinology. His expertise and dedication have made him a well-respected figure in the medical field, with his insights shaping the understanding and treatment of endocrine disorders in India and beyond.

Recently retired as the Director and Commandant of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, Dr.

Kotwal has been a guiding force for many young medical professionals. He currently serves as the National Coordinator for the Endocrinology Webinar Series under the National Board of Examination, a role that underscores his commitment to the continuous education and professional development of endocrinologists across the country.

Lt Gen (Dr.) Kotwal's presidency is expected to bring new vigor to the Endocrine Society of India, enhancing collaborative efforts, promoting cutting-edge research, and strengthening the Society's role in addressing the endocrinological health challenges facing India today. His leadership promises a bright future for the field, and his appointment is celebrated as a momentous step forward for the Society and its mission.

## **Natrang presents Hindi** play 'Tauba-Tauba'



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: Natrang presented Hindi play 'Tauba-Tauba' here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' . The play has been written by Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant. Coated with humor. the play presented some debatable issues which are faced by many theatre groups because of lack of commitment of a few artists which spoil the whole performance. But still it was more inclined towards comedy than

being didactic. The play opens at the home of one 'Anokhe Lal' who has converted it as rehearsal space as he is the director of the play which is scheduled to be staged within a few days. The drama erupts

as the play proceeds as it appears that no one is serious in doing rehearsal other than the director. The artists who used to plead for a single entry in the play have turned pricy now and come up with different excuses to skip rehearsals. At the top of it, the newly appointed servant adds to the confusion as he comes up with a new problem every time he enters the room. 'Anokhe Lal' was very much worried about the performance of the play as nothing was going right, actors were forgetting the lines, people were coming late in the rehearsal and on the top of it, the tickets of the show have already been sold. The ultimate crisis occur when the director comes to know that the actor who was

of hero is not doing the play as he has to go out of station for some personal work. Shattered by this untoward news, he decides to prepare his newly appointed servant to do the character of father in the play, who reluctantly agrees but real trouble erupts when the real father of 'Anokhe Lal' arrives to whom the servant introduced himself as the father of 'Anokhe Lal' on which both the servant and Anokhe Lal received a thorough beating from the real father.

Natrang actors who performed in the play included Mihir Gujral, Aadesh Dhar, Vandana Thakur, Kushal Bhat, Vishal Sharma and Sanket. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant Sharma and the show was coordinated by Mohd Yaseen

## **Department of Wildlife Protection organizes** trekking event

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: The Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu Wildlife Division, organized a trekking event on Sunday in the Nandani Wildlife Sanctuary, covering a distance of 7 kilometers from Nandani to Bhailkhand. The event saw the participation of 40 NCC cadets from the Nagrota camp, five students from the Central University, and 15 students from Jammu University. Additionally. bird watchers, members of NGOs, and employees of Jio Reliance also took part in the event.

The trekking event was flagged off by Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Jyotsana (IFS), along with Colonel Munish Jasrotia, Chief Instructor of

In her address, Jyotsana highlighted the

importance of trekking as an opportunity to raise awareness about biodiversity and the necessity

of its conservation. Vijay Kumar (SFS), Wildlife Warden Jammu, briefed the participants on the efforts of the Wildlife Department in preserving biodiversity and conserving water resources within the Nandani Wildlife Sanctuary. He mentioned the construction of several check dams and waterholes within the sanctuary to support these initiatives.

The NCC cadets and other participants enjoyed the pristine beauty of the sanctuary, and the trekking event was met with enthusiasm. Colonel Jasrotia also praised the arrangements made by the Jammu Wildlife Division to ensure the success of the event

## Flytalks Overseas Pvt Ltd Expands **Operations with New Branch in Jammu Top News Report**

JAMMU, Nov 20: Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd., a premier organization specializing in overseas education and immigration services, has officially launched its new branch in Jammu. This expansion marks a significant milestone for the company, reinforcing its commitment to guiding students and professionals towards international opportunities for education, employment, and

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: At a

prestigious gathering

held during the Annual

Conference of the Endo-

crine Society of India in

Visakhapatnam, Lt Gen

(Dr.) Narendra Kotwal,

AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.),

a distinguished endocri-

nologist, was formally

inaugurated as the

President of the Endo-

crine Society of India.

Known as a "son of the

soil." Dr. Kotwal's exten-

sive contributions to the

field of endocrinology

and his commitment to

the advancement of

medical education and

research have left an

indelible mark on the

Dr. Kotwal is an accom-

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migration. The grand inauguration ceremony took place at the new office located at 3B/B, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu 180004, and was attended by esteemed quests and dignitaries. Vikram Randhawa, MLA of Bahu, Jammu, served as the Chief Guest, while Dr. Parneesh Mahajan, Convenor of the Department of Training, J&K BJP, graced the event as the Guest of

Honour The event featured a ceremonial ribbon-cutting, followed by a comprehensive introduction to Flytalks' offerings. The new branch will provide expert services, including personalized study abroad counseling, visa assistance, and end-



tions, designed to empower individuals in their pursuit of global success. Attendees had the chance to interact with the Flytalks team and learn more about the resources available to help them achieve their international dreams. Speaking at the event,

Tarun Garg, Director of Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd., expressed his enthusiasm: "We are thrilled to expand our presence to Jammu, bringing our expertise closer to those who aspire to study or work abroad. With our personalized approach and dedicated team, we are committed to making a positive impact on the community."

The opening ceremony

concluded with a networking session over refreshments, where guests, students, and local professionals engaged in discussions about global opportunities and the vital role Flytalks plays in guiding clients through the complex processes of overseas education and immigration.

Flytalks Overseas Pvt. Ltd. continues to be a trusted name in India, renowned for its reliable and expert guidance. The new Jammu branch is set reach, providing tailored solutions to the region's students and professionals and empowering them to explore opportunities worldwide.

## Students Jammu

JAMMU, Nov 10: Students of Different colleges Joined National student's union of india at Jammu in the presence of State president Ajay Lakhotra.

Students from different part of Congress Family.

One of the student Sehzaad said that he belongs to a non political family and want to become a political leader in future and NSUI is only platform which can give recognition to the talented young students.

While speaking, NSUI state president Ajay Lakhotra assure every possible help to the students for their genuine

State secretary Mahmood Qadri, State Social media Chairman Rahul Sharma, Aryan Raina, Asif were also present

#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION **VIJAYPUR**

#### FRESH SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No.43 of 2024-25 Dated: 08-11-2024

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

S. No	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lnes)	Cost of document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in shape of CDR/FDR) (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
I	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Up-gradation and Maintenance of existing PC's at Litterhebani (02 Nos.) (2nd Call.)	5.83	600/-	2 % of adv. Cost	02 months	A, B, C & D

NOTE: Registration card issued by PWD (R&B) Department have been preferably renewed online in JKPWDOMS site by the respective issuing authorities vide Development Commissioner (Works) PW(R&B)Deptt. Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar's Circular No. PW/DCW/DB/1210-19/2022 dated: 31-08-2022.

Position of AAA Accorded

Position of T.S Sanctioned :- Under Surinsar Mansar Development Authority (SDMA) State Capex 2024-25 Project Authority

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08-11-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-11-2024 to 22-11-2024 upto 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13-11-2024 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Vijaypur
4	Bid submission Start Date	08-11-2024 at 1800 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	22-11-2024 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	23-11-2024 at 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) division Vijaypur
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <a href="http://iktenders.gov.in">http://iktenders.gov.in</a> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
- The site for the work is available.

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doing the role of father

Army conducted Chai Pe Charcha at Lam

**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, Nov 10: The Indian Army recently organized a "Chai pe Charcha" interactive session with the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities in Neeli Dabbi, Sial Sui. This initiative aimed to connect with these transient populations and address their problems.

The session provided a platform for the communities to discuss their challenges and concerns. The event was attended

by 40 villagers from the remote village of Lam,

who actively participated in the discussion.

The Indian Army guided the community on women empowerment, the importance of education for children, and skill development for better employment opportunities.

The community was assured of all possible help and support. The Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities expressed their gratitude and committed their unwavering support and trust in the

Indian Army. The event strength-

ened the bond between the Indian Army and the communities, promoting peace and harmony in the region.

The Indian Army's dedication to promoting the welfare of the Gujjar and Bakkarwal communities is truly appreciable, and their efforts are expected to bring positive results in the future.

The Indian Army remains committed to supporting and empowering these communities, ensuring their overall development and well-

## join NSUI at

**Top News Report** 

colleges joined Student wing of Congress party. Students said that they are inspired by Rahul Gandhi ji and his youth oriented policies. We are joining NSUI because we want to become a

demands.

## **EDITORIAL**

## LATEST TECHNOLOGY

n today's fast-paced, interconnected world, technology plays a pivotal role in shaping competitive advantages across industries. Organizations that leverage the latest technological advancements can optimize operations, enhance customer experiences, and gain insights that drive strategic decision-making. Here are some of the most impactful technologies currently transforming businesses and enabling them to achieve strategic advantages.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are at the forefront of technological innovation, enabling organizations to analyze vast amounts of data and derive actionable insights. AI systems can automate routine tasks, freeing up human resources for more strategic initiatives. In sectors like finance, AI algorithms can detect fraudulent activities by recognizing patterns in transaction data that would be invisible to the human eye.

Machine learning, a subset of AI, allows systems to learn from data over time and improve their accuracy without explicit programming. This capability is particularly beneficial in predictive analytics, where businesses can forecast trends and customer behavior, allowing them to tailor marketing strategies and product offerings. Companies like Amazon and Netflix use these technologies to provide personalized recommendations, significantly enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty.

The explosion of data in recent years has created opportunities for organizations to harness big data analytics. By leveraging advanced analytics tools, businesses can sift through massive datasets to uncover insights that inform decision-making. For instance, retail companies can analyze purchasing patterns to optimize inventory management and enhance supply chain efficiency.

Moreover, advanced analytics enables organizations to segment their customer base more effectively, allowing for targeted marketing strategies that resonate with specific demographics. This data-driven approach not only increases conversion rates but also minimizes waste in marketing expenditures.

Cloud computing has revolutionized the way organizations store and manage data. It allows businesses to access computing resources and storage on-demand, reducing the need for substantial capital investment in physical infrastructure. This flexibility is particularly advantageous for startups and small businesses, enabling them to scale rapidly without the burden of heavy overhead costs.

Furthermore, cloud platforms facilitate collaboration by providing teams with real-time access to shared data and applications. This enhances productivity and ensures that all team members are on the same page, regardless of their physical location. Companies can also leverage cloud-based tools for data backup and disaster recovery, ensuring business continuity in the face of unexpected challenges.

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the network of interconnected devices that collect and exchange data. By deploying IoT sensors, organizations can monitor operations in real-time, gaining valuable insights into performance and efficiency. For example, manufacturing companies can use IoT devices to track machinery health and predict maintenance needs, reducing downtime and increasing productivity

In the retail sector, IoT technology can enhance customer experiences by enabling smart shelves that monitor inventory levels and automatically reorder products. This ensures that stores are always stocked with the right items, improving customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Blockchain technology offers a secure, transparent way to conduct transactions and manage data. Originally developed for cryptocurrencies, its applications have expanded across various sectors. For instance, in supply chain management, blockchain can provide an immutable record of product origins and movements, enhancing traceability and reducing fraud.

Financial institutions are also exploring blockchain for its potential to streamline cross-border payments and reduce transaction costs. By eliminating intermediaries, blockchain can facilitate faster and more secure transactions, giving organizations a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

As organizations increasingly rely on digital solutions, cybersecurity has become a critical concern. The latest innovations in cybersecurity, such as AI-driven threat detection and response systems, help organizations protect their sensitive data from cyber threats. These technologies can analyze patterns of behavior to identify potential breaches in real-time, allowing for swift action before damage

Investing in robust cybersecurity measures not only protects organizational assets but also builds trust with customers. As consumers become more aware of data privacy issues, organizations that prioritize cybersecurity are more likely to attract and retain customers.

AR and VR technologies are transforming customer engagement and training processes. In retail, AR can enhance the shopping experience by allowing customers to visualize products in their own spaces before making a purchase. This reduces return rates and increases customer satisfaction.

In training and development, VR provides immersive learning experiences that can be particularly beneficial in industries such as healthcare and manufacturing. Employees can practice skills in a controlled environment, leading to improved retention and performance.

Incorporating the latest technologies into business operations is essential for gaining a strategic advantage in today's competitive landscape. From AI and big data analytics to IoT and blockchain, these innovations enable organizations to optimize efficiency, enhance customer experiences, and make informed decisions based on data-driven insights. As technology continues to evolve, businesses that stay ahead of the curve will be better positioned to adapt, innovate, and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Embracing these advancements not only fosters growth but also ensures long-term sustainability in the marketplace.

## Fadnavis really cosying up to RSS? Cong lets J'khand down

By: Anita Katyal

hough relations between the Bharatiya Janata Party and its ideological mentor, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, have recently improved after a brief period of tension, there is considerable speculation about Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis's recent disclosure that he has sought the Sangh's help in the upcoming Assembly elections. Different interpretations are being offered by BJP insiders about this statement. One section believes Mr Fadnavis was prompted by the top BJP leadership to make this statement to reassure the RSS that the party has not forsaken the Sangh and continues to depend on it for guidance. This was also an effort at damage control following BJP president J.P. Nadda's remarks in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election that the party had shed its dependence on the RSS. On the flip side, there is a buzz that Mr Fadnavis is keeping the RSS in good humour for personal reasons. He can do with the help of the Nagpur-headquartered RSS as he is contesting the upcoming Assembly election from this area. And in case the BJP fails to form the government, Mr Fadnavis could well be securing his future at the national level by ensuring he is on the right side of the RSS.

Guess who is among the most

sought-after campaigners in the Congress for the forthcoming Assembly polls in Jharkhand. It is Pappu Yadav. The Bihar MP from Purnea, who won his election as an Independent candidate but is aligned with the INDIA bloc, has been campaigning for the Congress and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha as the state prepares for the first phase of polling on November 13. Mr Yadav is particularly in demand by the backward castes who were depending on Rahul Gandhi and other top Congress leaders to make a strong pitch for a caste census in the run-up to the election. As it happens, Rahul Gandhi hit the campaign trail a few days before polling while most senior party leaders have not been sighted in Jharkhand. This has upset its alliance partner, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, which has to shoulder the responsibility of running the

show on its own. The conciliatory statements made by National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on taking over as Jammu and Kashmir chief minister was predictably seen as a move on his part to cosy up to the Narendra Modi government. This view was further strengthened following the resolution adopted by the state Assembly last week on restoring the special status of the erstwhile state. While the National Conference election manifesto had listed restoration of Article 370 in its election manifesto as a

major poll plank, the text of the resolution makes no mention of Article 370 but instead expresses concern over the removal of the constitutional guarantees which safeguarded the rights and identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The resolution also does not make an outright demand for the immediate restoration of this "special status" but instead asks the Centre to open a dialogue with the elected representatives in this regard. In fact, soon after winning the election, Omar Abdullah had publicly backtracked on the party's demand for the restoration of Article 370 which, he said, was not going to be accepted.

The Congress in Madhya Pradesh is in a mess, having been reduced to a rump after its successive defeats in the state Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. And yet the party refuses to get its act together. Though it is acknowledged that the party needs a new leadership in the state, veteran leaders like former chief minister Digvijaya Singh continue to call the shots. The latest example in this instance is the upcoming by election in former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's assembly constituency Budhni. It's a prestigious battle and it was expected that the Congress would field a strong candidate. Instead, the Congress leadership picked old timer and perennial loser Rajkumar Patel, a known protegee of Digvijaya Singh, for this seat. Mr Patel has been fielded for every election in the last 30 years but has won only once and that, too, way back in 1993. This has angered local Congress leaders who complained that the party's principle of denying tickets to candidates who have lost two elections is conveniently overlooked in Mr Patel's case only because he is backed by Digvijaya Singh's backing.

There is growing resentment among the foot soldiers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh over the opulent lifestyle adopted by the organisation's leadership. The cadre is particularly upset about how the old lowkey RSS headquarters at Delhi's Jhandewalan area have been replaced by plush new buildings which, they feel, do not reflect the organisation's ethos of service and simplicity. They said the striking contrast in the living conditions of the RSS bosses and karyakartas slogging it out in remote villages and tribal areas is not going down well with ordinary workers. The new office, under construction for the past several years, has three 12-storey towers which are equipped with all modern amenities. The buildings have been earmarked for different activities while providing space for the Sangh's employees and visitors and for its affiliate organisations like the Organiser and Panchjanya.

## How to balance school, coaching and PREPARATION for NEET UG 2025

**By: VIJAY GARG** 

EET UG 2025: It is not simple to balance coaching, school and NEET UG preparation, but you may succeed in all three with smart time management. Set priorities for your work, adhere to a set timetable, make good use of coaching sessions, and adopt healthy routines.

NEET UG Preparation: You can balance these three areas without being burnt out if you have good time management skills

NEET UG 2025: It may seem impossible to manage coaching, school and NEET UG preparation, but it is possible with careful time management. One of the most difficult tests in India is the NEET UG, which calls for commitment and perseverance. The challenge is further increased by staying up with coaching sessions and the school curriculum.

You can balance these three areas without being burnt out if you have good time management skills. Here are some tips for setting up your calendar, getting the most out of it and keeping a good study-life balance.

1. Create task priorities

Short article insert Setting priorities is the first step towards efficient time management. Recognize the significance of every task, be it NEET UG preparation, coaching tasks or academics. Sort the tasks into a hierarchy according to their importance, difficulty and deadlines. For example, NEET UG requires more attention because it is your ultimate objective. However, schoolwork cannot be overlooked, as it helps reinforce essential topics that may also feature in the NEET UG syllabus.

Make use of the 80/20 rule: Concentrate on the 20 per cent of assignments that provide 80 per cent of the outcomes. These might be basic courses like biology, chemistry and physics for NEET UG.

2. Creating an organised timetable

A well-defined schedule is essential. First, figure out how many hours there are in a day. Set up specific time for coaching, education and NEET preparation. Keep in mind that quality comes before quantity, so do not overbook. The key is to focus as much as possible during the time you have set aside for each task. Steps for developing an effective schedule:

Set aside time: Set out time each day for self-study, coaching, school, and relaxation. One may set out the mornings for studying, the afternoons for tutoring and the evenings for preparing for the NEET.

Incorporate breaks: Taking brief but regular pauses throughout study sessions might improve concentration and output. Make use of strategies such as the Pomodoro Method, which has you study for 25 minutes and then take a five-minute break.

Make weekly revision plans: Set aside time on the weekends for editing. Review NEET UG material in the evening and school material during the day.

3. Make use of NEET UG coaching

NEET UG preparation is greatly aided by coaching, which offers systematic instruction and direction. Take advantage of this by approaching coaching like a concentrated study session. Maintain conceptual alignment between your school and NEET UG readiness. Concept revision takes less time if topics covered in your coaching programme and school syllabus align. Make use of the coaching assignments and homework to help you pre-

pare for NEET UG.

Practice questions from coaching classes: A lot of NEET UGlevel questions and mock exams are frequently offered by coaching institutions. Use them to improve your understanding of important subjects.

During coaching sessions, address any doubts you may have. Do not wait to address questions later; ask questions right away to avoid confusion.

Practical study methods

Not every study hour

Not every study hour is the same in terms of effectiveness. Adopt strategies that improve comprehension and retention. Here are several techniques:

Active recall: Set a goal for yourself to actively retain the ideas you have studied, as opposed to reading passively. This improves comprehension and memory.

Spaced repetition: This technique entails repeating the same subjects at progressively longer intervals.

Practice mock exams: The best approach to learn exam patterns, gauge your time and pinpointing your weak points is to consistently practice NEET UG mock tests. Better preparedness comes from simulating a NEET UG test scenario.

5. Well-being and health

Maintaining excellent health is essential for supplying energy needed to balance school, coaching and NEET UG preparation. Students frequently disregard their health because they think that every hour they do not spend studying is lost. Still, maintaining good health improves concentration and productivity.

Rest well: Your brain needs to sleep for at least 7-8 hours in order to function properly. Insufficient sleep has an impact on memory and focus.

Keep going: Doing simple exercises like yoga or walking might

help you feel more relaxed, have better circulation and clearer thinking.

Eat healthily: Steer clear of junk food and maintain a diet high in proteins, vitamins and minerals. Nuts, fruits and green veggies are foods that help enhance cognitive abilities.

6. Continue to be consistent Managing your time well is a journey, not a race. Maintain consistency in your schedule and refrain from studying for tests shortly before them. Be disciplined, but also adaptable enough to change your plans as needed.

7. Do not try to multitask
Mental exhaustion and
decreased productivity can
result from multitasking. Try
concentrating on one task at a
time. Give everything you have,
whether it is answering NEET
UG questions, going to a coaching session or finishing schoolwork.

It is not simple to balance coaching, school and NEET UG preparation, but you may succeed in all three with smart time management. Set priorities for your work, adhere to a set timetable, make good use of coaching sessions, and adopt healthy routines. Recall that the secrets to success are persistence and astute study techniques.

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## **KDP Wing of DPAP demands issuance of white paper** regarding return list of displaced people to Valley

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: The Kashmiri Displaced People Wing (J&K) of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has issued a joint statement demanding the issuance of a white paper regarding the proposed return of 175 families of displaced Kashmiri Hindus to the Valley.

This statement was made by the leadership of the Wing, including President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, and General Secretary Raj Kumar

According to the leaders, they have learned through media sources that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in consultation with the

current UT government, is working on a resettlement policy for displaced Kashmiri Hindus. This policy proposes to first facilitate the return of 175 families before moving on to the broader goal of resettling 4,600 families.

The DPAP's Kashmiri Displaced People Wing has called on both the Central and UT governments to issue a white paper detailing the proposed return of these 175 families. This includes ascertaining the living status of these families post-displacement and clarifying the terms and conditions laid out in the return policy.

The leaders have expressed concerns that many displaced people, particularly those living

in camps and unregistered areas, are still facing hazardous living conditions and do not have property rights outside the Valley, even though they have voting rights limited to the

The leadership further highlighted that the real displaced people those living in camps and non-camps-must be given priority when formulating any resettlement or rehabilitation policies. They have criticized the involvement of individuals from wellsettled colonies outside Jammu and Kashmir in discussions regarding the return of displaced families, stating that their concerns are not representative of the

real issues faced by the

actual displaced population. The leaders have con-

sistently demanded a comprehensive policy for the return, rehabilitation, and resettlement of displaced people, which would include economic support, employment opportunities, educational facilities, and compensation packages. They have also called for consultation with the real stakeholders of the issue—the people living in camps and noncamps for over 35 years. These displaced individuals, they argue, should be central to any return

or resettlement plan. The leaders have expressed their opposition to the idea of classifying them as "migrants" on par with migrant

that their displacement was not voluntary, but rather the result of government failure to ensure their security during the exodus in 1990. They demand that their status be recognized as "Internally Displaced People" (IDPs), with full constitutional rights.

In conclusion, the leaders stated that they would welcome a resettlement policy, but only if it is developed in consultation with the displaced community living in camps and non-camps. They emphasized the need for a dignified, onetime return arrangement to restore trust among the displaced people and prevent a repeat of the suffering experienced during the 1990 exodus.

## Tilak Shan seeks nomination as MLA for Displaced Persons in J&K Assembly

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Nov 10: Tilak Raj Shan, a senior leader of Shiv Sena (UBT) from Kishtwar, has formally requested a nomination as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for displaced persons in Jammu and Kashmir.

In his submission to the Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Shan has referenced the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act of 2019, along with its 2023 amendment, which allows for the nomination of up to five representatives



to address the political needs of marginalized communities, including Kashmiri migrants and displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK).

Shan, who himself was displaced from Kishtwar due to militancy in 1993,

argues that his personal experience and active involvement in community welfare make him eligible for this nomina-

He has been a strong advocate for the rights of displaced persons, focusing on issues like rehabilitation, land rights, access to education, and healthcare.

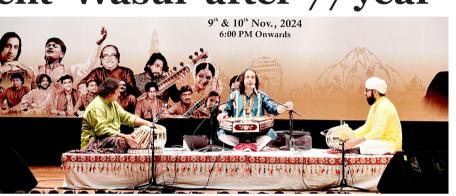
Shan believes that his inclusion in the Assembly would ensure that the challenges faced by displaced persons are given the necessary attention, helping them secure their rights and improve their quality of

## Sopori breathes new life into Kashmiri instrument 'Wasul' after 77 year

**Top News Report** 

NEW DELHI, Nov 10: Santoor maestro and acclaimed music composer Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori has revived a rare and cherished classical instrument from Kashmir's Sufiana music tradition - the Wasul. Absent from the musical landscape for nearly 77 years, the Wasul makes a historic comeback after its extinction in the 1940s. This remarkable feat marks a significant step in preserving and promoting the cultural legacy of

The Wasul disappeared from the music scene largely due to Sufiana musicians adopting the Dukra and later Tabla due to many social reasons, coupled with the tragic loss of the Sopori family's own age-old Wasul during the Kabali Raid in Kashmir in October 1947.



Over the decades, the instrument became nothing more than a reference in history, its sound and technique lost to time.

Through persistent efforts, Abhay Sopori has brought the Wasul back to life, introducing it as not only an emblem of the Sopori family's legendary legacy but as an integral part of Kashmiri and Sufiana music heritage. "The Kashmiri Wasul stands as a counterpart of Indian classical Pakhawaj," Sopori explains. "However, the rhythmic patterns on the Wasul are unique, specially crafted for the Sufiana music tradition, distinct from those played on the Pakhawaj."

Pandit Abhay Sopori expressed immense joy at reintroducing the Wasul to the music world, saying, "The Wasul has been an integral part of my family's musical heritage, alongside the Santoor, Kashmiri Sitar, and vocal music. My great-grandfather, Pandit Samsar Chand Sopori ji, was renowned as one of the finest Wasul players,

honoured with the title 'Taalbaz', a beautiful tribute to his rhythmic mastery. I am deeply grateful that, with the blessings of my ancestors and my gurus, my grandfather, the legendary Pandit Shamboo Nath Sopori ii. hailed as the 'Father of Classical music' in Jammu and Kashmir, and my father Pandit Bhajan Sopori ji, I have been able to revive an instrument with a history spanning

The Wasul has now been crafted in Delhi

thousands of years."

under Sopori's guidance and made its much-anticipated debut in a concert in the capital, captivating audiences in the signature Sopori Baaj style of the great Saint music legend Pandit Bhajan Sopori ji, hailed as the 'Saint of Santoor' and 'King of Strings'. With this revival, Pandit Abhay Sopori continues his invaluable contributions to Indian Classical music and the cultural preservation of Kashmir.

Pandit Abhay Rustum Sopori mesmerized the audience with his rendition of Raga Kaushik Ranjani on Santoor accompanied by young rhythmist Chanchal Singh on Wasul, who has been trained by Sopori himself, and on Tabla by well-known Tabla player Pandit Satyajit Talwalkar, and received standing ovation for the grand concert.

## **Department of Computer Science and** IT, CUJ organizes alumni meet



**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, organized its annual alumni meet-2024

The theme of this year's event was "Meet and Greet", which gathered several proud alumni of the Department at the Alma Mater to reminisce about the old memories. More than 30 students registered and participated in the "Meet and Greet 2024".

The event started with Maa Saraswati Vandana and light lamping followed by a welcome address by Prof. Dinesh Kumar, Head of the department. In his address, Prof. Kumar introduced the alumni about various new initiatives taken in recent past and future plans of the department. Prof. Dinesh also congratulated alumni for achieving success in their career and conveyed his best wishes for their future endeavors.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ and former Head of the Department graced the occasion and shared his own memories as an alumnus in various institutions. He motivated and encouraged the gathering to always work hard with sincere dedications to conquer their dreams in life. It is pertinent to mention that many alumni of the department are working with Government sector organizations and software industries at higher packages as well as many are pursuing their higher studies from IITs or NITs.

A short documentary of astonishing memories of alumni at CUJ was also shown during the "Meet and Greet 2024". Later, during alumnus talk, the personal experiences and memories were shared by the former students. All the present alumni at the meet were facilitated by the Head and faculty members of the Department. The students and Ph.D scholars of the department also presented many cultural events as well as entertainment games with the alumni and guests.

The coordinators of the event were, Dr. Arvind Selwal and Dr. Deepti Malhotra, Assistant Professors, CSIT. The successful event "Meet & Greet-2024" concluded with the national anthem followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Arvind Selwal.

## Roller Skating Hockey Championship Master team of Jindrah Roller Athlete again UT champion

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: For the last many consecutive years, the Masters Roller Athlete Skating Club Jindrah dominated the Master Roller Hockey event and now again Jindrah Masters team won the UT Masters Roller Hockey tile in Roller Skating Championship which was held at MA Stadium here.

Under the aegis of the Jammu and Kashmir Roller Skating Association, the team performed well under the captaincy of the International Skater Krish Gupta.

The final match was very tough and in the nail biting end, Jindrah Masters team won the UT champions title in the respective category. Ankush Kohli, Sanjeev

Kumar, Krish Gupta and the (goal keeper) Gagan Singh Jamwal played well but international roller hockey player Ramneesh Sharma played an exceptional role in changing the position of the game and his performance was highly appreciated by the team members as well as by the crowd.

Other Roller Hockey teams of the club also showed excellent perforwere the results. Cadet boys Team A silver Cadet Girls Gold Cadet mix Team A silver Cadet mix Team B bronze Sub Junior boys Team A gold Team B silver Sub junior mix Team B gold Team. A silver Junior mix Gold where as the speed skater of the club. Abhinav Bakshi also won three bronze medals in three different races in his cat-

The management appreciated the team performance and advised them to perform better for the national trials

egory.

### Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans delivers religious sermons

**Top News Report** 

AKHNOOR. Nov 10: Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj delighted the congregation with the nectar of his discourses on Sunday at Sungal Road, Akhnoor.

He shared profound insights on the path of devotion to Sahib, emphasizing that all the four elements—earth. water, fire, and air-meet in this divine journey. However, to truly walk this path, one must cultivate curiosity to know God and the soul. Those who approach devotion with such a mindset are indeed fortunate, he said.

Sadguru Ji further

explained that the world is perishable, and its joys are like a mirage. He compared the worldly pursuit of happiness to a desert deer chasing the illusion of water in the shining sand. The deer runs endlessly but never finds water, ultimately dying in its search. Similarly, true happiness cannot be found in the world. It is only an illusion, seen as far away but never attained.

In his discourse, Sadguru Ji referred to a conversation between Dharamdas Ji and Sahib. Dharamdas Ji had asked Sahib to explain the essence of devotion. Sahib. in turn. outlined four key elements that bring happiness to a devotee. The first is discretion, which serves as a companion on the spiritual path.



Sahib illustrated this with an example: when a person is angry and fights with someone, the lack of discretion could lead to disastrous consequences, like jail time. If the person had taken a moment to think, they could have avoided the conflict. Discretion, born from devotion, leads to thoughtful decisions and ultimately to salvation.

The second element is detachment, which means freeing oneself from the attachment to worldly things. Sadguru Ji emphasized that people often believe happiness lies in foreign lands, but he asserted that there is no true happiness anywhere except in India. Attachment to material desires is the root cause of birth and death. A being bound to the body can never find true contentment. Once detachment is achieved, the focus should shift toward the welfare of the soul.

Sadguru Ji's words inspired the congregation to adopt these virtues to attain salvation, and to understand that devotion is not just a practice, but a path to transcend the illusions of the world

#### DLSA observes Legal Services Day with awareness programme on Access to Justice Farhat Nabi, Panel lawyer vices Authorities. Adv.

**Top News Report** 

KISHTWAR, Nov 10: Under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority, Kishtwar, today celebrated the Legal Services Day and with the objective of generating awareness on Legal Services Authorities and Legal Services, also organized an awareness programme at Conference Hall, District Court Complex, Kishtwar.

The programme was inaugurated by Manjeet Singh Manhas, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge),

Advocate Naveed Khurshid, Deputy Chief, LADC, Adv. Anjali Gulati, Adv.

were the resource persons in the programme.

Manjeet Singh Manhas emphasized that it is our duty to ensure that every person has access to justice. He highlighted the significance of Legal Services Day, observed on November 9th, which reminds us of the foundations laid by the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987.

He also gave an overview of the Legal Aid and Services provided by the DLSA Kishtwar.

Adv. Naveed Khurshid gave an overview of the LADC scheme and legal services provided in criminal matters

Adv. Anjali Gulati shared the background, structure and scope of Legal SerFarhat Nabi highlighted the various resources of DLSA and kinds of legal services provided by

A prize distribution ceremony was also organized, wherein students among others were awarded prizes and certificates. Among the participants

were members of the JJB Kishtwar, Chairperson and Members of CWC Kishtwar, Prosecuting Officers, Superintendent Distt. Jail. Kishtwar. teachers nominated by the CEO Kishtwar, students, panel lawyers and members of the bar.

Slahuddin Ahmed, Sub Judge/Secretary, DSLA Kishtwar conducted the proceedings of the pro-

## **TLSC Chenani observes National Legal Services** Day, spread awareness about welfare schemes

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Nov 10: On the direction of Chairman District Legal Services Authority Variender Singh Bhau, Tehsil Legal Services Committee Chenani celebrated National Legal Services Day at Higher Secondary school Chenani

The programme was organised under the supervision and guidance of the TLSC Chairman, Ravinder Singh in collaboration with Higher secondary school Chenani.

On the occasion, the resource person of the programme were Ranjit Parihar and Advocate panel Lawyer M.M Bhat

Others who were present on the occasion were Lecturer Poonam Sharma and Rashi Gupta, Rimpy Sharma along with other staff members. Bar members, officers/officials of education departments and PLVs also partici-

Speaking on the occasion resource person Advocate M.M Bhat and Ranjit Parihar educated the congregation about the importance of the day and obligation on part of the judiciary to provide justice in all domains viz social, economic and

political They also stressed upon the utility of various welfare schemes for upon creating awareness among the general public. Speaking on the occasion resource persons highlighted the various aims & objectives of Legal Services Day and aware students that who can avail free legal service.

the public and stressed

Speakers also informed the gathering that free legal aid is available to the weaker sections of the Society in any matter before civil, criminal or any other forum and can be availed for pending cases as well as the cases at Pre-litigation.

On behalf of School Rashi Gupta lecturer thanked TLSC for organizing such camp in their school.

### Ground Zero Gym launches: Redefining fitness with State-of-the-Art Facilities dedicated posing room

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: Ground Zero Gym has officially launched in Chaudhary Towers, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, bringing a new level of fitness excellence to the region. With cuttingedge infrastructure and state-of-the-art equipment, the gym promises to transform the local fitness scene. Ground Zero Gym stands out with its exclusive recovery facilities, including ice bath and oxy bath treatments—the first and only gym in the state to offer these advanced options. These ameni-



ties ensure members have access to premier muscle recovery and rejuvenation methods, emphasizing a holistic approach to health and wellness. In addition to its top-tier equipment, Ground Zero Gym has introduced premium steam and sauna rooms for ulti-

mate relaxation and a

for physique refinement. An in-house healthy café provides nutritious meals and beverages, supporting members' dietary needs. The gym is staffed with certified professional trainers who offer personalized training and expert guidance, catering to both fitness novices and seasoned athletes. With this comprehensive blend of strength, endurance, and recovery features, Ground Zero Gym is set to become a cornerstone of wellness in the community, offering an unparalleled fitness

## **Arjun Kapoor thanks Rohit Shetty for Singham** Again: "A director who believes in you"

Arjun Kapoor has made quite an impression with his role in Rohit Shetty's Singham Again. The film featured the actor as the antagonist, Danger Lanka. Arjun has now shared BTS photos from the set of Singham Again. He also thanked director Rohit Shetty for trusting him. In an Instagram post, Arjun Kapoor wrote, "The perfect role, at the right time, with a director who believes in you - sometimes, that's all it takes. Grateful beyond words for the trust he's shown in me when not many were willing to, and for creating a character so close to his vision that the audiences have loved. This journey of becoming Danger Lanka has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you, Rohit Shetty sir and team, for making every moment on set unforgettable. I'd do this all over again in a heartbeat!"



Arjun Kapoor previously opened up about his autoimmune disorder in an interview with Anupama Chopra for The Hollywood Reporter. The actor said, "I have something called Hashimoto's Thyroiditis. It's an extension of having a thyroid issue. Your antibodies fight against you. It's almost like I can take a flight and gain weight because the body goes into stress. The stress mode is when your antibodies believe something is wrong, and it goes into action. The more relaxed I am, the better I look — which is ironic because, in this profession, you're not really relaxed."

Arjun revealed that he was "going through the worst phase" in his life when he signed up for

He said, "When I signed this film, I was going through the worst phase of my life. Personally, professionally, emotionally, mentally and physically. I did not know whether I was depressed or not, I just knew something was not working. I was procrastinating a lot. I stopped enjoying watching films and I only know that. So for me, my life was films. And then it reached a point where I think I self-imploded. I was not a happy person. And the fire within me diminished."

Released on November 1, Singham Again also features Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff and Jackie Shroff in key roles. The actionentertainer is the third segment of the much-loved Singham franchise and the fifth film of Rohit Shetty's cop universe.

### Percy talks about his journey as a DJ



We've come to know Percy as actress Delnaaz Irani's partner. He is a familiar face on Delnaaz's social media, where they entertain fans with their creative reels. Percy is also a talented music-maker and has made a significant mark as a DJ. Some time ago, he left a stable corporate job to pursue music full-time.

About his journey as a DJ, he says, "I started my career as a DJ several years ago. I was driven by my passion for music and the desire to create unique soundscapes that resonate with people. I've learned a lot about the industry, met amazing people, and grew not only as a DJ but as an artiste too."

When asked about his future plans, Percy said, "I aim to continue pushing boundaries with my music. I'm looking to collaborate with new artistes and explore more genres like Afrobeat, Tech and Amapiano. I've also delved into original compositions for web shows and movies through my company. My goal is to create music that resonates globally, while staying true to my roots."

One can follow and listen to his remixes on Spotify and make reels on Instagram using Percy's remixes!

### **Gopal Datt reveals how theatre** helped him ace his comic timing

Amazon MX Player recently unveiled the highly awaited dramedy Fisaddi. The comingof-age series explores the dynamics between two brothers — Goldie, a 'local legend' living the ultimate hostel life until his younger brother Vimal, who enrols in the same college and quickly begins outclassing him, leading to unexpected twists and turns in their relationship. Boasting of a talented cast, the series features Bhuvan Arora, Poojan Chhabra, Gopal Datt, Rajesh Jais and Priyal Mahajan.

About his comic timing, Gopal said, "I don't know where I got this from, but I believe my extensive theatre experience has shaped it. In theatre, you quickly gauge the



audience's reaction, recognising what resonates and what doesn't. This method has been invaluable for me; over a period of time, you learn to discover what the audience will love, where they will engage, and where they might not. I believe theatre deserves credit for that."

## Shahbaz Khan: At this stage of career can't start making reels for social media

Actor Shahbaz Khan says after spending 34 years in the entertainment industry the current scenario is tough. especially for the senior actors as well as his contemporaries, with casting directors pitching on the trending set of actors.

"Instagram ke followers, hits on reels and whether you are trending now guides your prospect. Casting directors too are working with their selective pool of actors. If you talk about actors from my time very few of them have work. Milta bhi hai toh you don't get option to choose but kaam to karna hi hai jab aisa profession chuna hai! But, at this stage of career I can't start making reels for social media," says the actor on his recent



visit to Lucknow and adds, "these trending wale log" are being cast.

The actor was last seen in the film The UP Files and the OTT series Taaza Khabar Season 2. "They established my character in this season which was small but went viral all over and now I am told that they will be repeating me in the third season too. Bahut maza aaya! Bhuwan (Bam, actor) is also an influencer but a good artiste too, so is Kusha (Kapila, actor) and a few others. But the influx of influencers has harmed regular actors.

The actor will be next seen in Shabir Sheikh's film The Real Encounter. "I play an encounter specialist Arjun Ranade in the film inspired by true events but is a work

of fiction. I have played a cop before too but realised how challenging it is for policemen with rules, laws and now human rights to perform their duty. It also gives a strong social message,' shares Khan.

The actor has also signed a TV show. "It's a difficult phase for TV but people are ready to experiment. I am working on the show Apollina which will be on air in a few months. When I look back at our shows like The Sword of Tipu Sultan (1990), Chandrakanta (1994) and Yug (1997) it looks like a dream. We call television content regressive, but not all shows on OTT are good. Good shows like The Family Man or Panchayat are far and few!" says Khan.

## Why Farah Khan rejected Rs 10 crore offer to IC 814 actor Patralekhaa on cast a producer's son

Choreographer and filmmaker Farah Khan once revealed that she turned down a lucrative offer from a producer who was willing to pay her Rs. 10 crore to cast his son in 'Happy New Year'

In a past interview with comedian and writer Zakir Khan, Farah recalled the incident where she chose to cast Vivaan Shah, the son of Naseeruddin Shah and Ratna Pathak Shah, instead of the producer's son.

She shared, "You won't believe it, but during Happy New Year, a producer offered me Rs 10 crore to cast his

Being a 'Jhansi Ki Rani,' I said, 'I will never do this.' I won't do injustice to the film. What if Shah Rukh gets to know that I took Rs 10 crore to cast him in the film? Never, I won't do that. I cast Vivaan Shah because I thought he was the person who fit perfectly for the character and the film."

Farah Khan's film "Happy New Year" starred Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padu-



kone, Abhishek Bachchan, Sonu Sood, Vivaan Shah, and Boman Irani.

The action-comedy, which was Farah's last film as a director, became one of the highest-grossing films of the year.

Khan has directed four films in her career, with three, 'Main Hoon Na', 'Om Shanti Om', and 'Happy New Year', featuring Shah Rukh Khan in the lead.

Notably, all three have become some of the biggest hits of both Farah and SRK's careers.

## the shift in her career: I am finally getting offers



Patralekhaa has hit a significant milestone, marking 10 years in the industry.

The actor debuted alongside her nowhusband Rajkummar Rao in Citylights (2014).

While she has consistently prioritised the quality of her work, her project count has not been particularly high. This year, however has brought her mainstream recognition through two back-to-back projects-IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack and Wild Wild Punjab. "I'm excited what people are coming to me with. I am getting offers now, that was not happening earlier," she

says. The 34-year-old is still learning how to gauge success, particularly in the absence of box office figures for web series. "I don't know how you measure it here. I'm getting so much love from people, I suppose that's the measurement," she shares, adding, "People are reaching out to me, meeting me at the airport or while I'm out for a meal. The reviews I got for both projects have been overwhelming, I didn't expect it to pop this way.'

Now that offers are flowing in, does she seek advice on choosing roles? "I have stopped (taking advice). Nobody else would know what's good for you. You have to go to the set and do what's the best for you and enjoy every character," the actor signs off

## Joaquin Phoenix was called 'unprofessional' by Russell Crowe on Gladiator sets

Oscar winning-actor Joaquin Phoenix, who played the villainous Roman emperor Commodus in the 2000 film Gladiator, was told he was being 'unprofessional' by Russell Crowe on the sets of the Ridley Scott

Scott, who has directed Gladiator II starring Paul Mescal, said, "Joaquin was in his prince's outfit saying, 'I can't do it'. I said, 'What?' And Russell said, 'This is terribly unprofessional'." About how he convinced Phoenix to stay in the film, Scott said, "I can act as a big brother or dad. But I'm quite



a friend of Joaquin's. Gladiator was a baptism of fire for both of us in the beginning."

The film ended up winning five Oscars, including best picture. Phoenix and Scott later worked together in their careers for the 2023 historical drama Napoleon. Phoenix recently said one of his favourite things on sets was a lack of ego! He said that Lady Gaga, who was his co-star on Joker: Foile À Deux, displayed no diva tendencies when they were working together.

Meanwhi, Gladiator II is an epic historical action film. Serving as a sequel to Gladiator

(2000), it stars Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal, Joseph Quinn, Fred Hechinger, Lior Raz, Derek Jacobi, Connie Nielsen, and Denzel Washington.

Jacobi and Nielsen reprise their roles from the first film. Mescal portrays Lucius, the son of Maximus and Lucilla, who becomes a gladiator after his home is invaded by the Roman army led by General Marcus Acacius. Lucius seeks revenge against Acacius and fights as a gladiator for Macrinus, a former slave who plans to overthrow the emperors Geta and Cara-

calla.

## Uddhav siding with those who insulted Balasaheb, **Savarkar: Amit Shah**

MUMBAI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Union minister Amit Shah on Sunday said Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray was siding with the Congress, whose leaders have insulted Balasaheb Thackeray and Veer Savarkar.

"I want to ask Uddhav Thackeray if he can request Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to say two good words for Veer Savarkar," Shah said, after releasing BJP's manifesto for the November 20 Maharashtra assembly polls.

"Can any Congress leader say a few words in honour of Balasaheb Thackeray," Shah said.

"It would be good if the people of Maharashtra get to know those who have come out with the dream of forming an alliance government amidst such contradictions," he said.

Shah said the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' manifesto for the November 20 assembly polls



is a reflection of the aspirations of the people of Maharashtra.

"An organization of Ulemas has demanded reservations for minorities, and the state Congress president Nana Patole acknowledged this," Shah said.

"Are the people of Maharashtra in favour of giving their right of reservation meant for the SCs, STs and OBCs to the Muslims," Shah said.

"Our constitution does not provide reservations based on religion. However, Congress promised reservations before coming to power, and people should take cognizance of this issue," he said.

The BJP's resolutions are etched in stone, Shah said. "Whether it is the Centre or the state, when our government is formed, we fulfill our resolutions," he added.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi's poll promises are an insult to ideology and promote appeasement, Shah said.

The Congress has reneged on pre-election promises it made in states ruled by it now, he said, adding the Maha Vikas Aghadi has no credibility.

"Sharad Pawar should tell people of Maharashtra what was his contribution for them while he was a minister for 10 years in the UPA government," Shah said.

"Maharashtra has been leading the country in every field for ages. The Bhakti movement started from Maharashtra, the movement for freedom from slavery was also started by Shivaji Maharaj from here, the social revolution also started from here and the reflection of the aspirations of the people of Maharashtra is seen in our Sankalp Patra," Shah said.

## 'Double engine' of private investment, mass consumption derailed under Modi government: Congress



NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): The Congress on Sunday claimed that India was facing a "demand crisis" due to sustained income stagnation and said the 'double engine' of private investment and mass consumption that powered the UPA's decade of sustained GDP growth has been "derailed" in the last ten years of the Modi government.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh urged the government to accept what the Congress has been proposing - raising MGNREGA wages to a minimum of Rs.400 per day, guaranteeing MSP and a loan waiver for farmers, and a monthly income support scheme for women - to kickstart income growth in rural India.

He said that with each passing day, the tragedy of India's dying consumption story becomes more evident. Last week, several CEOs from India Inc

raised the alarm over the 'shrinking' middle class and now, new data from NABARD's All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey (NAFIS) 2021-22 adds to the evidence that India's demand crisis is a result of sustained income stagnation, he

said in a statement. Citing key takeaways from the survey data, Ramesh said the average monthly household income for Indians is Rs 12,698 to Rs 13,661 for agricultural households and Rs 11,438 in nonagricultural households.

"Assuming an average household size of 4.4, the per capita income in rural areas is an estimate Rs.2,886 per month - less than Rs 100 a day.

tion beyond that of basic necessities," Ramesh said, citing the data.

"This is hardly the exception - nearly every

piece of evidence points to this same damning conclusion: that the average Indian can buy less today than they could 10 years ago.

This is the ultimate root cause for India's consumption slowdown," he claimed.

Citing Labour Bureau's Wage Rate Index data, Ramesh said real wages for labourers stagnated between 2014 and 2023, and in fact declined between 2019 and 2024.

Further, he cited the Ministry of Agriculture's Agricultural Statistics data to state that under Dr Manmohan Singh, real wages for agricultural labourers grew at 6.8 per cent each year, he said.

"Under Mr.Modi, real wages for agricultural labourers declined by -1.3 per cent each year," Ramesh said.

Citing periodic Labour Force Survey Series data, Ramesh said the average real earnings over time have stagnated between 2017 and 2022 across all employment types - salaried workers, casual workers, and self-employed workers.

He also cited Centre for Labour Research and Action data to claim that real wages of brick kiln workers have stagnated or declined between 2014 and 2022.

He added that brick kilns involve intensive labour and are a lowpaying work of last resort for India's poor-

"This slowdown in consumption is destroying our medium-term and long-term economic potential, whatever the quarterly GDP numbers may suggest," he

asserted. Without adequate growth in consumption to assure them of a market for their products, India's private sector will be unwilling to invest in new production, Ramesh argued.

"As the Government's own Economic Survey (2024) acknowledged,

'private sector GFCF (gross fixed capital formation) in machinery and equipment and intellectual property products has grown cumulatively by only 35 per cent in the four years to FY23 - This is not a healthy mix.

It is about to get worse, with new project announcements by the private sector falling by 21 per cent between FY23 and FY24," he said.

Very recently, the Confederation of Indian Industry, the premier industry association, has suggested that the Government boost MGNREGA wages by 40 per cent, raise payments under PM-KISAN by one-third, and issue 'consumption vouchers' that can be used by lower-income citizens to purchase specific goods and services over a sixto-eight-month period. Ramesh said.

This is very much in line with the policies the Indian National Congress had advocated in its Nyay Patra for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections - raising MGNRE-GA wages to a minimum of Rs.

400 per day, guaranteeing MSP and a loan waiver for farmers, and a monthly income support scheme for women, he said The Government must accept this proposal to kickstart income growth in rural India after a decade of stagnation, Ramesh said.

"The 'double engine' private investment and mass consumption that powered the Congressled UPA's decade of sustained GDP growth has been derailed in the last ten years of the non-biological PM. It is time to set it back on track," he said.

The Congress last week had alleged that deliberate destruction of MSMEs through "neglectful policymaking, a blundering demonetisation, a botched-up GST rollout, and the unplanned COVID-19 lockdown" is partly responsible for the shift away from labour-intensive growth.

The Congress has been repeatedly attacking the Centre over its handling of the economy, raising concerns over "increasing" unemployment and price rise.

## Waqf land row: Karnataka warns action against eviction notices to farmers

BENGALURU, Nov 10 (Agencies): After suspending the mutation processes (change of ownership) of all properties allegedly transferred to the Waqf Board from farmers and private owners, the Karnataka government has warned of strict action against officials who continue such activities or issue eviction notices to farmers

In a letter, Revenue Department Principal Secretary Rajender Kumar Kataria reminded all regional and deputy commissioners in districts where complaints had surfaced about the arbitrary transfer of property ownership in favour of the Karnataka

Board of Wagfs. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had held meetings in these areas in response to the complaints.

During the meeting, it was decided that all directions previously issued by any government office or authority to change the mutation records had been withdrawn, the letter stated, adding that all notices served in the past had also been rescinded. The Revenue Department emphasised that no action should be taken against farmers who are cultivating the

said land. "The officials who served reminder-2 despite the chief minister's direction will face

appropriate disciplinary action," Kataria said in his letter. He said he has been instructed to strictly implement the Chief Minister's direction.

The Chief Minister's directive followed the Chairman of the Joint Committee of Parliament on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, Jagdambika Pal, receiving over 500 petitions from farmers in Karnataka's northern districts, alleging that their lands had been marked as Waqf properties.

Pal visited Hubballi, Vijayapura, and Belagavi districts, accompanied by BJP MP Tejasvi Surya, who is also a

member of the JPC. Last week, Karnataka



BJP leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly, R Ashoka, alleged that hasty attempts were being made to register lands claimed by the Waqf Board in anticipation of an amendment to the Waqf Act. He wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah and the JPC chairman, urging

them to direct the state to immediately halt all such registrations until the JPC proceedings are concluded.

The alleged mutation of farmers' lands has ignited a major political debate in Karnataka, where bypolls for three crucial assembly segments are set to take place on November 13.

### 5 of family killed after car rams truck on Greater Noida expressway



GREATER NOIDA, Nov 10 (Agencies): Five mem-

ling from Noida to Pari Chowk when their car rammed into a stationary truck from behind. In the video, the car appears heavily damaged, with major destruction visible across its front and sides. Authorities have taken custody of the bodies and sent them for postmortem. In September, a similar tragedy took place in Uttar Pradesh's Barabanki, where five members of the same family, including a child, were killed after their speeding car collided with two other vehicles.

## No let-up in Delhi pollution, air quality 'very poor'

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Del-

According to the Central Pollution

The AQI classifications are: 0-50 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200

Meanwhile, the minimum temperature on Sunday morning settled at 18 degree celsius, one degree above the

At 8:30 am, the humidity level was 91 percent, according to the India Meteorological Department.

The weather department has forecast a mainly clear sky in the morning, with smog or mist likely in the evening and night. The maximum temperature is expected to reach around 32 degree

A layer of smog covered the national capital Monday morning and the air quality was recorded in the "very poor" category with an average AQI of 358 at 9 am, according to Central Pollution

of level of air pollution for the past few weeks which has been primarily blamed on stubble-burning in neighbouring states, Diwali fireworks and low wind speed.

The AQI was in the 'very poor' category on Saturday and Friday as well.



bers of a family, comprising three women and two men, were killed on Sunday after their car collided with a truck on the Greater Noida Expressway. The accident took place while the family was travelhiites woke up to toxic air on Sunday as the air quality remained in the 'very poor' category.

Control Board (CPCB), the Air Quality Index (AQI) of the national capital stood at 334. Some areas, including Alipur, Anand Vihar, Jahangirpuri, Rohini, and Bawana, continued to experience 'very poor' air quality.

'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor', and 401-500 is 'severe'.

season's average for this time.

Control Board (CPCB) data. Delhi has been witnessing very high

#### The vast majority of Indians therefore have very little money for discretionary consump-

## Maharashtra Opposition Manifesto Promises Rs 3,000 To Women, Caste Census

For women, the Maha Vikas Aghadi has promised free bus travel, six cylinders at 500 rupee rate, stronger laws to ensure safety and a free cervical cancer vaccine

MUMBAI, Nov 10 (Agencies): The manifesto of the Maha Vikas Aghadi bloc of Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Ajit Pawar) for the November 20 polls in Maharashtra aims to beat the Eknath Shinde government's Ladki Bahin yojana for women and reach out to farmers and the youth.

The manifesto, which was launched today, laid down the agenda for the first 100 days if the Opposition bloc came to power. It promises an assistance of Rs 3,000 per month to women under the Mahalaxmi Yojana. This is more than the Rs 1,500 assistance to women under the Eknath Shinde government's Ladki Bahin scheme, it is also more than the Rs 2,100 promised by the BJP in its poll manifesto, also released today.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi has promised to provide free bus travel to women, six cylinders at Rs 500 rupee rate, stronger laws to ensure women's safety, free cervical cancer vaccine for girls in 9-16 years age group and two days of period leave every month.

To farmers, another key group as far as elections are concerned, the Maha Vikas Aghadi assured a high-level committee to stop farmer suicides and a better scheme for families of farmers who

died by suicide. The bloc has promised to ensure farmers get the right price for their produce and said it

Unemployed youth, the bloc said, will be given a monthly pension of Rs 4,000 and state scholarship schemes

will simply the crop insurance

will be expanded.

The MVA manifesto also promised to expand the state's health insurance policy. Under social justice, it promised a Caste Census in Maharashtra.

At the launch of the document, state Congress chief Nana Patole said it is not

a manifesto but a vachan nama. "BJP and the alliance have betrayed the state for the last 10 years. They are talking about waiving farmers' loans, why didn't they do

it when they were in power?"

Addressing the event, Congress president Mallikarjun

he asked.

Kharge said the world looks at Mumbai and Maharashtra leads the country in social change. "This is a very important election, not just for turncoats, but one that will decide the future of the country. Only MVA can promise a stable government," he said. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut and NCP(SP)'s Supriya Sule was also present at the manifesto launch.

The turncoats jab was aimed at the Shiv Sena rebels whose mutiny split the party into two and brought down the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government in 2022. Later, the Ajit Pawar camp's rebellion split Sharad Pawar's NCP too.

In the 2019 election, the BJP and Shiv Sena were in an alliance. Now, the Sena has split and so has the NCP. So, in some ways, this is also an election where the rival factions will try to prove they are the 'real' party.

Listing the promises in MVA's manifesto, the Congress chief took a swipe at the BJP. "When we were implementing it in Karnataka, they called it revdi, but are now promoting the same schemes." On the caste Census, he said it was not aimed at dividing people, but to access data on their social position so that efforts can be made to improve it.

## Mauritius votes in close-fought election race

The battle for control of the 70-seat National Assembly is being played out between two main blocs -- Jugnauth's Militant Socialist Movement and its allies and the Alliance of Change led by former prime minister Navin.

PORT LOUIS, Nov 10 (Agencies): Mauritius began voting on Sunday in a close-fought election race that has been clouded by a wire-tapping scandal in a nation usually touted as one of Africa's most stable and prosperous democracies.

Campaigning has been tense, and police have been deployed at polling stations to ensure security, according to election commissioner Irfan Rahman, as media reports said concerns about electoral fraud were emerging.

The legislative poll in the Indian Ocean archipelago follows a historic agreement last month that saw Britain cede sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius following a long-running dispute.

But Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth's hopes of an easy re-election in the wake of the deal were dealt a blow when secretly recorded phone calls of politicians, diplomats and journalists began to be leaked online last month.

The former CEO of Mauritius Telecom and several other suspects have been arrested in the investigation into the leaks, which were released by an account called Missie Moustass (Mr Moustache), primarily on TikTok.

In response to the scandal, the authorities on November 1 announced a social media ban until after the election.

But an uproar from the opposition and local media forced an embarrassing about-turn within 24 hours.

The ban underscored fears that Mauritius' much-vaunted democracy and freedoms were slipping, with voters voicing



grabs, with the remaining eight

allocated under what is dubbed

Polls opened at 7:00 am

(0300 GMT) and close at 6:00

pm (1400 GMT). Results are

The African Union sent a

The majority Hindu nation of

1.3 million people has seen

remarkable stability and growth

since independence, building

an economy based on tourism,

financial services and manu-

GDP growth was seven per-

cent in 2023, but analysts say

Mauritius needs to diversify

its economy, while concerns

about governance are growing.

institutions that were ensur-

ing checks and balances have

not been functioning and cor-

ruption has increased," said

democracy researcher Rou-

She highlighted procurement

scandals during the Covid-

19 pandemic, harassment of

opposition parties in parlia-

ment, and the use of police

kaya Kasenally.

"In the last five years, the

facturing.

30-member observer mission.

Concerns on governance

the "best loser" system.

expected on Monday.

concerns that economic and political stability will be preserved.

The battle for control of the 70-seat National Assembly is being played out between two main blocs -- Jugnauth's Militant Socialist Movement and its allies and the Alliance of Change led by former prime minister Navin Ramgoolam.

"We are heading for a certain victory," Jugnauth said in an interview with media outlet l'Express on Friday.

"We will be at Government House on November 11," Ramgoolam countered at a press conference, calling for opposition parties to join forces against the MSM alliance.

Just over one million people are registered to vote in the 12th election since independence from Britain in 1968, with 340 polling stations open nationwide.

"Each step will be carried out in complete transparency," Rahman told reporters Satur-

Rallies have been lively, with roads lined with colourful banners and posters of the various political parties.

Mauritius slipped last month

against political opponents.

from top spot to second place in the latest Ibrahim Index, which monitors governance across Africa.

"What guarantee do we have that our privacy and security will be protected in the future?" asked Sakina, a 35-year-old teacher who did not want to give her full name.

"Governance and the independence of the institutions are the main issues of these elections."

Rotating families

Leadership of the island nation has rotated between just three families since independence.

Jugnauth, 62, inherited the premiership from his father when he died in 2017, before his alliance won at the 2019 election, securing 42 seats.

Ramgoolam, 77, is also the son of the country's first leader.

The established politicians face a new challenge from the Linion Reform alliance, campaigning under the slogan "Neither Navin, Nor Pravind".

It has criticised corruption, nepotism and called for greater transparency.

The Chagos deal was a major success for the government, even if Britain will retain a lease to keep a joint US military base on the island of Diego Garcia for an "initial" 99 years.

Jugnauth hailed it as the completion of the nation's "decolonisation".

But some have voiced concerns that president-elect Donald Trump's approach to the US presence in the Indian Ocean might have repercussions for the agreement.

## Palestinian hospital official says 17 killed in Israeli strike on northern Gaza

DEIR AL-BALAH, Nov 10 (Agencies): An Israeli strike early Sunday on a home sheltering displaced people in the northern Gaza Strip killed at least 17 people, according to the director of a nearby hospital that received the bodies

Dr. Fadel Naim, director of the Al-Ahly Hospital in Gaza City, said the dead include nine women, and that the toll was likley to rise as rescue efforts continue. He said they were killed in a strike on a home in the urban refugee camp of Jabaliya, where Israel has been carrying out an offensive for over a month.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

Israeli forces have encircled and largely isolated Jabaliya and the nearby towns of Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun for the past month, allowing in only a trickle of humanitarian aid. Tens of thousands of people have fled to nearby Gaza City.

The entire northern third of Gaza was the first target of Israel's ground invasion and has suffered the heaviest destruction of the 13-month-old war. which was triggered by Hamas' attack into southern Israel.

Israeli forces have repeatedly returned to parts of Gaza where they had operated previously, saying Hamas militants had regrouped.

### **US** warplanes attack Iran-backed **Huthi targets in Yemen: Pentagon**

WASHINGTON, Nov 10 (Agencies): US warplanes staged multiple strikes Saturday night on Iran-backed Huthi advanced weapons storage facilities in Yemen, the Pentagon said today.

The facilities contained various weapons used to target military and civilian vessels navigating international waters throughout the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, according to information provided to agency by the Pentagon. The Huthi-run Al Masirah television network reported three American and British raids that targeted the capital Sanaa's southern Al Sabeen district.

"Evewitnesses said they heard intense flying, along with explosions in different parts of the capital Sanaa," Al Masirah said.

The United States and Britain have repeatedly struck Huthi targets in Yemen since January in response to attacks by the rebels on shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

The rebels say the strikes, which have disrupted maritime traffic in a globally important waterway, target vessels linked to Israel and are intended to signal solidarity with Palestinians during the Gaza war. The attacks have seriously disrupted the Red Sea route which carries 12 percent of global trade.

In more than 100 Huthi attacks over nearly a year, four sailors have been killed and two ships have sunk, while one vessel and its crew remain detained since being hijacked last November. Saturday's strikes come three days after the Huthi's leader Abdul Malik al-Huthi criticised US presidentelect Donald Trump for supporting Israel.

Huthi said that normalisation deals between Arab countries and Israel brokered by Trump had failed to bring an end the Middle East conflict and that he would fail again in his second term.

### Trump rules out Indian-origin Nikki Haley for White House role: Won't be inviting

WASHINGTON, Nov 10 (Agencies): US President-elect Donald Trump announced on Sunday that his former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley and ex-Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will not be part of his new administration, ruling out two prominent Republicans from his second White House term.

"I will not be inviting former Ambassador Nikki Haley, or former Secre tary of State Mike Pompeo, to join the Trump Administration, which is currently in formation," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform. "I very much enjoyed and appreciated working with them previously, and would like to thank them for their service to our country."

Indian-origin Nikki Haley, a former South Carolina governor, ran against Trump during the Republican primaries, harshly criticising him and portraying herself as the candidate best suited to defeat Joe Biden. However, after exiting the race in March, Haley endorsed Trump for the presidency.

In a statement in August, she expressed her lack of interest in serving in a new Trump administration, stating, "The campaign was never about a

Last week, Haley reiterated her support for Trump in a Wall Street Journal op-ed, writing, "I don't agree with Mr. Trump 100 per cent of the time, but I do agree with him most of the time, and I disagree with Ms Harris nearly all the time. That makes this an easy call."

Mike Pompeo, who served as both CIA director and Secretary of State under Trump, has also backed the 78-year-old Republican, despite initially refraining from a strong endorsement. Both Haley and Pompeo had been considered strong candidates for roles in Trump's new Cabinet.

Since his landslide victory against Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris, Trump and his team have been working to staff his new White House

Trump has been meeting with potential candidates for his administration ahead of his January 20 inauguration. He is reportedly looking to rope in billionaire investor Scott Bessent for the post of Treasury Secretary, and tapped his 2024 campaign co-chair, Susie Wiles, as his new White House chief

## Indonesia's new leader calls for collaboration with China before heading to the US

BEIJING, Nov 10 (Agencies): Indonesia's new leader called for collaboration rather than confrontation with China after the signing of \$10 billion in new deals at a business forum on Sunday in the Chinese capital before heading to the U.S.

President Prabowo Subianto told the forum that his country wants to be part of China's emergence as not only an economic but also a "civilizational power."

"We must give an example that in this modern age, collaboration — not confrontation — is the way for peace and prosperity," he said.

Subianto wrapped up the first stop of his first overseas trip since taking office three weeks ago. He is headed next to Washington — where the U.S. government is confronting China's rise — and then to Peru and Brazil for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and



Group of 20 summits.

He and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed Saturday to deepen ties, elevating security to a fifth "pillar" of cooperation in addition to political, economic, maritime and people-to-people exchange. They agreed to hold a first-ever joint meeting of their foreign and defense ministers in 2025, a joint statement said. "Indonesia is very clear,"

Subianto said. "We have always been nonaligned, we have always been respectful of all great powers in the world."

Indonesia has remained on the periphery of the territorial disputes between China and its Southeast Asian neighbors

in the South China Sea. It doesn't have a formal dispute with Beijing though Indonesia said its patrol ships repeatedly drove a Chinese coast guard vessel away from an Indonesian energy company vessel conducting a seismic survey less than a month ago.

Chinese companies have invested heavily in mining in Indonesia, as they have elsewhere in the world. China also helped build Indonesia's first high-speed railway, a 142-kilometer (88-mile) route between Jakarta and Bandung that opened last year.

But a flood of low-priced Chinese products has hit Indonesia's garment makers hard, shuttering factories and prompting calls for import tariffs. The government has sought to placate domestic producers while not angering the country's biggest trading partner.

## In a first, Taliban officials to attend UN climate conference: report

The UN has not allowed the Taliban to take up Afghanistan's seat at the General Assembly, and Afghanistan's government is not formally recognised by UN member states.

KABUL, Nov 10 (Agencies): Afghan Taliban officials will attend a major United Nations climate conference that starts next week, the Afghan Foreign Ministry said on Sunday, the first time they have attended since the former insurgents took power in 2021.

The COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan's capital Baku will be among the highest-profile multilateral events attended by Taliban administration officials since they took control in Kabul after 20 years of fighting NATObacked forces.

allowed the Taliban to take up Afghanistan's seat at the General Assembly, and Afghanistan's government is not formally recognised by U.N. member states, largely due to the Taliban's restrictions on women's education and freedom of movement.

The UN has not

Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Qahar Balkhi said officials from the National **Environmental Protec**tion Agency had arrived in Azerbaijan to attend the COP conference. The Taliban took over the agency when they returned to power as U.S.-led forces withdrew.

Taliban officials have taken part in U.N.organised meetings on Afghanistan in Doha, and Taliban ministers have attended forums in China and Central Asia in the past two years.

But the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change's Bureau of the COP has deferred consideration of Afghanistan's participation since 2021, in effect freezing the country out of the talks.

Afghan NGOs have also struggled to attend climate negotiations in recent years.



Host Azerbaijan invited the Afghan environment agency officials to COP29 as observers, enabling them to "potentially participate in periphery discussions and potentially hold bilateral meetings," a diplomatic source familiar with the matter told agency.

Because the Taliban are not formally recognised within the U.N. system as the legitimate

government of Afghanistan, the source said, the officials cannot receive credentials to take part in the proceedings of full member states. Azerbaijan's presiden-

cy declined to comment.

The Taliban has closed schools and universities to female students over the age of around 12. It also announced a set of wide-ranging morality laws this year that require women to cover their faces in public and restrict their travel outside the home without a male guardian.

The Taliban says it

respects women's rights in accordance with its interpretation of Islamic

Afghanistan is considered one of the countries worst affected by climate change. Flash floods have killed hundreds this year, and the heavily agriculturedependent country has suffered through one of the worst droughts in decades. Many subsistence farmers, who make up much of the population, face deep-

ening food insecurity. Some advocates have criticised international

isolation of the Taliban, saying it only hurts the Afghan people. "Afghanistan is one

of the countries that is really left behind on the needs that it has," said Habib Mayar, deputy general secretary of the g7+, an intergovernmental organisation of countries affected by conflict. "It is a double price

that they are paying," Mayar said. "There is lack of attention, lack of connection with the international community, and then there are increasing humanitarian needs."

## **Army fosters creativity and community** engagement through Drawing Competition

Tomorrow," inspired

thought-provoking and

imaginative creations.

reflecting the students'

aspirations for their com-

The competition saw

students from various age

groups participating, each

munity and nation.

**Top News Report** 

NOWSHERA, Nov 10: In a heart-warming display of community outreach and engagement, the Indian Army conducted a drawing competition at Naushera Government Boys Senior Secondary School

This innovative initiative aimed to nurture student creativity, promote artistic expression and foster meaningful interactions between the Indian Army and the local community.

The Army provided essential art supplies and resources, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience for all



participants. Government Boys Senior Secondary School's vibrant campus transformed into a kaleidoscope of colors as students showcased their artistic prowess

The competition's theme, "My Vision for a Better demonstrating remarkable skill and imagination. Army personnel and

teachers judged the artwork, selecting winners based on creativity, originality and technical proficiency. As the event concluded, participants and organizers alike reflected on the drawing competition's significance.

"It's not just about art; it's about inspiring young minds to dream big and work towards a better tomorrow." said a participating student.

The Indian Army's initiatives in Naushera demonstrate its unwavering dedication to community

development and youth empowerment.

By nurturing creativity, fostering engagement and providing support, the Army continues to build bridges between the military and civilian communities. The success of the drawing competition has paved the way for future collaborations between the Indian Army and Government Boys Senior Secondary School.

As Nowshera's students continue to explore their artistic talents, they will forever cherish the memories of this special event, made possible by the Indian Army.

## Gopashtami Festival at Maat Pita Godham Mahatirth held



CHANDIGARH, Nov 10 (Agencies): Gopashtami festival was organized at Maat Pita Godham Mahatirth, Banur-Ambala Road in Mohali district with religious fervour.

Gochar Gian Chand Walia, founder of Godham said that a large number of people from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Chandigarh and Delhi participated in the program.

Following cow mothers' worship in the morning, Nandini Gau Mahayagya and Purnahuti were held. Sankirtan and praise of cow mothers was also held and a grand aarti of cow mothers was held in the evening followed by a bhandara

All India Gau Katha-

vak Shri Chandrakant, Gau Pracharak Acharya Sushil Mishra, International bhajan singer Sushma Sharma participated in the program.

Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State was chief guest during the occasion. Special guests were Dr. Govind Ji Kale, Dr. Divya Gupta Independent Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Devashish Nilos the former Indian

cricketer. On this occasion. among others Godham president Amarjeet Bansal, Surnesh Singla, Kashmiri Lal Gupta, Maman Ram Garg, Lajpat Rai Garg, Subhash Agarwal, Deepak Mittal, Suresh Bansal, Subhash Singla, Pankaj Jaiswal, Kapil, Babu were present.

During the occasion, over 2000 desi ghee divas were lit by the devotees.

In the World Record Book (London), the Maat Pita Godham Mahatirth Temple has been given the status of being the only temple in the world which does not have the idol of any God in the temple, but here parents Gian Chand Walia said

are worshipped like God. that the Mahatirth is developing as a spiritual center today. In this pilgrimage site, alongside the education to love cow mothers, the message of respecting parents is being also given.

## Army organizes water storage equipment distribution at Sanoti

the support provided

by the Indian Army. 44

households received

a 40 ltr Water Jerrican

each, helping them to

store and transport clean

drinking water more effi-

The event ensured an

outreach to all eligible

families, especially in

the upper reaches of

the border villages. It

was widely appreciated

by the local populace

including the communi-

ty elders who also high-

lighted the benefit of this

essential resource.

ciently.



**Top News Report** 

RAJOURI, Nov 10: The Indian Army organise a successful distribution of water storage equipment to residents of Upper & Lower Sanoti villages.

This initiative was aimed at enhancing access to safe drinking water and improving storage capacity for the local community, particularly in households with limited resources.

The event saw strong participation with a total of 63 villagers attending the event, who engagement.

#### This effort reinforces the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare and continues to strengthen bonds with the local population through constructive

### Two smugglers arrested, illegally procured forest produce seized procured forest produce

**Top News Report** 

GANDERBAL, Nov 10: Police in Ganderbal have arrested two smugglers and seized illegally

## JKBS hails, congrats Kaith twin sisters on bagging first prize in dance competition

**Top News Report** 

UDHAMPUR, Nov 10: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members in Sunday hailed and congratulated Kaith twin sisters: Kanan and Anwesha on winning the first prize plus cash in dance competition organised in Police Academy Udhampur by the Gurukul Dance and Fitness Academy.

Members also congratulated their parents: Anmol Motan and Shammi Kumar Kaith for this remarkable achieve-

Parents told the members that they were so excited to hear the announcement that their daughters have won first prize with cash of Rs 4000. in the dance com-

May this triumph open doors to new opportunities and adventures in their creative pursuits, wished the members.

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in the jurisdiction of PS

Police party of PS Gund under the supervision of SDPO Kangan, intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK18C-6556 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Bashir Ahmad Raina son of Habibullah Rania resident of Ganivan Kangan, Fareed Ahmad Akhoon son of Ab Ahad Akhoon resident of Rayil Gagangir. During search, significant quantity of illegally procured forest produces popularly known as "Kuth' packed in 16 gunny bags have been seized. They have been arrested and the vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 48/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Gund and investigation has been initiated.

## Livasa Hospitals free mega health camps on Nov 14

MOHALI, Nov 10m (Agencies): On Gurpurab, Livasa Hospitals is organizing free mega health checkups at its five hospitals in Punjab including Mohali, Hoshiarpur, Khanna, Nawanshahr and Amritsar on November 14.

During the camps, a team of doctors will offer

free consultations in 16 medical specialties. The free test of ECG, vital testing, blood sugar and bone density will also be done.

People will also get free dietary consultation, screening ECHO if advised by cardiologist and PFT test if advised by pulmonologist and physiotherapy consultation. There will be a Rs. 2000

discount on angiography on advance bookings and 20% discount on all laboratory & radiology services.

Patients should bring their previous medical records, including scans, angiography CD and MRI along with them.

### LG Sinha flags off Shri Kailakh Jyotish and **Vedic Sansthan Trust's 2nd Mobile Sanskrit** Gurukul

Sharma and Dr Sanjay Sharma were

### "Enemies don't want **neace in J&K": BJP's** Darakhshan Andrabi on killings of VDG members

coming here," Andrabi told agency. Earlier, BJP leader Ravinder Raina on Saturday met the families of the Village Defence Guards (VDGs) who were killed in targeted violence on November 7.

"Coward Pakistani terrorists have killed humanity with barbarism...The terrorists not only killed the VDG members, they also mutilated their bodies. They will have to pay a heavy price for this. Indian Army, J&K Police, and Paramilitary forces have cordoned off the area. Terrorists and their helpers will not be spared. The LG and CM have announced that the government will provide all possible help to the victim families," said Ravinder Raina.

On Thursday, terrorists killed two VDG members identified as Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar, both residents of the Kuntwara area in Kishtwar. They had gone to graze their cattle in the forest, police said.

The bodies of the two VDGs, who were abducted and killed in a recent terror attack in the Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, have been recovered, police said on Friday.

The bodies were recovered from the forested areas of Ohli Kuntwara following an intensive joint search operation by the Jammu and Kashmir Police along with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and J-K Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, both condemned the violence against the VDG members. CM Abdullah urged the security forces to ensure that such attacks stop completely,

while LG Sinha said that the government was committed to destroying all terror outfits and avenging the barbaric act.

### **Encounter in Kishtwar. 3 Army personnel injured**

terrorists who killed the two innocent vil-

Heavy exchange of fire is going on between the two sides and further details are awaited, the officials said.

### **Drone seizures at Punjab Border double** to 'Unprecedented' 200: **BSF**

addiction in the young generation and "disintegrating" social harmony.

A senior BSF officer told agency that the more than 200 drones seizure this year includes those unmanned aerial vehicles which were shot down by its troops using rifles, jammed in flight with the use of antidrone technology and those that were recovered lying on the fields on the basis of intelligence inputs or information provided by the locals.

Almost all of these drones are Chinesemade and they carry drugs, small arms and ammunition as payload. However, drugs are the highest sent consignment, the officer said.

The drone menace, that started around 2019-20 along this front, is dominant in the border districts of Amritsar and Tarn Taran in Punjab.

BSF officials have said all the drugs coming from across the Pakistan border into Punjab were now coming through the air route via drones as compared to the earlier land route using pipes pushed from the Pakistan border and many times by being flung from over the fence.

"This year's unprecedented results (of drone seizures) stand as a testament to the BSF's strengthened defences against emerging challenges along the border," the force that functions under the command of the Union Home Ministry said.

**Udhampur witnesses** surge in monkey attacks; 20-25 cases

### received in last six months

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refer the patient to GMC Udhampur. People are scared, even staff are also scared to go out. It is very difficult to venture out alone, as they attack from behind. We want monkeys to be removed from this area by the concerned department,"

she said. Sanjeet Sharma, Former Block Development Chairman and a school owner said that this monkey menace is a challenging issue for Jaganoo as the cases of monkey bites are increasing day by day.

He said, "The monkey menace is a big issue in Jaganoo...the monkey bite cases are increasing day by day...I run a school and protecting children (from monkey bites) is a big challenge. They (Monkeys) take away the tiffins of children and also bite them...'

A monkey bite can cause serious injuries and can transmit several diseases, including rabies, herpes B virus, and infections.

### Scheduled power cuts across J&K for Infrastructure **Upgrades**

(10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Maintenance and branch cutting work will lead to power interruptions in Sail, Gondipora, Old Beerwa, Arwah, Najan, Chewdara, Beerwa Town, Sonpah, Hospital Zainigam, Doodhpathry, Khag, and Arizal

Batmaloo and Surrounding Areas: November 11 (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM): Power supply to Danderkha, Exhibition, Batmaloo, Gangbugh, Naraka, Allochibagh, and Rambagh will be disrupted for pole installation related to the GIS Teng-

Ahmad Nagar and Surrounding Areas: November 11, 16, and 20 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Reconductoring work on the 33 KV Alusteng Zakura Line will affect power supply to Ahmad Nagar, Umerhair, and parts of Buchpora.

Khanyar-Rainawari Line:

November 11, 13, and 17 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM): Areas including Miskeen Bagh, Rozabal, Maqdoom Sahab, Hazari Bagh, Jogilankar, JLNM Hospital, Kondabal, Hasnabad, Palpora, Sangam, Islamia College, Narwara, and Zadibal will face outages due to reconductoring on the 33 KV Khanyar Rainawari Line.

Soura and Nearby Areas: November 13 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Shifting of a 33 KV line near Arwa Bridge will disrupt power supply to Soura, Zoonimar, Buchpora, Anchar, Nowshera, and parts of 90 ft road.

TRC and Sonwar Regions:

November 12 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM): Maintenance work will affect power to receiving stations TRC (F1, F4, F5, F6) and Sonwar (F4), as well as nearby areas like CD Hospital, Gupkar, Dal, Radio Kashmir, November 11 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM): Brein, Tulip Garden, Brein Phallo, Taj Vivanta, Brein Market, Pathanbagh, Nishat, Ishber, Chandpora, Harwan, and Darbagh will face power cuts due to tree pruning and maintenance.

Mammer, Wangath, and Surrounding

November 11 (10:00 AM to 3:00 PM): Outages in Mammer, Wangath, Kangan, Akhal, and Babanagri for painting and other maintenance works on the 33 KV

Bandipora Region:

November 11 to 13 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Branch cutting will affect areas Malangam, Quil, PHE, Aloosa, District Police Line, Town, Arin, Panzigam, Ajar, Nursoo, Naidhal, Ajas, Garoora, Papchan, Nishat, Argam across different days.

Nihalpora-Markundal Line:

November 11 and 14 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Aglar, Naidkhai, Shahgund, Nihalpora, Markundal, Sumbal, and surrounding areas will experience outages for reconductoring work.

Air Force Line (Friends Enclave, Humhama, Peerbagh, Airport Nadroo):

November 11 (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM): Maintenance work on the 33 KV Air Force Line will lead to outages in Friends Enclave, Humhama, Peerbagh, and nearby areas.

Residents are advised to make necessary arrangements in advance to manage during these power outages. The Power Department appreciates the public's cooperation as these projects are aimed at strengthening the overall power infrastructure in the region.

**Kashmir higher** reaches to receive snow during next 24

### hours: MeT

It said the weather will generally remain dry from November 12 to 14.

The possibility of another fresh spell of light rain and now over the higher reaches and at the scattered places of the Kashmir valley from November 15 to 16.

Kashmir weather independent observer Faizan Arif said a fresh weak Western disturbance (WD) is set to impact Jammu and Kashmir from Sunday night.Jammu tourism packages

"Under its influence, light rain and snow is expected in some parts of Jammu and Kashmir and likely to continue till the early morning of November 12," he said, adding "the impact of the WD will be mostly seen over the higher reaches of North Kashmir, Pir Panjal Range, and higher reaches of Bandipora and Ganderbal districts.".

Arif said another WD, but weaker, is going to impact between November 14 and 16 and may cause light snowfall over a few higher reaches of Kashmir Valley.

The daytime temperatures are expected to fall by 2-6°C; besides, there is a possibility of a significant dip in the nighttime temperatures from November 17 onwards, he said.

Kashmir is witnessing a long dry spell that led to the record low water level in the main river Jhelum and other tributaries of the valley.

Srinagar's iconic Dal Lake and other parts of the valley are engulfed with mist and shallow fog amid cold weather conditions, forcing tourists and locals to wear warm

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening nights of Saturday and Sunday in Srinagar was 3.6°C, and it was 1.7°C above normal for the summer capital during this period of season.

The maximum day temperature was recorded in Srinagar on Saturday at 21.6°C, and it was 4.3°C above normal, the MeT office said.

### **Search operation** underway in Baramulla after Sopore encounter

Corps-Indian Army said in a post on X. As per officials, suspicious activity was observed by vigilant troops and on being challenged terrorists opened indiscriminate

More details are awaited.

## **Ground Zero: Rooting for Revival**

Market sentiment up as realty sector sees upward trend in Patiala and Rajpura

PATIALA, Nov 10 (Agencies): After staying in a virtual limbo for almost a decade, the realty scene in the Royal City, Patiala, and its mofussil town, Rajpura, has started seeing some upward trend off-late. Though the resurgence is still confined to certain areas, marketwatchers are seeing it as a good omen. With buyers trying their best eye commercial areas, the market sentiment is up.

"In the past six months, the real estate prices have gone up in approved residential and commercial hubs. Prices of plots in PUDA-approved colonies have gone up by 20 per cent, while the per square yard prices in Leela Bhawan, Bhupindra Road, near Civil Lines School are up by almost Rs 1 lakh per sq yard now as compared to these a couple of years back," says Goyal Properties Nabha Road, owner, Rakesh Goyal.

"There is also a gap in demand and supply that is triggering the price boom as no owner is willing to sell commercial plots on these roads and customers are ready to pay whatever the seller demands for these lucrative locations," he says. During the Congress govt regime from 2002 to 2007, prices of property in the city had sky rocketed and it was a time when every property dealer made hefty profits.

However, with the merger of State Bank of India with State Bank of Patiala and no new industry coming to the city, the Royal City faced a stiff challenge in terms of property escalation over the next few years. Majority of the property dealers suffered losses and rates have started going up only recently after over 15 years of low phase," says Bhupinder Singh, one of the most prominent dealers in the city.

The recent shifting of the bus stand to the new location on Rajpura road has added to property value in that area, but it has also meant loss for shopkeepers operating near the old bus stand. Despite government assurances, the old bus stand remains vacant with not much movement of local busses, adding to losses and also a drop in the nearby property market. No New Projects

However just on the outskirts, more than a dozen private colonies around Patiala are yet to see buyers. Despite the property dealers investing crores and waiting to sell, there is not much investment happening here.

"We bought land, got clearances, raised infrastructure, constructed roads and streetlights and it is so painful to see that not even a single plot has been sold in the past nine years," claims Charanjit Singh of Singh Properties in Sanaur. "As per rough estimates, each plot cost me around Rs 2,000 per square yard in 2007 and till date, I have no buyers even at Rs 5,500," he added.

On the outskirts of Patiala, all residential schemes are yet to see any ray of hope. However, private scheme owners near Bahadurgarh, Bhadson Road, Nabha Road and the farmhouse concepts are now happily following the recent directive of the



Punjab government to allow old schemes to sell without any NOC.

Resurgent Rajpura

Known as the first city of Punjab that falls across the national highway, Rajpura, too, has seen an uptick as prices have gone up for residential, agricultural and commercial properties. over the past few months.

The key trigger for realty market resurgence over the past 12 months are the recent announcements by the central government pertaining to some new investments.

Reeling under heavy debt and low investment, Punjab in August 2024 received a booster dose from the Centre with a Cabinet meeting, chaired by PM Modi, approving Rajpura as one of the 12 sites for smart industrial city projects. The projects are to come up as a "grand necklace" on the golden quadrilateral that connects the country's major industrial, agricultural and cultural hubs.

Though a lot needs to be done to improve basic infrastructure and civic amenities in Rajpura, two new housing

projects by developers from Mohali in addition to the commercial projects have brought some ray of hope for this politically neglected

"Price of an acre with decent connectivity has risen from from around Rs 1 crore to Rs 2 cr within the past two years. The boom is good and there are ready customers who want to invest in the area," says Gurdeep Bedi, who has launched a housing project here.

"For past over six years, the only buyers in the market were those who genuinely needed property for personal use and there were virtually no investors in this market. However, the scene has changed now and there are more queries and serious investors, too, are showing interest in the area," he added.

The entire plan under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme will be worth Rs 28,602 crore, with Rajpura industrial city alone approved at a cost of Rs 1,367 crore. The 12 cities have an investment potential of Rs 1,52,757 crore and are expected to generate 9.39 lakh jobs. The investment potential for Rajpura is Rs 7,500 crore and it can generate 64,204 jobs.

Speaking about the Rajpura project, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal had said 1,099 acres had been acquired and fenced. "We are ready to start the project. I met Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and he assured of full support. With the state's cooperation, we can complete the project in three years," Goyal had said, adding the land was free and the project ready to roll.

**Encroachments woes** The whole town of Raipura and almost all its main roads face the problem of encroachments. hawkers have a field day after paying a paltry monthly fee to Municipal Committee.

"Despite recent court directions, authorities have turned a blind eye to the menace, causing ample losses to the genuine shopkeepers, who feel helpless," says Karamjit Singh, a local resident.

"I have a shop to sell shirts and trousers for which I am paying a rent of Rs 15,000 per month, however, a

hawker sells the same just a few metres away from his illegal kiosk by paying Rs 2,000 a month to the local authorities. In these circumstances, who would want to buy or invest in property in this town," he says.

Locational advantage

The Rajpura industrial city could become a hub of electronics system design and manufacturing. Located just a 35-minute drive from the Chandigarh airport and connected through road and railway network, the city would also be in a position to woo investors in food and beverages, pharmaceutical, machinery, textile and rubber and plastic sectors, he said.

While a major portion of Rajpura-Chandigarh Road and Rajpura-Patiala Road are still unapproved. approved plotting and housing projects are now coming up in every nook and corner of this town that borders Mohali.

Though when one of the largest engineering companies — Larsen & Toubro Ltd set up a 1400-MW Thermal Power Project in Rajpura, real estate activity on the Rajpura-Chandigarh and Rajpura-Patiala roads gained momentum and land prices in both these areas shot up.

The main Patiala-Chandigarh road has some good showrooms in Rajpura that were earlier (2005-07) available for Rs 80,000 per square yard, but despite demand the owners are unable to sell them at the same rates. "These are now available for sale at Rs 60,000 per square yard," claims Sarbjit Singh.

Master Plan

Rajpura is an important sub-division of Patiala district and its location is highly strategic as two national highways cross through it. Rajpura acts as mid-point between Amritsar and Delhi and is the first railway junction of Punjab and Delhi the Amritsar Railway Line. Recognising the need for regulating the development of Rajpura, the Punjab Government had declared a Local Planning Area Rajpura (LPA Rajpura) in December 2007. Chief Town Planner, Punjab, was designated as the Planning Agency to prepare the master plan of LPA Rajpura.

LPA Rajpura comprises 166 villages and the master plan was drafted in a manner that all sections of society. including the public, private and the social sectors had a fair representation.

The main aim was to develop industry, trade and commerce in Rajpura by striking a balance in the distribution of pre-dominant land uses with enhanced connectivity through road, rail and freight corridor in an environmentally sustainable manner. The draft master plan was prepared and objections were heard. In the master plan, the land-use zones had been proposed for LPA Rajpura residential zone, the commercial zone, wholesale and warehousing zone, industrial zone, logistic zone (corridor), mixed-land-use zone and rural and agricultural zone. An extensive road network has also been proposed for the master plan of LPA Rajpura.

## **Easing property registration** process in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister has recently given a green signal to 'Anywhere Registration Policy', with this the sale and purchase of properties in the National Capital can be registered at any subregistrar's office. This move will do away with the requirement of citizens to visit a specific sub-registrar office for getting their properties registered at the time of sale or purchase.

The move will help thousands who had to visit Sub-Registrar Offices, at different locations, and is also aimed at curbing corruption and harassment.

Now, residents can make an online appointment at any of the 22 subregistrar offices across Delhi for their property registration. All Sub-Registrars in Delhi will now function as Joint Sub-Registrars, and their jurisdiction will cover entire Delhi.

Traditionally, individuals purchasing property in Delhi or undertaking any property registration process were required to visit a designated Sub-Registrar Office. However, this process often led to challenges, including long wait in queues and delays in booking appointments at certain offices, while

some others remained underutilised. The new initiative makes the process more transparent, as people who feel pressured by middlemen at certain offices will now have the option to visit other offices. Tracking the number of applications at each office will help identify preferred offices and address challenges faced by residents.

The government has received a number of complaints and suggestions to improve the functioning of the sub-registrar office which is one of the major departments to contribute to the state's financial health. One of complaints received is that there are long queues in many sub-registrar's offices. Another complaint that is often received is regarding the prevalent corruption in many such offices.

While Janakpuri, Kashmere Gate, Model Town and Pitampura are among the most-crowded offices, Sarojini Nagar, Preet Vihar and Defence Colony witness the least number of applicants.

The Delhi Government recently appointed joint sub-registrars at six of its most crowded offices to ease the rush. Each year, the 22 sub-registrars together register around 3.5 lakh to 4 lakh documents.

There are middlemen outside the offices who demand money and people are forced to pay these middlemen to get their registry work done in the same office. To address these issues, the Revenue Department has initiated this new policy.

## Competition Commission probe finds Zomato, **Swiggy violating competition norms**

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): A Competition Commission probe has found that food delivery platforms Zomato and Swiggy indulged in unfair business practices, including alleged preferential treatment to some restaurant partners, according to sources.

The detailed investigation was ordered by Competition Commission of India (CCI) in April 2022 and the probe report was submitted to the regulator

earlier this year. Under the norms, CCI director general's report has been shared with the parties concerned and later, they will be called for hearings by the watchdog. After gathering all the views and explanations, the regulator will pass the final order.

The decision to probe



the two entities had come on a complaint filed by the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). The sources said the

probe has found that the two entities indulged in anti-competitive practices, including allegedly extending preferential treatment to some restaurant partners. The report was submitted to the regulator earlier this year, they added.

Query sent on e-mail to Swiggy remained unan-

swered while Zomato declined to comment.

NRAI said it has reviewed the redacted investigation report that was sent to it in March 2024. "In order to properly

protect the interests of the market, we have petitioned the High Court very recently in November 2024 to request CCI to grant us access to the report in its entirety," the association said in a statement.

NRAI president Sagar

Daryani hoped that CCI will also speed up the investigation on the other issues raised by NRAI in its petition in

Last month, Swiggy mentioned about the CCI case in Red Herring Prospectus for its Initial Public Offering (IPO)..

While ordering the investigation in April 2022, CCI had said that "prima facie there exists a conflict of interest situation, warranting a detailed scrutiny into its impact on the overall competition between the RPs vis-à-vis the private brands/entities which the platforms may be

incentivised to favour". As per the April 2022 order, preferential treatment accorded to Restaurant Partners (RPs) in which these platforms have an equity or revenue interest can create barriers for the existing RPs to compete on fair terms.

"Such preferential treatment can be through various ways given the platform's control over different aspects that influence competition on them, including control over deliveries, search ranking, etc. which can only be examined appropriately in an investigation," it had said.

Among others, the watchdog had said that price parity clauses mentioned in the agreements of Zomato and Swiggy appear to indicate wide restrictions where the RPs are not allowed to maintain lower prices or higher discounts on any of their own supply channel or on any other aggregator, so that the minimum price or maximum discounts can be maintained by the platform.

## Monkeys that escaped lab are species used for human research since 1800s

WASHINGTON, Nov 10 (Agencies): The 43 rhesus macaque monkeys that escaped a South Carolina medical lab this week are among the most studied animals on the planet.

And for more than a century, they have held a mirror

to humanity, revealing our strengths and weaknesses through their own clever behaviors, organ systems and genetic code.

The bare-faced primates with expressive eyes have been launched on rockets into space. Their genome has been mapped. They have even been stars of a

Animal rights groups point out that the species has been subjected to studies on vaccines, organ transplants and the impact of separating infants from mothers. At the same time, many in the scientific community will tell you just how vital their research is to fighting AIDS, polio and COVID-19.

In 2003, a nationwide shortage of rhesus macaques threatened to slow down studies and scientists were

paying up to \$10,000 per animal to continue their work. "Every large research university in the United States probably has some rhesus macaques hidden somewhere in the basement of its medical school," according to the 2007 book, "Macachiavellian Intelligence: How Rhesus Macaques and Humans Have Conquered the World." "The U.S. Army and NASA have rhesus macaques too," wrote the book's author, Dario Maestripieri, a behavioral scientist at the University of Chicago, "and for years they trained them to play computer video games to see whether the monkeys could learn to pilot planes and launch missiles." Research begins in the 1890s

Humans have been using the rhesus macaque for scientific research since the late 1800s when the theory of evolution gained more acceptance, according to a 2022 research paper by the journal eLife.

first study on the species was published in 1893 and described the "anatomy of advanced pregnancy," according to the eLife paper. By 1925, the Carnegie Science Institute had set up a breeding population of the monkeys to study embryology and fertility in a species that was similar to humans. One reason for the animal's popularity was its abundance. These monkeys have the largest natural range of any non-human primate, stretching from Afghanistan and India to Vietnam and China. "The other reason is because rhesus macaques, as primates go, are a pretty hardy species," said Eve

Cooper, the eLife research paper's lead author and a biology professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder. "They can live under conditions and they can be bred under conditions that are relatively easy to maintain." NASA rockets and the Salk polio vaccine

In the 1950s, the monkey's kidneys were used to make the Salk polio vaccine. NASA also used the animals during the space race, according to a brief history of animals in space on the agency's website.

For example, a rhesus monkey named "Miss Sam" was launched in 1960 in a Mercury capsule that attained a velocity of 1,800 mph (1,900 kph) and an altitude of 9 miles (14.5 kilometers). She was retrieved in overall good condition.

"She was also returned to her training colony until her death on an unknown date," NASA wrote. Mapping the human genome

In 2007, scientists unraveled the DNA of the rhesus macaque. The species shared about 93% of its DNA with humans, even though macaques branched off from the ape family about 25 million years ago.

In comparison, humans and chimpanzees have evolved separately since splitting from a common ancestor about 6 million years ago, but still have almost

99% of their gene sequences in common.

The mapping of the human genome in 2001 sparked an explosion of work to similarly decipher the DNA of other animals. The rhesus macaque was the third primate genome to be completed, They're very political For those who have studied the behavior of rhesus

macaques, the research is just as interesting. "They share some striking similarities to ourselves in terms of their social intelligence," said Maestripieri, the University of Chicago professor who wrote a book on the species.

For example, the animals are very family oriented, siding with relatives when fights break out, he told agency. But they also recruit allies when they're attacked. "They're very political," Maestripieri said. "Most of their daily lives are spent building political alliances with each other. Does that sound familiar?" Maestripieri was a consultant for a reality show about some rhesus macaques in India called "Monkey Thieves." "They basically started following large groups of these

rhesus macaques and naming them," the professor said. "It was beautifully done because these monkeys essentially act like people occasionally. So it's fascinating to follow their stories."

## **India-South Africa T201 Series: India aim to extend** golden run

#### With 11 wins in a row, world champs one victory away from equalling best-ever streak

GQEBERHA, Nov 10 (Agencies): Sanju Samson will look to continue his domination of the bowlers but India need more stability in the top order when they clash with South Africa in the second T20I, aiming to extend their superior run in the shortest format. Samson's stunning 107 off 50 balls powered India to a commanding 61-run victory in the series opener, but the lack of runs from other key batters remains a concern for the visitors.

The continued failure of opener Abhishek Sharma, who has squandered multiple opportunities, would be worrying the team management. Apart from his memorable 47-ball century against Zimbabwe in Harare earlier this year, Sharma has struggled for runs with scores of 0, 10, 14, 16, 15, 4 and 7 in recent outings. The left-hander's lack of consistency at the top of the order could prompt India to rethink their options moving forward. While the team management is unlikely to make changes to the playing XI, it will be disappointed with Sharma's continued failure.

Tilak Varma showed promise with a quick-fire 33 off just 18 balls in the first match but will need to convert such cameos into bigger knocks. Varma has been largely off the radar since



In the bowling department,

India were clinical as they

restricted South Africa to just

141 in 17.5 overs in the open-

ing match. Varun Chakravarthy

continued his excellent form

from the Bangladesh series

with a brilliant three-wicket haul,

while Ravi Bishnoi was equally

The two spinners did well to

contain South Africa's powerful

batting lineup on a relatively flat

Durban pitch. India's pace duo

of Arshdeep Singh and Avesh

Khan also played their part. With

the bowling attack firing on all

cylinders, India will be confident

of another strong performance

in the second T20I, where they

will aim to take a 2-0 lead in the

impressive, claiming 3/28.

his last appearance, against Afghanistan in January, and with competition for spots in the middle order heating up, the young batter will want to cement his place in the side.

Skipper Suryakumar Yadav also got a start but fell cheaply, while all-rounder Hardik Pandya was unable to live up to his potential in the opening match.

India's middle order, which looked solid on paper, struggled to build partnerships as they lost six wickets for just 36 runs, slipping from a commanding 166/2 to 202/8

This collapse highlighted the fragility of India's middle and lower order, something that they will aim to address in the second

Doubted ability after failures: Samson India batter Sanju Samson

reflected on his early struggles in international cricket, saying that a string of failures made him doubt his ability, but self-belief and support of the captain and coach helped him stage a strong comeback. "I have faced a lot of failures in my career. I think when you go through that failure, you have lot of doubts in your mind. People definitely say that social media definitely plays a role." Samson said. "But you also think a lot about yourself. Am I not made for international level, because I think I am doing well in IPL? Why am I not doing well internationally? So I have a lot of such thoughts. But after so many years of experience, I know what my ability is."

"If I spend some time at the wicket, then I have the shotmaking ability against spin and pace and I know that I can definitely contribute well for the team. I can win the match. This is also a reality.

Samson, who turns 30 on Monday, has often been criticised for not fulfilling his potential despite abundant talent. The Kerala batter acknowledged the crucial support he received from captain Suryakumar Yadav and coach Gautam Gambhir during his low phase.

## India A vs Australia A: **Dhruv Jurel shines again** but India A lose



MELBOURNE, Nov 10 (Agencies): Wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel built a strong case for a possible Test XI inclusion with his second successive fifty but it was not enough to prevent India A going down to Australia A by six wickets on the third day of their second and final four-day match.

India A lost the twomatch series 0-2, as the visitors had earlier lost the first game by seven wickets at Mackay.

Resuming from overnight 73/5, Jurel, who made a valiant 80 in the first innings, once again stood tall amid the ruins with a patient 68 off 122 balls during which he hit five boundaries.

Jurel shared vital 94 runs with Nitish Kumar Reddy (38) before being dismissed. Pra-

sidh Krishna (29) and Tanush Kotian (44) also played good hands to take India to 229 in their second innings, setting a paltry target of 168 for the hosts.

Off-spinner Corey Rocchiccioli (4/74) turned out to be the star performer for Australia A in India's second innings, complemented well by all-rounder Beau Webster (3/49) and right-arm fast bowler Nathan McAndrew (2/53).

Chasing the modest total, Australia A witnessed an early collapse with pacer Prasidh (2/37), who generated plenty of bounce and hit excellent lines, dismissing Marcus Harris and Cameron Bancroft off consecutive deliveries in the opening over.

Prasidh took six wick-

ets in the match, boosting his chances of getting a call to India's playing XI at some stage during the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy as the support seamer behind Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj.

Mukesh Kumar then induced an edge from skipper Nathan McSweeney (25) to reduce Australia A to 48/3. But Sam Kontas stood firm on one end with a fine unbeaten knock of 73 off 128 balls to take Australia A forward.

Oliver Davies played an entertaining knock of 21 off 22 balls before Konstas and Webster (46 not out off 66) shared a match-winning unconquered stand of 96 for the fifth wicket to wrap up the match in Australia A's favour in 47.5 overs with a full day's play left.

Brief scores: India A: 161 & 229 all out in 77.5 overs (Jurel 68, Kotian 44; Rocchiccioli 4/74, Webster 3/49, McAndrew 2/53); Australia A: 223 & 169/4 in 47.5 overs (Kontas 73\*, Webster 46\*; Prasidh 2/37).

## Lizelle Lee hits 150 to set new record for highest score in Women's Big Bash history

SYDNEY, Nov 10 (Agencies): Hobart Hurricanes opener Lizelle Lee set a new benchmark in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) on Sunday, smashing a record-breaking 150\* to claim the highest individual score in the league's history. Lee's remarkable innings helped her side secure a commanding victory over the Perth Scorchers at the Sydney Cricket Ground, marking a historic moment in women's franchise T20 cricket.

The 32-year-old South African's explosive knock included 12 sixes and 12 fours, amassing her unbeaten 150 off just 75 balls. In surpassing Grace Harris's previous WBBL record of 136\* Lee's innings also saw her set a record for the most sixes in a WBBL innings, surpassing Harris's record of 11.

After early setbacks that saw the Hurricanes reduced to 16/2 within three overs, Lee took control, responding with successive sixes to kickstart her innings. Her half-century came off just 29 balls, and she reached her century off 51, showcasing her power and precision. Partnered by Elyse Villani in a century stand, Lee led the charge as Villani largely played the supporting

Reflecting on her innings, Lee credited her team for their unwavering support. "I have to give credit to everybody in our team that kept on believing in me," she told Channel Seven. "When I was



doubting myself and crying, they were there.

Hurricanes' final total of 203/3 left the Scorchers facing a daunting chase. The Scorchers' innings quickly faltered as Molly Strano dismissed Sophie Devine on the first ball, followed by a run-out that left them at 0/2. Chloe Piparo was dismissed shortly after, and wickets continued to tumble as Heather Graham and Strano kept the pressure on, ultimately dismissing Perth for 131.

Lee's innings, the fifth-highest in women's T20 cricket, powered the Hurricanes to a 72-run victory, further solidifying her place in WBBL history. Her display of power-hitting and composure has now set a new standard for the league and provided a thrilling spectacle for fans wo.

## Sanjay Manjreker offers valuable advice to "underconfident" India ahead of Australia Tests

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar analysed Abhimanyu Easwaran and KL Rahul's poor showing during the second match between India A and Australia A and also offered an important advice to batters making their first tour to the country. Ahead of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy starting with Perth Test on November 22, KL and Easwaran got some muchneeded game time in Australian conditions during the two unofficial Tests against Australia A. While Easwaran failed to touch 20-run mark in all four innings played, the experienced KL also failed to deliver, scoring 4 and 10 in the second match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

This puts doubt to their participation in the first Test at Perth. Indian skipper Rohit Sharma is likely to miss the match due to personal reasons and the race for opening spot is between

these two players. Speaking in a video by ESPNCricinfo, Manjrekar said that the dismissal of India A batters is very similar to what any Indian batter would experience during their first time playing in Australia. He also added that



the indian team is neading into the tour as "underconfident" after a home series loss to New Zealand, with key players like Rohit and Virat Kohli not in form Manjrekar also offered a word of advice, urging Indian batters to get rid of "Indian instincts" while playing and adapting to Australian conditions.

"I guess in many ways India have gone there (Australia) slightly underconfident because of what happened just prior to that tour (0-3 loss to New Zealand at home) and their main players Rohit and Virat clearly out of form," said Manjrekar.

"The dismissal that you saw of most Indian batters was typical

of an Indian batter going to Australia and a pitch that has some juice in it where instinctively they are playing in a certain manner and are surprised by the the extra bounce and that happened to all of us."

"We went to Australia and that is why we needed time to get used to the bounce and instinctively sort of play a little higher than you would. So you have to get rid of the Indian instincts. KL and Easwaran, not a great start. So the battle between them heats up even more," he concluded.

While Easwaran could make his international debut after 101 first-class matches, 7,674 runs

and 27 centuries, KL has plenty of Australian experience by his side. Against Australia, KL has scored 618 runs in 19 innings at an average of 34.33, with a century and six fifties and best individual score of 110. However in five matches in Australia, KL's numbers are poor, scoring 187 runs in nine innings at an average of 20.77, with a century to

The much-anticipated Border-Gavaskar series between India and Australia kicks off on November 22, with the first Test at Perth.

The second Test, featuring the day-night format, will take place under lights at Adelaide Oval from December 6 to 10. Fans will then turn their attention to The Gabba in Brisbane for the third Test from December 14 to 18.

The traditional Boxing Day Test, scheduled from December 26 to 30 at Melbourne's iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground, will mark the series' penultimate stage.

The fifth and final Test will be held at the Sydney Cricket Ground from January 3 to 7, promising an exciting climax to a highly anticipated series.

## WI vs ENG, 1st T20I: Phil Salt auditions for IPL auction with record-breaking ton

BARBADOS, Nov 10 (Agencies): Phil Salt's sensational unbeaten century propelled England to a commanding eight-wicket win against West Indies in the first T20I of the five-match series in Barbados. Chasing 190, Salt hammered 103\* off just 54 balls, helping England cruise to victory with 19 balls to spare. In the process, he surpassed Jos Buttler to become the English wicketkeeper-batter with the most T20I centuries, reaching his third hundred in the format

West Indies, despite being reduced to 117 for 8, posted a competitive 189 thanks to their

lower-order resilience. Nicholas Pooran topscored with a composed innings, while captain Rovman Powell and Andre Russell added quick runs in crucial partnerships.

However, it was the late surge from Gudakesh Motie and Romario Shepherd, who hammered 49 off just 26 balls, that gave the hosts a fighting total. England's Saqib Mahmood was the pick of the bowlers, claiming career-best figures of 4 for 34, including three key wickets in the powerplay.

England's chase got off to a flying start, with Salt setting the tone



early. He smashed five consecutive boundaries off Shamar Joseph in the fourth over, propelling England past 50 in no time. Salt brought up his half-century off just 25 balls, showcasing his full range of strokes, from towering sixes to delicate placements. Even after losing Will

Jacks and Jos Buttler

cheaply, England maintained their momentum. Salt's innings was further bolstered by a solid performance from Jacob

The two, both with ties to Barbados, shared an unbroken 107-run stand. Bethell, playing just his third T20I, contributed

an assured 58\* off 36 balls, including a stylish six over cover. His calm presence perfectly complemented Salt's aggressive approach.

Salt brought up his century in style with a boundary down the ground, sealing the match with 3.1 overs to spare. Notably, all three of Salt's T20I centuries have come in the Caribbean against the West Indies, showcasing his dominance in those con-

England's emphatic win highlighted their batting depth and Salt's ability to perform under pressure, setting the stage for an exciting series ahead.

## Neeraj Chopra teams up with Jan Zelezny

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Agencies): Twotime Olympics medallist Neeraj Chopra has announced that his idol Jan Zelezny will be his coach in the new Olympics cycle. Chopra, who parted ways with his long-time coach Klaus Bartonietz after the Paris Olympics, has sought Zelezny's services after failing to break the 90m barrier for the last five years.

"Growing up, I admired Jan's technique and precision and spent a lot of time watching videos of him. He was the best in the sport for so many years, and I believe that working with him will be invaluable because our throwing styles are similar, and his knowledge is unmatched. It's an honour to have Jan by my side as I push towards the next level in my career, and I can't wait to get started," Chopra said.

Czech Republic's Zelezny, who is a threetime Olympics and world champion and still holds the world record after registering a throw of 98.48m in 1996, said he would start working with Chopra in South Africa.

"I have already spoken about Neeraj as a great talent many years ago. When I saw him early in his career, I realised great possibilities for top results. I also said that if I should start to coach

somebody from outside Czechia, my first choice would be Neeraj," he said.

"I like his story and I see big potential, as he is young and able to improve. There have been many athletes contacting me for coaching, so for me to take this up means that it is a great honour to have him in my team.

We are getting to know each other more closely and will start in person at a traditional winter camp in South Africa. I believe in his progress, especially in the technical aspect, so that he can continue achieving top positions at the main championships,' he added.

## **Legal Aid Awareness Camp organized by Aryans College of Law**

**Top News Report** 

JAMMU, Nov 10: As per the directives of the National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, Legal Services Day was celebrated by Aryans College of Law, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. A legal aid awareness camp was organized by Aryans LLB & BA. LLB students along with the faculty members in nearby villages.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group said that the aim to organize this free legal awareness camp was to



to seek and demand justaged sections of society tice services. Also, Legal

literacy helps the weaker section to stay aware & updated of their various legal & constitutional rights, he asserted.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Law said that such awareness camp always impart practical knowledge about the basic legal rights and remedies provided under various women related laws & various machineries of the Justice delivery system available for redressal of their grievances, he added. On the occasion HoD, Dr. Pritika & Faculty, Aryans College of Law were present.

## Distt Kathua Speedball Championship concluded



**Top News Report** 

KATHUA, Nov 10: The District Kathua Speedball Championship concluded successfully at the Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua Complex.

Organized by the Jammu & Kashmir Sports Speedball Association in collaboration with Jammu Sanskriti School Kathua, the event attracted about 250 players from various schools across different districts. Schools like Jammu Sanskriti School

Kathua, Delhi Public School Raj Bhag, Mount Litera Zee School, Kartar Public School, Sai International School, Minerva Public School, and D.A.V Collegiate School participated in the championship.

The matches were officiated by Mayank Mahajan, Gurvansh Choudhary, Aarsh Jasrotia, Lavya Mahajan, and Gagandeep Singh

A special felicitation ceremony was held for the players who participated in the 35th World Speedball Championship in Egypt, including Rehaan, Ranveer Verma, Ekam Singh, Ekjyot Singh Aryana Choudhary, and Manvendar Singh.

The Chief Guest for the

event was Rahul Charak, (Additional Superintendent of Police, Kathua), and the Guest of Honour was Ajay Singh Chib (SHO Kathua). Other notable guests included Harpreet Kour (Principal KPS), Munish Gupta (Vice-President, JKSBA), Mili R. Sumbria (Principal JSS Kathua), and Ms. Aastha Nanda (Member,

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sunny Nanda, who expressed gratitude to all the guests for their support and time dedicated to the players. Gold meda winners from the championship were selected for the State Level Speedball Championship.

## **MLA Dr Manyal virtually** inaugurates blacktopping at Dug to Bamuchak

**Top News Report** 

RAMGARH, Nov 10: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh, virtually inaugurated the black topping project for the road from Dug to Bamuchak, covering a length of 1.00 Km.

The project, carried out under the City and Town Development Scheme, has been completed at an

and Ex Sarpanch Parkash and Panches.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal expressed his gratitude to the local authorities and residents for their support and cooperation in ensuring the timely completion of the project. He highlighted that this development will significantly improve connectivity and contribute to the region's overall infra-



estimated cost of Rs 17.00 lakhs by the PWD (R&B) Division, Vijaypur.

The inauguration event saw the participation of AEE, PWD (R&B) Division Vijaypur, DDC Ramgarh -C Anita Choudhary, Former BDC Darshan Singh. from the region, including Mandal President Swankha President Ramgarh Shiv Kuamr Choudhary, General Secretary Naveen Sharma, Nancy Chaudhary structure growth.

The MLA emphasized his continued commitment to enhancing the welfare of the people of Ramgarh, ensuring that essential infrastructure projects such as this one are executed efficiently and serve the public interest.

The event was attended ing circumstances, with Dr. Manyal addressing the gathering through a video

## Dr. Bharat Bhushan highlights legacy of Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar at National Seminar



**Top News Report** 

HIRANAGAR, Nov 10: Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Department of Music at Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College, Hiranagar, was invited as a resource person at a National Seminar on Music held in Shikohabad, Uttar Pradesh. The seminar, themed "The Relation of Music with Literature, Society, and History," took place on November 8-9, 2024, at BDMM Girls Degree College. The event was sponsored by the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.

Dr. Bharat delivered a comprehensive presentation on the institutionalization of music education in India, pioneered by Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar in 1901. His presentation traced Paluskar's significant contributions to establishing formal music education in India through the founding of Gandharva Mahavidyalaya in Lahore, a groundbreaking music school dedicated to structured, formalized instruction. Dr. Bharat highlighted how foundation for integrating music as a formal subject within educational institu-

Dr. Bharat emphasized Paluskar's role as a visionary who recognized the need for a structured curriculum. At Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, Paluskar introduced a comprehensive music syllabus covering theory, history, appreciation, and practical training in both vocal and instrumental performance. His vision was to create a standardized music education system, introducing exams and certifications that validated students' accomplishments and made music education more systematic and widely accessible. Paluskar's institution became a model, setting the stage for similar programs to be established in universities and col-

leges across India. Beyond academia, Dr. Bharat noted Paluskar's role in promoting Indian classical music on a national scale. Paluskar organized music conferences and festivals, providing a platform for artists and encouraging a deeper appreciation for Indian classical music.

ing music textbooks and treatises, further supported music education. allowing his methods to reach a broader audience. These initiatives were instrumental in embedding music education into mainstream educational structures in India, an impact that is still felt today.

Prof. Lawanya Kirti Singh, Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts at L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar, chaired the session and commended Dr. Bharat's presentation for its depth and clarity. Dr. Geeta Yadvendu, Principal of BDMM Girls Degree College, and Dr. Monika Singh, the seminar's convener, joined other esteemed guests in felicitating Dr. Bharat for his valuable insights and contributions.

Dr. Bharat concluded his presentation by reflecting on Paluskar's enduring legacy, which continues to inspire music educators and institutions across India. He underscored how Paluskar's pioneering work not only transformed Indian music education but also made it more accessible, structured, and respected within academic circles.

### **CONDOLENCE**

Our heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of Sh. Devinder Singh Rana (MLA BJP). We pray to bestow peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

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Sh. Devinder Singh Rana

### Two drug peddlers apprehended with contraband substances in Chattbal



**Top News Report** 

KULGAM. Nov 10: A specific checkpoint (Naka) at Furrah was established by police party of police Post Mirbazar headed by IC PP Mirbazar and during checking one person carrying a nylon bag was intercepted. After searching, officers present were able to recover 10.2 Kilograms of poppy Straw like contraband substances from his possession. The said person identified as; Nazam Hussain Son of Mumtaz Hussain Resident of Bass Chanderkote Ramban.

Moreover, another checkpoint (Naka) was established by the police party from Police station Kulgam at Chattbal Kulgam near Public Park and during checking one person after noticing police Party tried to flee from the spot. However. he was chased

and apprehended tactfully by the alert police party After search, officer present were able to recover 07 Grams of Brown Sugar like contraband Substance The said person identified as Hoorun Salam Son of Ab Salam Nanada Resident of Gasran Kulgam

Accordingly, Case with FIR No. 248/2024 U/S 8/21 of NDPS Act at Police Station Qazigund and case vide FIR No 166/2024 U/S 8/21 NDPS act at police station Kulgam stands registered and investigation has been taken up in both cases.

People are requested to cooperate with police in the battle against the drug menace and any information regarding anti-social activity in their neighbourhood should be shared with a nearby police unit or Dial-112 so that timely action against the culprits will be taken.



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