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## BRIEFLY

**LG Sinha pays tribute to great freedom fighter, educationist & founder of BHU Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya**

JAMMU, Nov 12 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday paid tribute to the great freedom fighter, educationist and founder of BHU, Mahamana Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya on his Punyatithi.

In a post on X, LG wrote, "Tributes to the great freedom fighter, educationist & founder of BHU, Mahamana Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya ji on his Punyatithi. He made immense contribution to development of the nation. His ideals of equality, social upliftment & service to humanity continue to inspire generations."

**Bandipora woman injured in TRC grenade attack, dies**

SRINAGAR, Nov 12 (Agencies): A 39-year-old woman has succumbed to her injuries after she was wounded in a grenade attack past week in Srinagar.

An official identified the woman as Abida (39), wife of Zubair Lone, a resident of Naid Khai Bandipora. He said, the woman had been on a ventilator since November 3 and died while being on its support.

On November 3, militants lobbed a grenade near the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) at busy Srinagar market, injuring at least 12 civilians.

On November 8, police said, they have cracked the case by arresting three accused of orchestrating the attack.

**JKPSC extends application deadline, revises age limits for CCE 2024**

JAMMU, Nov 12 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) has issued a corrigendum for the J&K Combined Competitive (Preliminary) Examination 2024.

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## World's First High-Altitude Para Sports centre to come up in Leh; Focus On 2028 Paralympics

LEH (Ladakh), Nov 12 (Agencies): The world's first high-altitude para sports centre will be established in Leh, Ladakh, aiming to advance the skills and confidence of athletes ahead of the 2028 Paralympics.

A Memorandum and Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF).



"It is a very proud feeling for us that Leh will be establishing the world's first-ever high-altitude centre for para sports.

Indian para-athletes have won 29 medals, including seven gold, in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris and it is a

testament of the talent we have in our country," said Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Chief Executive Councillor (CEC) of LAHDC.

Till the time the centre is getting completed, the AMF will identify 15 Children with Special Needs (CwSN) from the Leh-Ladakh UT region and they will undergo screening, counselling and training at their Infinity Parasports Academy and Rehabilitation

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## Army's Northern Commander reviews operational preparedness of troops



JAMMU, Nov 12 (Agencies): Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen M V Sudhindra Kumar on Tuesday visited the White Knight Corps here to review the operational

preparedness, the military said. Jammu tourism packages

The visit of the General Officer Commanding-in-chief of Udhampur-based Northern Command to

the 16 corps headquarters came amid intensified anti-terror operations especially in the remote forest areas of Kishtwar district where a Junior Commissioned Officer and two Village Defence Guards were killed by terrorists in two separate incidents in the past five days.

In a post on X, Army's Northern Command said Lt Gen Kumar visited the White Knight Corps, also known as XVI corps, to review the operational preparedness.

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## SIA raids residential house in Budgam

SRINAGAR, Nov 12 (Agencies): The State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir Tuesday conducted a raid at a residential house in Kashmir's Budgam, officials said.

A senior official said that a team from the SIA raided the residence of Umar Ahmad Sheikh,

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## Two criminals arrested for shooting at man in Jammu

JAMMU, Nov 12 (Agencies): Two criminals have been arrested for allegedly shooting at a man here, police said on Tuesday.

Imran Khaleel, a resident of Gujjar locality, was injured when some unidentified criminals opened fire on him at Nikki Tawi area of the city during the intervening night of Novem-

ber 2 and 3 and was subsequently admitted in Government Medical College Hospital, Superintendent of Police (Jammu Rural) Brijesh Kumar Sharma said.

"The firing case stands solved with the arrest of both the accused, one of whom is a history sheeter having nine cases related to various criminal activities,

including drug peddling, registered against him," Sharma, who is also holding the additional charge of SP city north, told reporters here.

Following the firing incident, a case was registered and several teams were constituted to bring the culprits to book, he said.

"Several suspected persons were rounded

up and scrutiny of CCTV footage and other material evidence led to the arrest of the culprits — Mohd Hussain Khatana and Mohd Ramzan — from T-Junction near fourth Tawi bridge while they were moving in a private Sports Utility Vehicle," the SP said.

The officer said 18 grams of heroin was

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## Encounter breaks out between security forces and terrorists in Bandipora

SRINAGAR, Nov 12 (Agencies): An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Tuesday, officials said. Jammu tourism packages

Based on a specific intelligence input regarding presence of terrorists, security forces

launched a search operation in Nagmarg in the north Kashmir district, they said.

After suspicious activity was observed, the security forces challenged the terrorists, who fired at the forces.

The firing was effectively retaliated, leading to the encounter.

The operation is underway.

## Security Forces conduct mock drill at World's Highest 'Chenab Rail Bridge' in Reasi



REASI, Nov 12 (Agencies): Security forces conducted a mock drill at the Chenab Rail Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge located between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district

of Jammu and Kashmir. According to the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the mock drill was conducted by District Police Reasi along with SOG, CRPF 126bn, GRP, RPF, SDRF, VDG,

Civil Administration, Fire, Emergency, and Medical teams.

Chenab Bridge is a structural marvel built across a gorge of Chenab Bridge in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir under the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project.

This bridge was constructed 359 metres (around 109 feet) above the Chenab River in the Jammu and Kashmir region and is around 35 metres taller than the Eiffel Tower.

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## 20 vehicles, many commuters rescued after being stuck in snow along Bandipora-Gurez road

SRINAGAR, Nov 12 (Agencies): Twenty civilian vehicles stuck due to heavy snowfall in Razdan Pass of Jammu & Kashmir's Bandipora district were rescued on Tuesday in a night-long operation by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

Officials said 20 civilian vehicles on way to Gurez were stuck due to heavy snowfall and poor visibility at Razdan Pass.

Razdan Pass situated



at 11,667 ft above sea level connects Gurez Valley in Bandipora district with Kashmir Valley. The pass remains closed for vehicular

movement for over 3-4 months during winter due to heavy snowfall.

Officials said that BRO moved snow-clearing

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### Gupshup

Restaurant & Homestay / Guest House  
Air-Conditioner Rooms with attach Bathroom  
Location like Dalhousie

Room No: 1

Room No: 2

Room No: 3

Room No: 4

Situated at Ban, Bantalab, Old National Highway Road Nagrota, Jammu.  
Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties  
Contact: 9086072548. Email: [gupshupjammu@gmail.com](mailto:gupshupjammu@gmail.com)

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 Baghraj 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 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  
Smt. Meena Gupta and Suresh Gupta



Shri Kedarnath Gupta

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)



S.Karnail Singh Wazir

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 November, 2024.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 11th Nov., 2024 at 11.00 am at our residence 506-A, Colone's Colony, Bohri

**Kriya** will be performed on 14th Nov., 2024 at 12.00 Noon at our residence.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY :

Suman Gupta - Wife  
(Brother & Sister-in-law)  
Kuldeep Mahajan & Sunita Mahajan  
Satish Gupta - Brother  
Rakesh Gupta & Geeta Gupta (Brother & Sister-in-law)  
Poonam Gupta & Ashwani Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Sonam Mahajan & Abhishek Mahajan (Daughter & Son-in-law)  
Grand Children : Vihaan, Amogh, Shreyaan  
Mobile : 9796085550, 8716021234, 7006235903



Mr. Dharam Pal Gupta

5TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Late Sh. Shiv Kumar Dubey** S/o Late Sh. Raghunath Dubey R/o W.No. 05, Opp. Govt. Middle School, Chenani.

**The Fifth Day** will be performed on 13th of November, 2024 (Wednesday) at 11:00 am at Ram Mandir, behind SBI, Udhampur.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Kesari Devi -Mother-in-law  
Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law  
Smt. Vidya Devi & Sh. Dev Raj Sharma Advocate  
Mobile no.: 9906275900



Late Sh. Shiv Kumar Dubey

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 & Daughter-in-law  
Sh. Akshay Raina & Smt. Prakrati Raina  
9149511760, 7780818055



Sh. Kaka Ji Raina

10TH DAY KRIYA

We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again **Sh. Ashwani Dogra** S/o Lt. Sh. Des Raj Dogra, passed away to merge with eternity on 03-11-2024.

**10th day** - Smti Bhavan, Ram Mandir, Gurba Bakshi Nagar on 12-11-2024 from 10:00-11:00 am

**Kriya** - At our residence, H. No. F-74 Gurba Bakshi Nagar, Jammu on 13-11-2024 at 12 noon

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Kamla Dogra - Mother  
Usha Dogra - Wife  
Madhav Sharma and Praeti Raina - Son & Daughter in law  
Raghav Sharma - Son  
Shivani Sharma - Daughter  
Dogra Family, Dubey Family and Magotra Family  
Mobile No: 9419191495 & 7780917990



Sh. Ashwani Dogra

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad and untimely demise of **Smt. Asha Rani Pandita** W/o Sh. Vinod Kumar Pandita original resident of Bonpora Akingam Anantnag at present H.No. 5, Lane No. 1, Amar Colony Opposite Vitasta Hospital Rajinder Nagar Bantalab Jammu on 9th Nov. 2024.

**Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 17th Nov (Friday) 2024 at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education at 9 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Vinod Kumar Pandita - Husband  
Sh. Suraj Pandita - Son  
Sh. Vishal Pandita - Son  
7889752459, 8390925037, 9682361673  
Samast Pandita Parivar of Bonpora Akingam  
Sharma Parivar of Badyal R S Pura and Nears & Dears



SMT. ASHA RANI PANDITA

OBITUARY

With profound Grief & Sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Chaman Lal Tickoo** S/o Late Sh. Shiv Ji Tickoo, originally resident of Bijbehara (Anantnag, Srinagar), he left for heavenly abode on 8th Nov 2024 at Gurgaon.

The **10TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 17th Nov 2024 at : Gouri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana at 8.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN :

TICKOO'S, BHAN'S, JAD'S, BAZAZ'S & RAZDAN'S  
MOB: 8130770027, 9810402661, 9810977906, 9325343489



Sh. Chaman Lal Tickoo

Tenth Day/ Kriya / Uthala

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Vijay Singh Sambyal** S/o 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:

Smt Usha Rani - Wife  
Vedchansh Pratap Singh - Son  
Neeta & Rajbir Singh - Daughter & Son in Law  
Brother & Bhabhi  
Late Smt. Sheela Devi & Sh. Sarab Singh Sambyal  
Smt. Pushpa Devi & Sh. Shakti Singh Sambyal  
Smt. Raksha Devi & Sh. Kalpana Singh Sambyal  
Smt. Lalita Devi & Sh. Sudarshan Singh Sambyal



Sh. Vijay Singh Sambyal

Nephews :  
Rajesh Singh Sambyal  
Rakesh Singh Sambyal  
Ajay Pratap Singh  
Vijay Pratap Singh  
Sahil Pratap Singh  
Mob: 982212354

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Shama Handoo (Aasha Jee)** W/o Late Sh. Moti Lal Handoo originally resident of Anantnag Kashmir, presently at G-30A Shanti Nagar below Topi quarters Jammu.

**10TH DAY** shall be performed on 14.11.2024 (Thursday) at 10 AM at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughter in Laws  
Uma Shanker Handoo & Nimi Handoo  
Rakesh Handoo & Rekha Handoo  
Dhruv Raj Handoo & Sunita Handoo

Daughters & Son in Laws  
Chandan & Kuldeep Kher  
Sunita & Vimal Jee leeko

Grand Children  
Atul & Suvarna  
Rahul, Apoorva, Pavitra  
Vishal & Sneha  
Deepak & Kunal Jee  
Neelja Vimal



Smt Shama Handoo (Aasha Jee)

HANDOOS, KHERS, KHUNKOOS, SHARMA, GANJOOS, RAINAS

10TH DAY / KRIYA / RASAM PAGRI

Om Shanti

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform 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.

**Kriya** - Wednesday, 13th Nov' 24 - 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, Sohnav, Amav & Keyaan - Grand Sons  
9419264098, 9819555242



Shri Jai Krishan Sawhney

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Sudesh Rani** W/o Late Sh. Puran Chand Verma.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 9-11-2024 (Saturday) at 10 am at Shiv Mandir near Govt. Quarter Janipur Jammu.

**Kriya** will be performed at our residence H.No. 25, Lane-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 W/o Late Sh. Satish Gupta

Grand Daughters & Grand Sons

Mrs Ayushi Verma W/o Shiv Verma  
Himanshi Verma  
Anurag Verma  
Aakarshan Verma  
Mob. 9419361517, 9796011330



Smt. Sudesh Rani

10TH DAY / KRIYA / UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Nirmal Sharma** W/o Sh. Lila Karan Sharma R/o H No. 45, Lane No. 1, Garden Avenue, Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 4th November, 2024.

**TENTH DAY** will be performed on 13-11-2024 (Wednesday) at our residence H.No. 45, Lane No. 1, Garden Avenue, Near Govt. Guest House, Talab Tillo Jammu at 11 am.

**KRIYA** will be performed on 14-11-2024 (Thursday) at our residence mentioned above at 12:00 (Noon).

**UTHALA** will be performed on 16-11-2024 (Saturday) from 4 to 5 pm at Ved Mandir Ground Amptela, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Lila Karan Sharma (Sr. Advocate) President VHP J&K (and Ladakh) (Husband)

(Daughter-in-laws and Sons)

Smt. Neelu & Sh. Vishal Sharma (Advocate / DSG)  
Smt. Himani & Sh. Vikas Sharma  
Smt. Ropali & Sh. Sachin Sharma (Advocate)  
Dr. Sonia & Dr. Anil Sharma (Daughter & son-in-law)  
Smt. Darshana W/O Late Sh. Har Dutt Rai (Sister-in-law)  
Smt. Santosh Choudhary W/o Late Sh. Vijay Prasad Choudhary (Sister-in-law)  
Smt. Sunita Choudhary W/O Late Sh. Ram Prasad Choudhary (Sister-in-law)  
Smt. Anjali & Sh. Shyam Choudhary (Sister-in-law & Brother)  
Smt. Nanni & Sh. Rajan Borgota (Sister & Brother-in-law)  
Smt. Anita Dogra W/o Late Sh. Sanjay Dogra (Sister)  
All Grand-Children  
Contact : 9419190599, 9419181558, 9419198624



Smt. Nirmal Sharma

KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Inderjeet Kapoor** R/o Lane No. 1A, Sector 3, Sharika Vihar, Lower Roop Nagar Jammu.

**KRIYA** will be performed on 13th Nov. 2024 at our residence Lane No. 1A, Sector 3, Sharika Vihar, Lower Roop Nagar, Jammu at 12 Noon.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughter & Son-in-law

Mrs. Sarika Chopra &

Mr. Nigam Chopra

**Bhabhi & Brother**

Smt. Sudesh Kapoor & Late Sh. Gautam Kapoor

**Nephew & Daughter-in-law**

Harsh Kapoor & Dulani Kapoor

**Grand Children** - Pranav Chopra, Ansh Chopra

Mob.: 7889449967, 7006030466

With Love & Remembrance : Kapoor and Chopra Family



Sh. Inderjeet Kapoor

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **Smt. Shanti Devi**, wife of the Late Shri Dhani Ram Raina, resident of Ramkot (currently residing at House No. 58, Patoli Mangotrian, near Ravi Provisional Store), who left for her heavenly abode on 4th November 2024.

The **10TH DAY** will take place on Wednesday, 14th November 2024 at the above-mentioned address at 11:00 AM.

The **11TH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Thursday, 15th November 2024 at our house.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

RAINIA FAMILY

CONTACT: 778 0883966, 8860394070



SMT. SHANTI DEVI

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved **Shri Nanaji Kaul** S/o Late Smt. Kamla and Late Shri. Kashi Nath Kaul, resident of Bana Mohla, Picton Koocha, Srinagar, presently residing at Lane No. 2, Post No. 3, Hazrat Bagh, Jammu has left for heavenly abode on 04/11/2024. **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be held on 13/11/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Vijay Tarlochan Kaul (Wife) (9419127242)  
Brothers and Bhabhis:  
Mrs. Lakha and O. N. Kaul (9419193988)  
Mrs. Jaya and M. K. Kaul (7809948533)  
Mrs. Dolly and Ravinder Kaul (9363272905)

Sisters and Brothers in Law  
Mrs. Lakha and A. K. Qarioo  
Mrs. Gupta and T. B. Thakoo  
In laws:  
Mrs. Nirmala and B. L. Tarlochan  
Mrs. Lakha and K. K. Tarlochan  
Mrs. Manjira and Anupam Tarlochan  
Mrs. Rashmi and Satish Kaul  
Mrs. Gunoo and Mr. Jaijendra Mittal  
Mrs. Rajjana and Mr. Rajesh Kaul  
Mrs. Parni and Mr. Sanjay Prasad Family

Mrs. Archana and C. K. Bhat, Mrs. Anjana and Anil Kaul, Mrs. Anuradha and Ashwani Kaul (998177546), Mrs. Suman and Avinash Kaul (9076290465), Mrs. Meghna and Anur Dhor, Mrs. Vandana and Mr. Vinod Marwaha, Mrs. Rishi and Mr. Karan Kaul, Mr. and Mrs. Ashjeet Chopra, Mrs. and Amit Qarioo, Mr. and Mrs. Satish Thakoo Bhan, Mr. and Mrs. Swati Thakoo Thakoo, and all Grandchildren.



Shri Nanaji Kaul

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Nikhal Banotra** (S/o Lt. Sh. Amresh and Pawan Banotra) R/o Moh Kana Khan W No 7 Poonch.

**Tenth Day** will be performed on 12-11-2024 (Tuesday) at our Jammu residence Sector 7 Dogra Nagar near Nand Public Hr Sec. School Lower Roopnagar Jammu at 11 am.

**Kriya** will be performed on 15-11-2024 (Friday) at our residence mentioned above at 12:00 (Noon)

**Uthala** will be performed on 16-11-2024 (Saturday) at Shiv Mandir, Sector 7, Lower Roopnagar near Dayal House Jammu 4 pm onwards.

In Grief / Grief Stricken

U. Sh. Amresh Banotra & Lt. Smt. Pawan Banotra (Father- Mother)

U. Sh. Vikrant Banotra & Lt. Smt. Bharti Banotra (Uncle - Aunt)

H. Sh. Banotra & Shagun Banotra (Bhabhi - Bhabhi)

V. Sh. Banotra & Shivani Banotra (Bhabhi - Bhabhi)

Abneet Sharma & Bhavna - (Jiji-Sister)

Ashok Dogra & Neelam (Fufa - Bua)

Suresh Dogra & Ribraj (Masa - Masi)

Amit & Kritika (Niece)  
Mobile 9055689267, 8429298094, 9419200708, 7006532540



Sh. Nikhal Banotra

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform that our beloved **SH. PARSHANT MANGOTRA** (S/o Late Sh. Ved Prakash and Smt. Preet Devi) left for heavenly abode on 4th Nov, 2024.

**Tenth Day/ Kriya** will be held on Wednesday, 13th Nov, 2024 at our residence Channi Rama (near Shiv Mandir) - Jammu

As per Programme

**Kriya** - @ 10:00 AM

**Satsang** - @ 12:30 PM

(will be performed by Shri Shri 108 Swami Gurdeep Giri Ji Maharaj)

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt. Preet Devi (Mother)

Smt. Vindiya (Wife)

Dr. Vikas Mangotra (Brother) & Dr. Ruchika (Sister-in-Law)

Avni Parshant (Daughter)

Ridhaan Mangotra (Nephew)

Arshiya Vikas (Niece)

Contact Number : 9906908770, 7006601073



SH. PARSHANT MANGOTRA

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Santosh Gupta** W/o Lt. Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta (Vaid Kishanpur wala) 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.

# Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre organises free health camp

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre in Udhewala, Jammu, successfully organized a one-day free health camp here today.

Dr. Vishav Dev Singh, a Gastroenterologist from SMVD Narayana Hospital rendered his services. The health camp provided a comprehensive range of free medical services, including consultations with Orthopaedist, Gynaecologist, Dental Surgeons, Ophthalmologist, Allopathy Physicians, Physiotherapist. Refreshments



were also provided for all attendees.

In addition to the free consultations, the camp also offered check-ups for blood sugar, HbA1c, and blood pressure at no cost. A Full Body Check-up covering 66 parameters, including CBC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests,

and thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), was available for a nominal fee of Rs. 1000, a substantial discount from the usual price of Rs. 1400.

A total 266 of patients benefited from the expertise of 13 doctors at this camp. Total 50 fibroscan, 70 blood

sugar and 22 Spirometry tests were done free of cost.

Distinguished guests including Anil Padha, former secretary Indian Red Cross Society graced the event with their presence. He praised the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to make the most of these medical services.

Swami Jaynadhara-nanda Ji, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, said that this camp was a part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to

serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to all. He highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship. He also announced plans to organize such free camps monthly.

He said that Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu also provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda.

# Poster of "Hum Hain Superstar" released



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: Poster of Dancing and Singing Competition "Hum Hai Superstar" released by the Meenakshi Chhibber, President, Women Wing, Shiv Sena (UBT) here on Tuesday in a program which was jointly organized by JD Events

Production Company and Music Culture Group in Jammu.

While giving detail information regarding the competition Prince Tonti, Director, JD Events said that "Hum Hain Superstar" is dancing and singing compilation, which finally will be held on December 14.

He said that any contestant who wants to

take part in this competition can contact 8082143439 for registration. On this occasion, 8-year-old model and dancer Vishali Magotra from Jammu was present as a special guest. Along with this, Irfan Chaudhary, Geeta Lakhotra, Arun Salan, Karna, Amit Sharma were also present.

# DGPC Jammu condemns Civil Aviation Ministry's Kirpan ban, citing violation of Sikh religious rights



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: The District Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DGPC) Jammu held a press conference to voice strong opposition to a recent directive issued by the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation's Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

The directive bans Amritdhari Sikh employees of the Airport Authority of India from wearing the Kirpan while on duty at airports.

The conference was led by

DGPC President Ranjeet Singh Tohra, with Vice President Balwinder Singh, General Secretary Surjit Singh, Treasurer Jagpal Singh, Joint Secretary Ranvir Singh, and other DGPC members in attendance.

President Ranjeet Singh Tohra condemned the directive, labeling it as discriminatory and a blatant violation of the religious rights of Sikhs.

He remarked, "This restriction within our own country is intolerable and an affront to the rights of Sikhs."

He pointed out the irony that many foreign countries recognize and allow the Kirpan as a symbol of Sikh faith, while in India—a nation that owes a significant part of its freedom to Sikh sacrifices—such restrictions are imposed.

General Secretary Surjit Singh emphasized that the directive infringes on Article 25 of the Indian Constitution, which protects religious freedoms.

He expressed the committee's collective surprise and

disappointment, questioning the government's motives for continually testing the patience of the Sikh community.

He recalled that a similar ban by the Airport Authority of India in March 2022 was met with global backlash and swiftly reversed within a week.

The DGPC members, including Harjit Singh, Avtar Singh, Karan Singh Bali, and Gurmeet Singh, unitedly denounced the BCAS directive as an attack on Sikh religious freedom.

They appealed to Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu to revoke the order immediately and urged the government to refrain from policies that hurt Sikh religious sentiments.

The DGPC Jammu also extended an invitation to the entire Sikh community to join the celebrations for the Parkash Parb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The event will take place on November 15, 2024, at Chand Kour Nagar, Jammu. The DGPC looks forward to celebrating this sacred occasion with the entire Sangat.

# Interactive Session-cum-Workshop under SBI Youth for India Fellowship program held at GGM Science College



## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: In order to provide students with career insights and opportunities within the impact sector, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell of GGM Science College, Jammu, organized an engaging and impactful interactive session cum workshop for senior undergraduate students under overall supervision of Principal Dr. Romesh Kumar Gupta.

The key resource person, Abhishek Ayyapan from SBI Youth pro-

vided students with valuable insights into career opportunities within the impact sector, highlighting the program's financial benefits, potential for growth, and positive societal contributions.

This exclusive event offered students an in-depth look at how careers in the impact sector meet the demands of the 21st-century job market, delivering both job security and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in society.

Earlier, Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Convener of the Career Counselling and Placement

Cell, welcomed attendees and highlighted the crucial role of both technical and soft skills in today's competitive job market.

Students expressed excitement about the insights gained from the event, recognizing the increasing importance of careers in the impact sector, where social contribution is prioritized alongside personal and professional growth.

The event was expertly organized by Dr. Devinder Kumar Sharma, Prof. Brinder Kumar, Prof. Bal Krishan, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Prof. Reetika Rani, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Sukhdeep Singh Sasan, and Prof. Arvind Kumar. Prof. Bal Krishan skillfully hosted the proceedings, which concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Nisha.

# GCW Bhagwati Nagar inaugurates workshop on "Work-Life Synergy: Strategies for Success"

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: The Government College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu inaugurated its two-day workshop on "Work-Life Synergy: Strategies for Success" on Tuesday, bringing together faculty, professionals and students to explore effective strategies for balancing personal and professional responsibilities.

The day began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the pursuit of knowledge. This was followed by a soulful presentation and recitation of Saraswati Vandana, invoking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess of Wisdom and Knowledge, to inspire the participants throughout the workshop.

The Chief Guest of the workshop was Sukhleen Kour, Director Planning, Department at the Higher Education Department of J&K. Kour's contributions to the higher Education have been transformative.

With her dynamic vision and unwavering commitment, she has spearheaded initiatives that have brought about significant advancements in our educational infrastructure.

Prof. Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the College, delivered a welcome address. She stressed



upon the importance of work-life synergy, especially in the fast-paced, high-pressure environments that many individuals face today. Dr. Meeru encouraged professionals to embrace strategies that promote balance, not only for achieving career success but also for personal well-being.

She noted that the goal of the workshop is to equip participants with practical tools to manage stress, prioritize responsibilities, and nurture emotional intelligence, all of which are essential to creating harmony between work and life.

Dr. Abrol also extended a warm welcome to the resource persons, Principal of various Degree colleges, across the UT of J&K and experts who will lead the various sessions over the course of the workshop.

Day one of the workshop set the stage for the upcoming sessions, with introductory key note session presented by Dr. Jeevan Jyoti. Prof. Jyoti has rich experience of teaching and

research in business education. Her areas of interest are strategic human resource Management, entrepreneurship and research methodology.

She deliberated that work life synergy goes beyond the traditional concept of balance, where the aim is to separate work and life into distinct, equal parts. Instead, it emphasizes integrating the two realms in a harmonious way that allows them to complement and enhance each other.

The resource person for 1st technical session was Dr. Harleen Kour, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, University of Jammu. She has rich experience of teaching and research in Business Education. The topic of her deliberations was 'Work Life Balance'. She stated that Work-life balance is the equilibrium between personal life and professional responsibilities. Achieving a healthy work-life balance is essential for maintaining physical and mental well-being,

improving productivity, and fostering overall happiness.

The resource person for 2nd technical session was Vishaka Sharma, Technical Associate, Ministry of environmental forest and climate change who has been associated with Isha foundation. She brought valuable insights and practical strategies for Managing stress and anxiety in our daily lives.

The Overview of the college and Introduction to the workshop was presented by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali Co-ordinator of Career Counselling and Placement Cell of the college. She apprised the participants about Inception of the college in 2019 and its gradual and commendable progress and the various achievements like organising FDP's, Webinar's, Workshops and organising vocational and skill courses for students.

The vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Convener of the Workshop on Work Life Synergy: Strategies for success. She thanked all the Dignitaries for their benign presence and the participants for joining the workshop and showing commitment to learning.

The dignified inaugural session continued with the recitation of the National Anthem, which evoked a sense of unity and patriotism among the attendees.

# 27th District Jammu Taekwondo Championships 2024-25 from Nov 16

## Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: The Taekwondo Association of District Jammu is set to organize the 27th District Jammu Taekwondo Championships 2024-25 under the aegis of the J&K Taekwondo Association and the J&K Sports Council. This event, held under the banner "MY YOUTH MY PRIDE," will take place at the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, from November 16 to 17, 2024.

The championship is

open to all Sub Junior, Cadet, Junior, and Senior players from District Jammu. Medalists from this event will earn the opportunity to represent District Jammu in the upcoming 27th J&K UT Taekwondo Championships 2024-25. The Taekwondo Association of District Jammu emphasizes its commitment to supporting local athletes and fostering their growth in the sport.

Participation in the championship requires a JKTA Athlete License,

which is mandatory. Athletes without the JKTA License will not be allowed to compete. Additionally, for Senior Athletes, Black Belt Certificates are compulsory to qualify for the 27th J&K-UT Taekwondo Championships 2024-25, in compliance with the Taekwondo Federation of India's (TFI) guidelines.

The championship's details were finalized in a meeting chaired by the President of the Taekwondo Association of District Jammu, with all office bearers in agreement.

Athletes are instructed to report to the Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu, on November 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm sharp for the weigh-in. Participants must bring their complete registration forms, signed by their parents, and attach an Aadhaar Card, JKTA License, and Date of Birth certificate issued either by the Municipality of Jammu or the concerned village Sarpanch.

For further information, athletes and their guardians can contact the event coordinator at 9070400444.




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## EDITORIAL

## INDIA'S

## STRATEGIC ROLE

India's emergence as a pivotal force in the evolving geopolitical landscape is evident in its multifaceted diplomatic, economic, and strategic engagements. Over the past decade, the country has leveraged its geographical, economic, and demographic advantages to assume a more influential role on the global stage, which has significant implications for both regional and international dynamics.

India's foreign policy has undergone substantial transformation, emphasizing strategic alliances and partnerships that advance its national interests. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), comprising the United States, Japan, Australia, and India, has become a crucial component of India's efforts to balance China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad's focus on ensuring a "free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific" has reinforced India's maritime strategy, where it seeks to project power and maintain freedom of navigation in critical sea lanes.

India's involvement in other multilateral organizations, such as the BRICS grouping and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), highlights its diplomatic versatility. While Quad represents alignment with Western democracies, India's participation in BRICS and SCO underscores its emphasis on strategic autonomy and the ability to engage with both Western and non-Western powers. This dual approach allows India to maximize its diplomatic clout and pursue an independent foreign policy that prioritizes national interests over bloc politics.

India's economic rise is a significant driver of its strategic influence. As one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, India is projected to become the third-largest economy globally within the next decade. This economic clout has enabled New Delhi to negotiate from a position of strength in trade agreements and global economic forums. The country's "Make in India" initiative and production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes aim to boost manufacturing and reduce dependence on imports, particularly from China. Additionally, India's growing focus on developing digital infrastructure and technological innovation has enhanced its attractiveness to foreign investors.

The country's economic diplomacy is also visible in its active participation in the G20, where it has pushed for reforms in global financial institutions to reflect the interests of emerging economies. As the current G20 president, India has championed inclusive development, sustainable energy transitions, and the digital economy, further cementing its status as a voice for the Global South.

One of the hallmarks of India's foreign policy is its delicate balancing act between major global powers, particularly the United States, China, and Russia. The deepening strategic partnership with the United States, exemplified by defense agreements and technology-sharing initiatives, reflects shared interests in countering Chinese assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific. Simultaneously, India's relationship with Russia remains crucial, particularly in the defense sector, where Moscow has been a long-standing partner. The complex interplay between India's ties with the U.S. and Russia was highlighted by New Delhi's nuanced stance on the Ukraine conflict, which sought to preserve its strategic interests without compromising key alliances.

India's relationship with China is more contentious, especially given the ongoing border disputes along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The Galwan Valley clash in 2020 marked a low point, resulting in increased military deployments and a shift in India's strategic posture toward greater defense readiness. At the same time, India remains cautious in its approach, balancing military preparedness with diplomatic engagement to avoid further escalation.

India's strategic role extends to its immediate neighborhood, where it aims to counter Chinese influence through initiatives like the "Neighborhood First" policy and "Act East" policy. These strategies emphasize economic integration, infrastructure development, and security cooperation with South Asian and Southeast Asian countries. Projects such as the India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway and investments in port infrastructure in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are part of India's vision to establish itself as a key player in regional connectivity.

In the Indian Ocean, India's strategic interests are safeguarded through initiatives like the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and agreements with island nations like the Maldives, Seychelles, and Mauritius. With a keen eye on securing its maritime interests, India has also developed a network of coastal radar stations and strengthened naval capabilities, signaling its intent to remain a dominant player in the region.

India's strategic influence is complemented by its soft power, derived from its rich cultural heritage, democratic values, and diaspora strength. Initiatives like the International Day of Yoga and India's leadership in climate change advocacy—particularly through the International Solar Alliance—highlight its ability to inspire global cooperation. Furthermore, India's humanitarian aid and vaccine diplomacy during the COVID-19 pandemic have reinforced its image as a responsible global actor.

As India navigates the complex world order, its strategic role will continue to evolve. By balancing economic ambitions, security concerns, and diplomatic engagements, India is well-positioned to shape the geopolitical landscape in the coming years. However, challenges such as managing border tensions with China, maintaining energy security, and addressing domestic economic disparities will require sustained focus and adaptability.

By: Omkar Dattatray

You may say why this title heading to the write up, but as you read the article, you will find that the title is very apt and appropriate. Einstein cried many years ago and so must the Savarkar in his heaven. Kashmiri Pandits and the Pandit package employees have been made prisoners of the procedures by the successive state/UT and centre governments and they have been made pawns in the political chess game. It will be no exaggeration to state that BJP has all along marketed the pain and duress of the exiled Kashmiri Pandits for their political and vote bank dividends. The exiled KP's in Jammu and other parts of India are facing troubles and inconvenience due to the apathy and cold shoulder of the authorities at the helm of affairs and so does those few hundreds still living at scattered places in valley and they are living at the mercy of the Kashmiri Muslims. In proverbial terms it can be said that KP's are 'Na Ghar Ke na Ghat ke' and they have been ruined because of their exiled life due to the forced exodus at the hands of radicalized and armed marauders in and after 1990 and afterwards while those in power laughed and allowed the unfortunate exodus to happen and mind all this occurred in free, democratic and secular India. Coming to the theme of this write up, Years after E=mC2 was patented in 1905 by Einstein; the moot formula was brought in application in form of atom bomb by Openheimer in WW-II. Fondly, the psychotic inventor called one of the bombs, Fat Boy, that was bombarded over Nagasaki. Following the incident, the Print published that upon the explosion; building out there did not melt down but vaporized out of the nuclear heat. The scene dusty haze was only scored by hysterical cries of peeled off children. Upon receiving the description of the war field Einstein was reported to have maleseful days and sleepless nights. All the pride he took out of the invention had vanished in guilt. Einstein cried but it was too late. I believe every decade of history had either something in making or something to show up in battle field. Tweaking two

## Einstein Cried, So Must Savarkar

decades back from World War-II, Veer Savarkar in 1920 coined a term called Hindutva in the RSS lab and like I said these took the potion few decades to brew and mature before it could yield fruits for BJP in 2014. It is said the masses can be tamed by 3Bs, Babe (distorting the belief over Sex), Books (propaganda) and Booze. Here in this case the potion had matured in barrels to be served to masses. Out of whole amalgamation that started taking shape after absolute majority was delegated to Modiji, all we saw bleak GDP growth, higher inflations, all time high unemployment and my favorite 'Toll Tax'. This tax always reminds me of a joke that in Beliva, there is one standard dialogue "who is the new president this week" meaning every week there is new president because of political chaos and instability. And on same lines every time a person hits toll plaza in India, his frequently asked query is "iss mahene kitna badaya" meaning how much toll taxed increased this month. Nonetheless, keeping all derivatives of Hindutva aside let me talk of the brunt of which I have first hand experience. I am talking about one sap that proved to be nectar for BJP to sustain. The nectar that swept votes for BJP in 2019 with a white wash. With a white wash that hard that its sprinkles splashed over RaGa's political career as dark spots for years to come. Yes you are right the land of article 370 a.k.a Kashmir. You must be wondering why I didn't mention Jammu in between, and it is because if you go to any quarter of India and tell people that you belong to Jammu; their reaction will be a euphoric moment with a jaw drop and light in their eyes.... ahhhh Kashmir!! You would try to educate them that the two places are separated by mountains and 300km long NH44 but after your lecture they would disregard it subtly and repeat "yeah Kashmir". Besides Shikaras, Wazwans, Martand Sun temple, of late they have introduced one more heritage that they flaunt about. KP's call it cage that signifies PM's Package for Relief & Rehabilitation. Now, why the package is locally called cage because the KP employees appointed under such package believe that the name cage symbolizes the foremen-

tioned package. For those who don't know, the package was introduced as employment supplement for youth of KP society that was exiled. However then establishment out of their political gimmicks and tricks merged this package with other plan that was meant to rehabilitate exiled KPs in Kashmir called KP Rehabilitation Plan. Though the rehabilitation plan was declared officially 'a failure' by then PM, Dr. Manmohan Singh in 2014. Nevertheless, the haunting shadows do not give any rid to the package employees. Instead the package was mocked as 8th wonder of world since it was first of its kind where KP were tried to rehabilitate without providing them any habitat in Kashmir. Anyway, let us cut it short and zoom it further on current affairs regarding the cage. You might wonder about the fact that up to mid 1900s, American Blacks were forcibly nurtured into American zoos by the US government as piece of exhibition to establish a national revenue stream. And here in 'cage' case, Modi Ji goes a bit further on negotiation. He doesn't exhibit the Kashmir- shackled package employee against tickets but show case them on skewed T.V. channels and in-person RSS visitors to Kashmir for baseless structural changes and audacious attempts of demographic doping. Pt. Nehru in book, 'Glimpse of World History' says that it is a miracle how Jews and Kashmiri Pandits still exist on this planet despite of all atrocities. Not a single opportunity has R.S.S left to prove Pt. Nehru incorrect ever since they took helms in their hands and later handed over it to ill-informed bureaucrats and 'wanna be' state BJP politicians. It won't be inappropriate, if present conditions of PMP are compared to Holocaust wherein Adolf Hitler on side had broadcasted an ultimatum to Jews to leave Germany and on the other hand poor Jews were asked to submit their passports lest they can escape and could be prosecuted in concentration camps. On same lines, PM Package employees are running from pillar to post to dodge the bullet that has been threatened by TRF. All they are asking for is a rational move from LG adminis-

tration to save them; but instead the present establishment is making sure that their salaries are withheld just in case they sneak out a toe out of the zoo. While charade Hindutava is bringing all goodies to BJP, like 3rd term win in Lok-Sabha elections, the word has taken a different meaning for PMP. Hindutava a compound word of two elementary words, Hindu (one who practices Hinduism) +Tava (pan). They heated up the tava and pushed Hindu (KP youth) to sit on this the word Hindutava. Einstein felt the nuclear heat and cried so must be Savarkar as he feels the heat of Tava on which KP youth is forcibly pushed to sit onto in Kashmir. Einstein felt the nuclear heat and cried so must be Savarkar as he feels the heat of Tava on which KP youth are forcibly pushed to sit onto in Kashmir. The new Omar government and the centre NDA dispensation headed by PM Narendra Modi should sincerely take steps to mitigate the concerns and problems of the KP exile community living in Jammu and outside till Honorable, dignified, and secure rehabilitation is made possible in valley. At the same time temporarily transfer the Package employees to Jammu till the situation normalizes in Kashmir otherwise they will become cannon fodder to the militants who are still raising their ugly head again and again and resorting to target killings sadistically. Further with regard to the career progression of package employees, the government has heaped injustice on these employees by implementing government order No 34 JK DMRRR where their seniority is fixed separately which is discrimination and negates natural justice. The new Omar government should rescind this order. In brief exiled KP's including package employees need to be seen through the prism of humanity while addressing their problems.

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## Don't overthink, be positive

By: Sunil Mahala

Today man is surrounded by depression and stress everywhere. Life is full of hustle and bustle. In this hustle and bustle life man always remains thoughtful. Thoughts always keep coming in our mind but do you know that we can change our life by changing our way of thinking. We can bring many radical changes in life and make life beautiful and successful. Today man overthinks about everything and this overthinking surrounds us with many problems. We become victims of stress and depression. We are not able to remain happy and life starts feeling like a burden to us. We should try to rein in our autocratic thinking of overthinking and try to take ourselves in a positive direction and we can do this easily. We can change this country, this society and even ourselves with our thinking. So whenever we think of something, think clearly. Make our mind positive and strong with our thinking. The decision to think positively or negatively is in our own hands. It is not in someone else's hands. Why should we think negatively? Train yourself to be positive. The process of thinking is a

lifelong process. Why should we affect ourselves by thinking negatively? Negative energy is spread everywhere. We should keep ourselves away from negative people and negative thinking. Strengthen your mind by spending time in nature. Our attitude, our thinking depends on us. Often we think, worry a lot, get stressed and get nervous.

Actually, we ourselves entangle our mind with negative thinking like a spider's web. We should get ourselves out of this spider-web. Keep ourselves busy as much as possible. Stay in the proximity of nature and talk to mountains, flowers, animals, birds, waterfalls, rivers, natural shades, valleys, natural beauty scattered around us, vegetation. There is positivity as well as negativity in the universe. We should choose positive energy from this universe. Believe me, 99% of man's thoughts are useless.

Psychologist William James used to say that many people think that they are thinking, while they are only rearranging their prejudices. But this is not practical, because our mind should work in our interest, not against it. If the mind is working against us, then it can never be right. We should control ourselves and

learn to bind our mind. Those who do not control their mind, they think that they cannot live without thinking. Do you think that if we think too much, we will be able to control things? This thinking of ours is very wrong. Nothing can be solved by thinking too much. We should think calmly, control ourselves, do not get carried away by emotions. Actually we need to remember that the ability to decide what, how and in what manner we think lies with us. We should not think too much, sit quietly. Give rest to your mind. Never let thoughts dominate you. Often we are full of anxiety, stress and useless thoughts. We get nervous about things which we cannot control, and sometimes want to find their ideal solutions immediately, due to which we become more stressed. The only solution to all this is to think straight and fast.

Believe me, if we change our way of thinking, our world will also change. Our thinking should be useful. In fact, our focus should be on good things. We should think only about those things over which we have control. What is the use of wasting time thinking about things over which we have no control? We should use our senses very carefully.

The most important thing is that when our mind collects a lot of information from outside, then it also works according to that. So we should keep in mind that whatever information comes should be positive, not negative. We should live in a good environment. Read good literature.

Adopt good behavior. Listen to good music. Remember that other people appear to us as per our thinking. Therefore, we should always avoid wrong thoughts. In fact, by controlling the thoughts that arise in the mind, we can give the desired shape to our life. As is the feeling or thought, so is the life. Remember that only positive thinking makes our efforts possible. The mind is the catalyst for effort. Joy and happiness are emotions of the mind. There is no joy in material comforts if the mind is not happy. According to psychology, a person's personality is formed as per his thoughts. So always think good and keep moving ahead in life.

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## Govt Women Polytechnic Jammu organizes industrial visit to Flexicom Industries Kathua

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: In an effort to provide students with practical insights into the industry, Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu under the supervision of Er. Suket Gupta, Principal, Govt. Polytechnic for women, Jammu organized an industrial visit to Flexicom Industries Pvt. Ltd., Kathua.

The visit was part of the institution's ongoing initiative to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and real-world applications.

Students from 1st and 3rd semester of Textile Designing Department



and 3rd and 5th Semester of OM&CA accompanied by Er. Kamal Kumar, HOD, Textile Designing Department and Seema Pandita, Lecturer Grade-I (OM&CA), Shiveta, Lecturer Grade-I (OM&CA) other faculty members of this Institu-

tion had the opportunity to tour Flexicom Industries state-of-the-art facilities.

The students were given a comprehensive overview of the company's operations, including its manufacturing processes, quality control measures, and the

innovative technologies employed in production. During the visit, the students interacted with industry professionals, gaining valuable knowledge about the latest trends and challenges. Dharmendar Kauntey, VP (Operations) from Flexicom Industries

also conducted a Q&A session, offering career advice and insights into the various opportunities available within the sector.

Flexicom Industries Pvt. Ltd. was delighted to host the students and expressed its commitment to supporting educational initiatives that foster talent development in the industry.

The visit was highly appreciated by the students, who found it to be an enriching experience. It provided them with a deeper understanding of their academic subjects and how they are applied in a professional setting.

## DIPR's Cultural Unit Kashmir, Stages Powerful Nukkad Natak on "Say No to Drugs" at Ghanta Ghar Lal Chowk



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 12: As part of its ongoing efforts to combat substance abuse, the Cultural Unit Kashmir

of the Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K, organized a captivating Nukkad Natak at the historic Ghanta Ghar Lal Chowk.

The street play, titled "Say No to Drugs," highlighted the devastating consequences of drug addiction through a compelling narrative and powerful performances.

The talented artists showcased the physical, emotional, and social ill effects of drug abuse, resonating with the large gathering of people.

Pertinently DIPR's Cultural Unit Kashmir is committed to using creative platforms to educate and sensitize the public on critical social issues.

## Greater Shah-re-Khaas residents thank LG Administration for timely tendering of Noorbagh receiving pump station

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 12: Mohammad Faheem Reshi, a socio-political activist, expressed gratitude to the LG Administration, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), and the Mechanical Department for tendering the long-awaited Noorbagh Receiving Pump Station project.

The announcement of this substantial project comes as a major relief to the residents of Greater Shah-re-Khaas, who have been enduring issues caused by a malfunctioning drainage system for decades.

The drainage problems had created sig-



nificant hardships for the local population, causing regular disruptions and posing health and environmental concerns.

The tendering of the project marks a pivotal step toward resolving these long-standing issues. Reshi highlighted that the community is thankful for this timely intervention, which will transform the defunct

drainage infrastructure into a functional system, ultimately improving the quality of life for the residents.

The people of Greater Shah-re-Khaas have expressed their appreciation for the administration's commitment to addressing infrastructure challenges and facilitating development that benefits the common public.

## GDC Marheen organizes online lecture on 'Menstrual Health and Hygiene'

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Nov 12: GDC Marheen organized online lecture on the theme Menstrual Health and Hygiene in the college premises for the Girl's students and Women staff members.

The programme was organized under the patronage of the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta.

The detailed expert lecture was delivered by Nitya Choud-



hary, CSR, Executive, Unicharm India. She discussed in detail about the prevailing problems related with Menstrual process and hygiene practices that can help the girls to stay healthy and comfortable during the periods.

Moreover, She included some suggestive measures to eradicate all the problems. Students and faculty actively participated and clear their doubts by asking a number of questions after the lecture.

## Seminar on "Maulana Abul Kalam Azad & Indian Education" conducted at GDC Frisal

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KULGAM, Nov 12: The Department of Education at GDC Frisal hosted a seminar titled "Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Indian Education" on Tuesday in celebration of

"National Education Day." Dr. Ishtiyahq Ahmad Shah, Head of the Department of Education, emphasized the significance of values in fostering societal development and community cohesion during his address. Other speakers pro-

vided insights into the historical context of National Education Day and highlighted the relevance of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's educational philosophy in today's world. Several students from the college also contributed to the discussion,

stressing the necessity of instilling moral, spiritual, and social values among students.

Prof. Mehna Jan, the Convener of Protocol, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants for their involvement.

## Congress grievous over passing of Mehraj Din Qureshi

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SRINAGAR, Nov 12: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Tuesday expressed profound grief over the passing away of Mehraj Din Qureshi (Botshah Mohalla, Lalbazar), Srinagar, who breathed his last after a brief illness.

Late Qureshi was the uncle of Srinagar District Congress Committee President Irfan Naqib. In a condolence message JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra expressed heartfelt condolences to family, friends and relatives of Late Mehraj Din Qureshi and prayed for his eternal peace. Karra expressed solidarity

with Irfan Naqib and other members of the bereaved family and prayed for their courage to bear the irreparable loss. Meanwhile, a high-level delegation of District Congress Committee Presidents of Kashmir led by Incharge HQ Mehraj Din Qureshi and prayed for his eternal peace. Late. Mehraj Din Qureshi and

expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. The delegation met with Irfan Naqib and other members of the family and shared their grief. DCC Presidents Mir Iqbal, Umer Jaan, Abdul Rashid Lone, Zaffar Farooq Salti, Sheikh Aijaz, Er. Muzaffar, Javed Ahmad Mir, Reyaz Manhas were part of the delegation.

## GDC Marh celebrates two days National Education Day

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JAMMU, Nov 12: Two Days National Education Day was celebrated with enthusiasm by GDC Marh to commemorate the birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India who had a profound impact on many sectors of life especially in the field of Education.

Department of Education conducted Intra College Symposium on the theme "Empowering The Future Through Quality Education" in which 10 participant from different streams (Arts, Science and Commerce) and semesters participated whole heartedly.

The chief guest for the day was the Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Kumar Koul who emphasized on the role of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in empowering the education system of the country especially focusing



on Women Education, Educationally deprived. He deliberated on importance of being educated and its relationship with spiritualism leading to a pious and dynamic personality for the benefit of the humanity and inspired students to work towards achieving this goal.

The programme was anchored by Dr. Ruchika Kumari and student Sneha Bhagat. All the arrangements was done by college student Presidium President ( Sushain

Sharma), Vice President (Eshaan Saini), Rachhpal Lal (Orderly) and Mohit Kalotra (MTS). The programme was graced by the presence of President of the Registered Alumni Association Atul Nayrayan Singh.

On first day, the programme was started with lighting of ceremonial lamp and floral tributes were paid to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and spiritual soul of Marh Baba Jitto.

The students had prepared beautiful posters on the theme of 'Nation-

al Education Day'.

The beauty of the occasion was enhanced with the cultural performance of Shivani, Khushi, Anjali.

The maiden orchestra performance including octapad and guitar was presented by Sahil Sandhu (recently awarded by MIER) and Sagar which enthralled the students and faculty.

The first prize of the symposium competition was bagged by Gourav Kumar, second position by Kunal Kumar and the third position by Rashi Thapa.

On second day, the winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates of participation were given to all the participants and mementos to the cultural team.

The refreshment was served to all the students, staff and faculty members.

The judges of the competition were Dr. Ram Dayal (HOD Mathematics), Prof. Asha Kumari (HOD Geography) & Prof. Sachin Bhagat (HOD Political Science).

The program was organized under the supervision of Dr. Ashu Jolly (HOD Education), Dr. Ruchika Kumari (Department of English) and Dr. Shiksha Rani (HOD Hindi).

The students who worked for the success for this programme were Sandeep Mottan (Sem III), Rohit Kumar (Sem III), Summi Kumar (Sem V), Manish Kumar (Sem V), Ketan Kumar (Sem VI), Rahul Kumar (Sem III) and Kunal Kumar (Sem I).

## SMVDU faculty member qualifies Ph.D

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KATRA, Nov 12: Shashi Bhushan Kotwal, Assistant Professor in the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, has been declared qualified for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) by the Indian Institute of Technology,



Jammu. He conducted his

research work in the field of Wireless Communication on the topic "Physical Layer Security in Emerging Wireless Networks through Node Selection under Frequency-Selective Fading Channels" under the supervision of Dr. Sudhakar Modem, Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Jammu.

## IIC, JU organizes interactive session-cum-awareness programme



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JAMMU, Nov 12: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with Department of Botany, University of Jammu organized an interactive session-cum-awareness program with the locals of village Sohanjana.

Experts from plant sciences interacted with the locals and addressed their problems related to their livelihoods in general and

agriculture in particular. The session emphasized on the critical role of innovation in achieving maximum agricultural productivity in current scenario of changes in land use patterns and climate.

President, IIC, University of Jammu, highlighted the importance of local populace and academicians in identifying problems and seeking solutions to them.

The role of young fertile minds in provid-

ing innovative ideas to tackle climate crisis and reduce its possible negative impacts on agricultural produce was emphasized.

The students and research scholars actively participated in the program and became aware of the problems faced by the local farmers at the grass roots level. They also realized the significance of local innovative solutions to their problems. Many issues of the rural women and farmers were also addressed and remedial measures suggested.

Other members of IIC, JU also participated in the event and contributed significantly to the awareness program.

## Speculations rife over Sidhu's showbiz return

After five years, former head of state Congress Navjot Singh Sidhu is back to the entertainment business with 'The Kapil Sharma Show'.

Sidhu himself has shared a video clipping on his official social media page, captioned as 'The Home Run' with the sub-title 'Sidhu ji is back', giving reasons to speculate on his return to the entertainment show while keeping politics on the backburner, yet it does not appear to be so.

In the upcoming episode, Sidhu was made to sit on film actor Archana Puran Singh's chair giving an impression of his 'comeback' in his old role in the show. Archana Puran Singh was also seen complaining to Kapil Sharma about Sidhu occupying her chair.

The prank only broke up when Sidhu's wife and cricketer Harbhajan Singh and his wife



Geeta Basra too appeared on the camera to make believe that they were the guests for that particular episode

Moreover, post 2022 Assembly polls, after Sidhu lost against AAP's Jeevanjot Kaur, Sidhu had shifted focus more to his home town and former CM Capt Amarinder Singh's constituency

Patiala, but played a negligible role in party activities since then.

Coming out of jail after serving a 10-month sentence in an old road rage case, three-time Lok Sabha MP and one-time Rajya Sabha MP, Navjot Singh Sidhu had made a comeback to cricket commentary after around a decade during the 2014 IPL

tournament. Despite being in the list of star campaigners, he didn't campaign for the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Meanwhile, the Congress high command too changed its leadership in Amritsar East constituency which was originally represented by him. He was replaced with former Congress MP from Khadoor Sahib Jasbir Singh Dimpa as the halqa in-charge.

Nonetheless, Sidhu, famous for his hilarious one-liners and jokes, was a permanent guest on 'The Kapil Sharma Show' between 2016-2019 till a controversy erupted when he was interpreted to be supporting Pakistan, in his response to the 2019 Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF). Apparently, he was made to exit the Season-2 of the show and replaced by Archana Puran Singh.

## Bipasha Basu enjoys a cup of 'chai on beach'



Actress Bipasha Basu, who is currently enjoying her Maldivian holiday with her family, shared a glimpse of "chai on beach."

Bipasha took to Instagram to share a candid video. In the clip, the actress is seen holding a nice cup of hot tea with

the backdrop of the beautiful sea and bright blue sky.

In the video, she is heard saying, "Good morning, gorgeous day. So beautiful." She captioned the clip, "Chai on beach."

The actress had also shared a picture of herself flaunting her hair. "Rare good hair day on a beach holiday," the caption said.

She had also shared a video from her date night with her husband Karan Singh Grover. The clip had 'date night' written on it with the song 'Doobey' from the film 'Gehraiyaan' playing in the background.

Bipasha married her beau Karan Singh Grover in 2016. They welcomed their daughter, Devi in November 2022.

Grover is known for his performances in shows like 'Qubool Hai', 'Qubool Hai 2.0', and 'Kasautii Zindagii Kay 2'. The actor has also appeared in films like 'Alone', 'Hate Story 3', and 'Fighter', while Bipasha was last seen in the crime thriller series 'Dangerous'.

## Raveena Tandon adopts 'abandoned' dog: 'Welcome to your forever home'

Bollywood actress and an ardent animal lover Raveena Tandon has a new addition to her family – a German Shepherd named Elsa, who was found abandoned on a rainy highway and later was rescued.

Raveena took to Instagram, where she shared a reel welcoming Elsa into her home. The video featured Elsa playing fetch with the actress and her other pets – a Pomeranian and a Husky.

"This Diwali, our hearts grew a little bigger as we welcomed Elsa a female GSD into our family. Found abandoned on a rainy highway, she was rescued by the incredible team at @pawdopt.in, who nursed her back to health and gave her a second chance," she wrote.

The actress added: "It's heartbreaking to think that anyone could leave behind such a sweet, goofy soul."

The actress shared that all her pets including the Husky named Alaska too are adopted and urged everyone to consider a pet with a complete heart.

"To those considering



a pet—please, adopt with your heart, even #Alaska the husky is Adopted, not on a whim. Now Elsa and Alaska are bonded sisters. Every pet deserves a home filled with love, not an uncertain future." She added: "All my pets have been adopted, and Elsa is our second from @pawdopt.in. To everyone who helped bring her to us, thank you for making our home brighter."

Raveena then said that it is a forever home for Elsa.

"Welcome to your for-

ever home, Elsa. Here's to a life filled with endless love and happiness."

In other news, Raveena's daughter Rasha Thadani is all set to make her Bollywood debut alongside actor Ajay Devgn's nephew Aaman with the film 'Azaad' directed by Abhishek Kapoor.

'Azaad' promises to be another captivating cinematic saga. Produced by Ronnie Screwvala and Pragma Kapoor, the film is set for a grand release on the big screen in January 2025.

## Science fiction, romance and comedy, Raduaa sequel is one ambitious outing

Trust Punjabis to be where nobody is and nobody can... The latest to join this bandwagon is Raduaa Returns. A sci-fi movie, it has a significant romantic track, add to it Punjab's staple comedy and you get the sequel to the 2018 film Raduaa (Radio). Towering over the team Raduaa Returns was The Great Khali, who plays Mohammad Khan, during its trailer launch at Mohali.

Now know the size of the man; while the rest get a high chair, his is low lying to fit all in one frame! "Imagine how difficult it is to get him in the film," says Gurpreet Ghuggi. Setting the scene at the launch the World Heavyweight Champion, the seven-foot tall giant, had writer-director, five-feet something Nav Bajwa, tuck him. One slight twack and Nav turned red. "During the shoot, I had to use a gel to soothe my pain whenever he touched me!" shared Nav.

Khali was offered Hindi, English and Punjabi films, but was not comfortable. Credit



to Nav for making him debut with a Punjabi film! "I get way too many offers, but I am always hesitant to do a film, but I loved Nav's story and how despite being such a star he is so humble," shared Khali, who enjoyed the shooting process and being on the sets. "Film hit jaani hai," he said.

The sequel has come six years later; if the script took time, the VFX even more so. BN Sharma, who plays HCL, shared, "The scenes were shot on a green screen and it took huge coordination. It was so heartening to

see the scene turn into a fantasy on the monitor." Paramveer Singh, who wasn't part of the first outing, joined the cast in the sequel. He said, "Huge effort has been put in the special effects. There would be people working on 30-40 terminals here, about the same number in Mumbai and also in South India. Immaculate coordination has turned Punjabi sci-fi film a reality."

The two actresses, Mahira Sharma and Naman Hanjra, play Rajkumari Ratna and AI robot KT, respectively. In her second Punjabi

film, Mahira has dubbed for her character and is happy. Keeping interaction limited in Punjabi, she said, "I did not want to go wrong with my Punjabi dialogues and be trolled for it. Please watch our film, as it is one brave effort for Punjabi cinema."

Naman opened up on playing a character like never before. There is a running sequence for which she wore four-inch heel on a treadmill facing a farrata fan. "My character is futuristic and I wore lenses to stay in the look. The wind displaced my lenses as soon as I started run-

ning, turning my eyes red. It was very challenging but I enjoyed it all."

Gurpreet Ghuggi has seen Punjabi cinema making strides. He shared, "Punjabi films were big on action. Even the posters carried credit for maar-dhad. Maan (Gurdas) saab turned the tide in favour of love and family dramas, followed by comedy that reigned for decades. Period dramas next, I am telling you that at least 10 producers are going to do science fiction now."

Amongst those present at the launch, Jaswant Rathore, who plays Dr Surinder Shetty, did fabulous mimicry of his idol Suniel Shetty. Taking due permission from Khali, he also did a bit on him, getting compliments from the man who was the first runner-up of Bigg Boss 4. Jaswant joked how Khali was the real winner for Shweta Tiwari won Rs 1 crore, while Khali ate eggs worth Rs1.5 crore!

(The film hits the theatres on November 22).

## How 'Gabbar Singh' became the heartbroken Nawab who moved Satyajit Ray to tears

It was a spellbinding moment that no camera could do justice to. This Bollywood actor, who had made his name as a mealy-mouthed, sadistic and vicious brigand, now played a cultured yet hapless Nawab and on the flawlessly. He lost control of himself as he crooned a simple but sad couplet with the melancholic light of a setting sun defining his face, leaving the director emotional too.

As Amjad Khan, playing Nawab Wajid Ali Shah in 'Shatranj Ke Khiladi' (1977), recited, "Jab chhorh chale Lucknow nagri/Kahein haal ke hum par kya guzri..." even Satyajit Ray's eyes grew moist, screenplay writer Shama Zaidi recalled.

He also delivered one of the funniest dialogues of Hindi films in the same film. As his wazir Madar-ud-Daula (Ali Naqi Khan), played by Victor Banerjee, silently weeps after coming from meeting the British resident where he is told the Nawab must abdicate, Wajid Ali Shah comes on him silently and asks him what had happened. As he continues weeping, the ruler asks, "Kya huya, Resident sahab ne koi ghazal to nahi suna di?"

Despite being branded by his role in 'Sholay' (1975) and a villainous 'heavy' in several other Bollywood movies - usually opposite Amitabh Bachchan, Amjad Khan (1940-92), who was born on this day, had much more to his oeuvre than just being Gabbar Singh.

Satyajit Ray had his eye on him ever since he conceived of what would become his sole Hindi film. Journalist-turned-scriptwriter Javed Siddiqi, who had been roped in for the project, wrote that when he first met Ray, he found that the legendary filmmaker had made sketches of Khan in the role of the Nawab, noting their uncanny resemblance.

Ray's wife, Bijaya, was also impressed by



Khan. Recalling a time when he came to their house for dinner, she, in her autobiography 'Manik and I, My Life with Satyajit Ray' (2012) termed Khan a "wonderful man", who "spoke charmingly and was very well-educated too." "Manik and he found many things to discuss, and time just flew," she wrote.

And then, Gabbar Singh was not Khan's sole contribution to 'Sholay'.

He was tasked with liaising with the Hollywood technicians that director Ramesh Sippy had flown in for the action scenes - as he was the most fluent English talker on the sets. However, actor Sachin Pilgaonkar, who played a cameo, recently revealed that he and Khan had been the directors of most of the film, as Sippy concentrated only on the scenes featuring the top actors.

But Gabbar Singh and Khan's other notorious roles - volatile criminal Dilawar in 'Muqaddar ka Sikandar' (1978), sinister criminal Vikram in 'Mr Natwarlal' (1979), Damodar aka Damu of 'Naseeb' (1981), the covetous and murderous uncle in 'Satte Pe Satta' (1982) and many more, overshadowed his forte for more positive and even comic roles.

Take the wisecracking, drum-playing police inspector - named Amjad Khan - in 'Qurbani', the foster father of Sanjay Dutt in his debut 'Rocky', Ranvir Singh of 'Laawaris', the

hero's affluent and supportive friend Bishan in 'Yaarana' (all 1981), affable police constable Sher Singh in 'Love Story' (1982), Vatsyayan (of 'Kama Sutra' fame) in 'Utsav' (1984), feckless prince Vishwanath of fantasy 'Pataal Bhairavi' (1985), and helpful advocate Harish of 'Chameli ki Shaadi' (1986), among others.

Son of veteran character actor Jayant (Zakariya Khan), most known as Balraj Sahni's Pathan friend in 'Garam Coat' and the Brigadier in that grim war film 'Haqeeqat' (1964), Khan was drawn into acting from his very childhood.

Even before doing theatre during his college days in Bombay, he had an uncredited role as a child artiste in romantic fantasy 'Nazneen' (1951), starring Madhubala, Nasir Khan (the younger brother of Dilip Kumar) and his father. After a minor part in Raj Kapoor's 'Ab Dilli Dur Nahin' (1957), his first adult film appearance was again an uncredited role, as a gang member in 'Maya' (1961), starring Dev Anand, and then, a cameo as a Pakistan Air Force officer in war thriller 'Hindustan ki Kasam' (1973).

Though Javed Akhtar, who had seen Khan on stage, thought of him as perfect for Gabbar Singh and partner Salim Khan agreed, the duo later did not appreciate his performance and even tried to get him changed. Khan was furious when he learnt of this later, and never worked with them again.

However, in 1976, Khan's career - and life - nearly came to a premature end when he, and his wife, were severely injured in a road accident on the Goa-Bombay highway. It was Amitabh Bachchan who signed the consent form for his emergency surgery and while he recovered, his health had been affected. He began putting on weight, leading to a fatal heart attack in 1992.

## Vidya Balan doesn't like being called 'Vidya ji', reveals Kartik Aryan



Bollywood actor Kartik Aryan revealed that his 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' co-star Vidya Balan does not like being referred to as 'Vidya Ji'.

Kartik was chatting with Shardul Pandit on his podcast 'Shardulogy', where the host said, "Both were scaring you off, you know like, if you have to romance with Vidya and Madhuri."

To which, Kartik replied, "It was Rooh Baba versus Manjulika."

The host then asked Kartik, "Which one scared you the most, Vidya or Madhuri? Actually Vidya Ji or Madhuri, sorry."

To which, Kartik replied, "Oh, she doesn't like it, ji."

"Yes, Vidya doesn't like it. Call her VB.

I got used to calling her Vidya. No, I couldn't get scared of both of them," he added.

Kartik also revealed that it felt like he was gossiping with Madhuri and Vidya. "I can't tell you about whom. It was like, we became very close friends. With both Madhuri Ji and Vidya. I felt like I was living my college life with both of them," the 'Shehzada' actor said.

The actor took to his Instagram and posted a couple of candid photos. He captioned the post, "Rooh Baba on top of the world #Dubai #BhoolBhulaiyaa3."

Kartik's latest release has gained outstanding box office success while his upcoming venture with director Anurag Basu is highly anticipated.

## Congress 'shahi parivar' believes it was born to rule India: PM Modi

CHIMUR (MAHARASHTRA), Nov 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that has always been the mentality of Congress 'shahi parivar' that it was born to rule the country. "That is the reason that after Independence, the Congress never allowed Dalits, backward classes and Adivasis to progress," Modi said, addressing a rally at Chimur in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district ahead of the November 20 state assembly elections. "The Congress gets annoyed with (the topic of) reservations. In the 1980s, when Rajiv Gandhi led the party, it published an advertisement rais-



ing questions over the special rights enjoyed by Dalits, backward classes and Adivasis," Modi said.

This old advertisement has been shared on social media, he said. It reflected that party's anti-reservation attitude, he

added. "The huge crowd here shows that the BJP-led Mahayuti will retain power in Maharashtra with a massive majority," the PM said. The BJP's Sankalp Patra poll manifesto will be a guarantee for Maharashtra's development, Modi said. On the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir, Modi said that it took seven decades to ensure that the country had one Constitution. "Will you allow the Congress and its allies to bring back Article 370 in Kashmir," he asked. Modi also said that the BJP-led government is giving financial assistance to soybean farmers.

## India embracing 'adaptive defence' to counter evolving threats, says Defence Minister Rajnath



NEW DELHI, Nov 12 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said the Central Government was committed to having an 'adaptive' approach to counter real-time security challenges that the country faced. Being 'adaptive' in terms of the defence of the nation was not merely a strategic choice but a necessity in today's fast-paced world, the minister said. An 'adaptive' approach in defence meant a nation's military and defence mechanisms were continuously evolving to counter emerging threats, he said, adding that it was not merely responding to what had happened but anticipating what could and preparing for it.

The Defence Minister was speaking at the inaugural event of the Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD), hosted by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA). Rajnath said, "We should be prepared for all future contingencies. It is more than just protecting our borders; it is about securing our future." The traditional notions of war are being reshaped by emerging technologies and evolving strategic partnerships, with new perspectives, doctrines, and concepts of operations emerging, he added. Rajnath cited how drones and swarm technologies were bringing fundamental changes in the ways and means of warfare. Keeping with the changing nature of threats and challenges, he termed the present age of warfare as an age of 'grey zone and hybrid warfare', where traditional ways of defending were being challenged. Continuous adaptation was the best strategy to deal with the emerging challenges, he said. This includes creating situational awareness, having flexibility at strategic and tactical levels, and being resilient and

agile. All the while integrating futuristic technologies.

The Union Government was committed to keeping India among the leading countries, working on emerging technologies in cyberspace and artificial intelligence (AI), the minister said. Rajnath Singh said it was the Modi-led government's unwavering resolve to continuously 'adapt' to counter the challenges posed by the fast-changing world in today's times.

The MP-IDSA, a think tank run by the Ministry of Defence, is hosting the DDD on the theme 'Adaptive Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare'.

Rajnath Singh added that the 'Make in India' campaign had witnessed success through indigenous projects such as Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas', INS Vikrant, and DRDO's missile programmes. Currently, India is exporting defence items to over 100 nations, with the top three destinations for defence exports in 2023-24 being the USA, France, and Armenia. "We hope to achieve the target of Rs 50,000 crore worth of defence exports by 2029," he said.

DG, MP-IDSA Ambassador Sujan R Chinoy, and Indian Air Force Vice-Chief Air Marshal SP Dhakar were among those present at the event.

## Situation remains tense in Manipur's Jiribam, patrolling on

IMPHAL, Nov 12 (Agencies): A day after the killing of eleven suspected militants in a gunfight with security forces in Manipur's Jiribam district, the situation there remained calm but tense on Tuesday morning with policemen patrolling at vulnerable points, officials said. The district administration imposed prohibitory orders to avoid any untoward incident in the area, while an operation was launched to trace missing persons, they said. A shutdown has been observed since 5 am on Tuesday in Kuki-Zo majority areas in the hills to protest against the killing of suspected

insurgents, the officials said. Eleven suspected militants were killed in a fierce gunfight with security forces on Monday after insurgents in camouflage uniforms, armed with sophisticated weapons, fired indiscriminately at a police station and an adjacent CRPF camp in Jiribam district, they said. Two CRPF personnel also sustained injuries during the heavy exchange of fire at Borobekra, and the condition of one of them was stated to be critical, they said. Following this incident, fresh violence was reported from multiple places in Imphal

Valley where armed groups from the two warring sides engaged in exchanges of fire, police said. The Kuki-Zo Council called for a total shutdown in the hill areas of the state from 5 am to 6 pm on Tuesday to express their collective grief and solidarity who were brutally shot dead. In a series of attacks, the suspected militants torched several shops and houses in and around the Jakurador Karong market, besides the Borobekra police station and the CRPF camp located adjacent to it. As the security forces retaliated, a heavy exchange of fire began



and 11 suspected militants were killed, the officials said. The exchange of fire lasted 40-45 minutes, following which the situation was brought under control, the police said. Operations were continuing to flush out militants, and reinforce-

ment teams consisting of Assam Rifles, CRPF and police were rushed to the spot, the police said. On Monday evening, violent clashes were reported from various villages in Imphal West and Imphal East districts, the officials added.

## ED raids in J'khand, WB in illegal Bangladeshi infiltration case; seizes fake Aadhaars, passports

RANCHI, Nov 12 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday raided multiple locations in poll-bound Jharkhand apart from West Bengal in a money laundering investigation linked to alleged illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals, official sources said. A total of 17 places are being covered in the two neighbouring states by the Ranchi office of the federal probe agency, a day before the first phase of polling in Jharkhand. Visuals of CRPF personnel positioned outside a hotel located on Bariatu Road in Ranchi and a resort in the city were captured by press teams as ED teams scoured for documents, ledger entries and financial records inside. The agency issued a statement on its official X handle at around 3 pm, saying it has recovered "incriminating" items like fake Aadhaar cards, forged passports, illegal arms, immovable property documents, cash, jewellery, printing paper and machines and blank proformas used for forging Aadhaar during the raids. Searches are continuing, it said, as the agency attached pictures of these recoveries with the said post. The agency had in September filed a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to probe an instance of alleged infiltration and trafficking

of some Bangladeshi women into Jharkhand leading to the generation of alleged slush funds. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders have accused the state government of aiding such infiltration leading to the altering of the demographic landscape of the tribal-dominated areas of Santhal Pargana and Kolhan regions during the recent poll campaign. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday accused the ruling JMM-led coalition of converting Jharkhand into a 'dharmashala' for Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced in Seraikela on Monday that a committee would be formed, if BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand, to identify and drive out infiltrators from the state besides reclaiming land grabbed by them. The first phase of the Assembly polls is slated for 43 constituencies on Wednesday, while the second for 38 seats will be held on November 20. The ECIR (enforcement case information report) filed by the federal agency under various sections of the PMLA stems from a Jharkhand Police FIR filed at the Bariyatu police station in the state capital Ranchi in June. The police FIR, filed on the complaint of a Ban-

gladeshi woman who allegedly infiltrated into the country from along the India-Bangladesh border with the help of touts to find work, has named around six women as accused who were arrested following a raid at a local resort. The woman who filed the complaint escaped from a similar guest house and reached the police station. Police also recovered a "fake" Aadhaar card from one of these women. Police pressed multiple IPC sections like 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document) and 34 (common intention) in the FIR. It also slapped section 12 of the Passport Act (knowingly furnishing any false information or suppressing any material information with a view to obtaining a passport or travel document) and 14A of the Foreigners Act (penalty for entry in restricted area) in the complaint. The FIR quoted the woman complainant saying they were trafficked into India from Bangladesh allegedly for prostitution by luring them in the name of getting a job in beauty salons. ED sources had earlier said the agency will investigate the "entire gamut" of infiltration from across the eastern borders, including Ban-

gladesh, into Jharkhand including in the tribal districts of Santhal Pargana and Kolhan. Prime Minister Modi, while addressing a poll rally a few months ago, accused the Jharkhand government of encouraging Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltration for vote bank politics and criticised it for "rampant corruption". The prime minister asserted that these infiltrators pose a significant threat to the state by altering the demographic landscape of the Santhal Pargana and Kolhan regions. Modi accused the JMM of "supporting infiltrators" and claimed that "illegal immigrants from the neighbouring country have managed to gain influence over the ruling party in the state." He criticised the Jharkhand government for refusing to acknowledge the infiltration issue despite a high court order to establish an independent panel to investigate the influx of Bangladeshi immigrants. The Union government had informed the Jharkhand High Court that illegal Bangladeshi immigrants are living in the state. Reacting to the affidavit, JMM central spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya said if there was infiltration in Jharkhand, the Union home and defence ministries should take responsibility for it.

## Six students killed, one injured as car crashes into truck in Dehradun



DEHRADUN, Nov 12 (Agencies): Six students were killed and another seriously injured when

their car collided with a truck here early Tuesday, police said. The collision occurred

at around 1.30 am at the ONGC Chowk. The car rammed into the truck from behind and six of its occupants died on the spot, Circle Officer (City) Neeraj Semwal said. The car was reduced to a mangled wreck, he added. The deceased students were identified as Kunal Kukreja, 23, Atul Agrawal, 24, Rishabh Jain, 24, Navya Goel, 23, Kamakshi, 20, and Guneet, 19. All of

them were from Dehradun except Kukreja who hails from Himachal Pradesh. The seventh occupant — Siddhesh Agrawal, 25, — has been admitted to the Synergy Hospital in the city and is in a critical condition, he said. The cause of the accident is yet to be ascertained, the official said, adding that CCTV camera footage from the area is being analysed.

## Four die in mud wall collapse in UP's Kasganj; five under treatment

KASGANJ/AGRA, Nov 12 (Agencies): Three women and a 10-year-old girl died after a mound of mud fell on them Tuesday morning in Mohanpura area in Kasganj district, police said. The incident occurred around 7 am when they were collecting mud from a ditch dug for the construction of a bridge between Rampur and Kataur village. Additional Superintendent of Police Rakesh Bharti confirmed the deaths. "Nine people had gone to dig mud for some function in their house and got down a 10-foot-deep ditch whose wall crashed on them. The ditch was dug for the construction of a bridge in the area," he said. "Five people are undergoing treatment," he added. The deceased were identified as Ram Beti, 29, Prema Devi, 36, Saraswati, 27, and Pinky, 10, all of them natives of Rampur village, Naresh, the police outpost in-charge of Mohanpura, said. Maheswari, 40, Krishna, 45, Hemlata, 40, Prem Singh, 32, and Arjun, 8, are undergoing treatment, he said. Kasganj Chief Medical Officer Dr Rajiv Agrawal told reporters, "Nine people were brought to District Hospital in Kasganj, of whom, four died. Two women were referred to Aligarh, while the rest are being given treatment here." Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the deaths and order proper treatment of the wounded. "The Chief Minister has instructed the district administration officials to reach the spot and expedite the relief work and immediately take the injured to the hospital for proper treatment. He also wished for the speedy recovery of the injured," his office said in a post on X.

## Four killed as car falls from under-construction culvert in Assam



TINSUKIA, Nov 12 (Agencies): At least four people, including a five-year-old child were killed when the car they were travelling fell from an under-construction culvert in Assam's Tinsukia district on Tuesday, police said. The car carrying six members of a family fell from the under-construction culvert near Dihingia Gaon on the Tinsukia-Dibrugarh bypass at around 4 am, an official told agency. "Four of the six passengers, including a 5-year-old child, died on the spot. The two others sustained critical injuries and were rushed to Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh for immediate treatment," he added. The family, hailing from Bihar, was coming from Dibrugarh to attend a wedding in Tinsukia when the accident occurred. The deceased has been identified as Mohan Shah, Rajesh Gupta, Montu Shah and child Arthav Gupta. "We believe that the incident took place due to poor visibility of the road on account of dense fog and absence of proper signage," the police officer said. Local residents have expressed concern about the incomplete state of the bypass, particularly the unfinished culvert.

## Israeli strikes kill 14 Palestinians in Gaza, medical officials say

Another strike early Tuesday hit a house in the urban Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

DEIR AL-BALAH, Nov 12 (Agencies): Palestinian medical officials say two Israeli strikes in Gaza killed at least 14 people, including two children and a woman, most in an Israeli-declared humanitarian zone.

One strike late Monday hit a makeshift cafeteria used by displaced people in Muwasi, the center of the so-called humanitarian zone. At least 11 people were killed, including two children, according to officials at Nasser Hospital, where the casualties were taken. Video from the scene showed men pulling bloodied wounded from among tables and chairs set up in the sand in an enclosure made of corrugated metal sheets.

The strike came hours after the Israeli military announced an expansion of the zone, where it has told Palestinians evacuating from other parts of Gaza to take refuge. Hundreds of thousands of displaced



Palestinians are sheltering in sprawling tent camps in and around Muwasi, a largely desolate area of dunes and agricultural fields with few facilities or services along the Mediterranean coast of southern Gaza.

Israel faces a deadline this week for the Biden administration's ultimatum for it to allow more aid into Gaza or risk possible restrictions on U.S. military funding. Israel has announced a series of steps toward improving the situation,

including the zone's expansion. But U.S. officials recently signaled Israel still isn't doing enough, though they have not said if they will take any action against it. A group of eight international aid agencies said in a report issued Tuesday that Israel has failed to meet the U.S. demands.

Another strike early Tuesday hit a house in the urban Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, killing three people including a woman, according to al-Awda Hospital, which

received the casualties. The strike also wounded 11 others, it said.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment on either strike.

Israel's 13-month-old campaign in Gaza has killed more than 43,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities who don't distinguish between civilians and militants in their count, but say more than half the dead were women and children. Israel says it targets Hamas militants and blames the militant group for civilian deaths, saying it operates in residential areas and infrastructure and among displaced people.

The war in Gaza began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 and killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted about 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, about a third believed to be dead.

## Philippines says it's under pressure from China to cede claims in South China sea

CANBERRA, Nov 12 (Agencies): China is putting ever-greater pressure on the Philippines to cede its sovereign rights in the South China Sea, Secretary of National Defense Gilberto Teodoro said on Tuesday after a meeting with his Australian counterpart in Canberra.

"What we see is an increasing demand by Beijing for us to concede our sovereign rights in the area," he said, adding that the Philippines was a "victim of Chinese aggression".

China and the Philippines have sparred repeatedly this year over disputed areas of the South China Sea, including the Scarborough Shoal, one of Asia's most contested features.

Teodoro's meeting with his Australian counterpart Richard Marles, their fifth since August 2023, reflects growing security ties between the countries, both of whom have expressed concern about Chinese activity in areas of the South China Sea claimed by the Philippines and other Southeast Asian nations.

The two nations signed a strategic partnership in September 2023 and held their first joint sea and air patrols in the South China Sea several months later. The Philippines also joined war games in Australia this year for the first time.

China claims almost the entire South

China Sea, a conduit for more than \$3 trillion of annual ship-borne commerce, including parts claimed by the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei. The Permanent Court of Arbitration in 2016 said China's claims had no legal basis, a ruling Beijing rejects.

Teodoro said China's claims and behaviour were contrary to international law and defence deals with partners such as Australia were an important way to deter Chinese incursions.

"Although they (China) claim to act under the aegis of international law, everybody knows that what they're doing is contrary to the tenets of international law," he said.

"The biggest evidence of this is that nobody has actually supported their actions or activities."

In addition to closer ties with countries including Australia and the United States, the Philippines also plans to spend at least \$33 billion on new weapons including advanced fighter jets and mid-range missiles.

Marles said Australia wanted to work more closely with the Philippine defence industry and would send an engineering assessment team to the country early next year.

## Dutch appeals court overturns landmark climate ruling against Shell

THE HAGUE, Nov 12 (Agencies): A Dutch appeals court on Tuesday overturned a landmark ruling that ordered energy company Shell to cut its carbon emissions by net 45% by 2030 compared to 2019 levels, while saying that "protection against dangerous climate change is a human right."

The decision was a defeat for the Dutch arm of environmental group Friends of the Earth, which hailed the original 2021 ruling as a victory for the climate. Tuesday's civil ruling can be appealed to the Dutch Supreme Court.

The ruling upholding Shell's appeal came as a 12-day U.N. climate conference was entering its second day in Azerbaijan. In a written summary of the ruling, the court said that Shell has a duty of care to limit its emissions, but it annulled the lower court's decision because it was "unable to establish that the social standard of care entails an obligation for Shell to reduce its CO2 emissions by 45%, or some other percentage." "There is currently insufficient consensus in climate science on a specific reduction percentage to which an individual company like Shell should adhere."

Presiding Judge Carla Joustra said that Shell already has targets for climate-warming carbon emissions that are in line with demands of Friends of the Earth — both for what it directly produces and for emissions produced

by energy the company purchase from others.

The court then ruled that "for Shell to reduce CO2 emissions caused by buyers of Shell products ... by a particular percentage would be ineffective in this case. Shell could meet that obligation by ceasing to trade in the fuels it purchases from third parties. Other companies would then take over that trade."

Joustra said that, "The court's final judgment is that Friends of the Earth's claims cannot be granted. The court therefore annuls the district court's judgment."

"This hurts," Friends of the Earth director in the Netherlands Donald Pols said. "At the same time, we see that this case has ensured that major polluters are not immune and has further stimulated the debate about their responsibility in combating dangerous climate change. That is why we continue to tackle major polluters, such as Shell."

The firm welcomed the ruling. "We are pleased with the court's decision, which we believe is the right one for the global energy transition, the Netherlands and our company," Shell plc Chief Executive Officer Wael Sawan said in a written statement. "Our target to become a net-zero emissions energy business by 2050 remains at the heart of Shell's strategy and is transforming our business."

## New Zealand's PM delivers landmark apology to survivors of state abuse

WELLINGTON, Nov 12 (Agencies): New Zealand's prime minister delivered a historic apology Tuesday to victims abused in state care, acknowledging the "unimaginable pain" suffered within children's homes and psychiatric hospitals.

Some 200,000 vulnerable New Zealanders were abused in state care in the seven decades since the 1950s, according to a six-year public inquiry that described its findings as an "unthinkable national catastrophe".

Youngsters were sexually abused by church carers, mothers were forced to give up children for adoption, and troublesome patients were strapped to beds for seizure-inducing electroconvulsive therapy.

Prime Minister Christopher Luxon on Tuesday apologised on behalf of successive governments that turned a blind eye to such harrowing reports.

"I am sorry you were not believed when you came forward to report your abuse," he said in an address delivered to parliament.



"Some of you may feel my words count for little after so long and so much hurt.

"But I hope that today, with this apology and the acknowledgement of your burden, it becomes a little lighter for some of you."

Survivors packed a public gallery inside New Zealand's parliament to watch Luxon deliver the apology, many of them weeping and overcome with emotion.

Others jeered when New Zealand's solicitor-general, accused of hindering survivors'

legal claims, stood at a press conference to give her own apology.

Abuse, neglect, torture Survivor Tu Chapman told reporters the government had to answer for "decades of abuse, neglect, and torture by those running state, church and faith-based institutions".

Officials had started work to scrub the names of proven perpetrators from street signs and other public memorials, Luxon said.

Churches implicated in the

abuse would be expected to "do the right thing" and take part in the redress process, he added.

"I want to acknowledge those of you who struggled to get help from government agencies when you came forward to report your abuse.

"This has meant you have had to re-live your trauma over and over again."

Luxon singled out the now-notorious Lake Alice psychiatric hospital in rural New Zealand, where patients recalled being sterilised, used for unethical medical experiments, and punished with electric shocks.

"To those of you who were tortured at Lake Alice -- young, alone, and subjected to unimaginable pain -- I am deeply sorry."

Many victims reported lingering trauma that has fuelled addiction and other problems.

The report found that some of the abuse was "overlaid with racism" targeting Indigenous Maori.

The inquiry was set up in 2018 and has made 233 recommendations that Luxon's government has promised to consider.

## Melania Trump to skip White House meeting with Jill Biden: Report

WASHINGTON, Nov 12 (Agencies): Melania Trump will not be attending the traditional White House meeting on Wednesday with first lady Jill Biden, sources said.

Traditionally, when the outgoing President hosts the incoming President-elect in the Oval Office, the first lady hosts her successor for tea in the residence.

Michelle Obama hosted Melania Trump for tea in the Yellow Room after the 2016 election. However, Melania Trump did not meet with Jill Biden after the contentious 2020 race as Donald Trump repeatedly claimed he was the true winner.

Jill Biden extended Melania Trump the customary invitation last week as her husband also invited the President-elect to the Oval Office, a symbolic gesture to show the country and the world that there will be a peaceful transition of power -- and an implicit rebuke of Donald Trump, who refused Joe Biden the same meeting in 2020



as he contested that election's results. The two are set to meet on Wednesday at 11 a.m., according to the White House.

Melania and Jill have yet to speak in the aftermath of Kamala Harris' humiliating defeat, even though their husbands had a cordial phone call, sources confirmed.

"Mrs. Trump is not going, and they have not spoken," a source with knowledge said of the first ladies told DailyMail.com of Wednesday's presidential sit-down.

There was discussion about encouraging Melania Trump to come to Washington for the meeting, as some members of the President-elect's team felt it was important. But the incoming first lady,

who spent her first four years in office redefining the role and what was expected, is laying an early marker indicating she will have even more autonomy the second time around.

Aside from 2020, it has been tradition for the current first lady to host the incoming first lady at the White House.

The last time Jill Biden and Melania Trump would have seen each other would have been at Rosalynn Carter's funeral in November of last year. All living former first ladies attended.

Four years ago, Donald Trump snubbed Joe Biden after Biden defeated him, refusing to invite him for the traditional Oval Office meeting and delaying the transition process.

Melania Trump followed her husband's lead and didn't reach out to Jill Biden.

The Bidens, however, have promised a peaceful and orderly transition to the upcoming Trump Administration.

"The Bidens extended congratulations and a joint invite to the Trumps to meet at the White House," Jill Biden's office said.

Donald Trump and Joe Biden will meet on Wednesday in the Oval Office.

The Bidens will attend Trump's inauguration in January 2025, according to the White House.

Traditionally, the outgoing president welcomes the incoming one to the White House on the morning of the inauguration before riding together in the same vehicle to the Capitol building for the swearing-in.

Trump rode with then-President Barack Obama to his own inauguration. Biden attended that inauguration in his role as outgoing Vice President.

## Mauritius opposition leader claims sweeping vote win

PORT LOUIS, Nov 12 (Agencies): Mauritius opposition leader Navin Ramgoolam said Tuesday that his alliance had won a crushing election victory over the governing coalition, after the incumbent prime minister conceded he faced a "huge defeat".

Ramgoolam, a two-time former prime minister, told crowds of jubilant supporters in his constituency that his Alliance of Change had made a clean sweep of parliamentary seats on the island of Mauritius in Sunday's vote.

"I hope PKJ resigns soon. He was beaten 60-0," Ramgoolam said, referring to Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth.

"The power of the people is stronger than a dictatorship," the 77-year-old added to boisterous cheers and blaring horns.

There were 60 National Assembly seats up for grabs on the island of Mauritius and another two on Rodrigues. The remaining eight are allocated under what is dubbed the "best loser" system.

The winner-takes-all election model means single coalitions often dominate the 70-seat parliament in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

If confirmed, it would be the third time since Mauritius became independent from Britain in 1968 that there has been a 60-0 score, media reports said.

Final official results are expected

Tuesday after the election in what is considered one of Africa's richest and most stable democracies.

Jugnauth had said Monday that his Lepep alliance, led by his Militant Socialist Movement (MSM), was "heading towards a huge defeat".

Wire-tapping scandal Only last month, Jugnauth, who has been in office since 2017, was celebrating a historic deal that saw Britain cede sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius after a long-running dispute.

But the vote was overshadowed by an explosive wire-tapping scandal, when secretly recorded phone calls of politicians, diplomats, members of civil society and journalists were leaked online.

During the campaign, both camps promised to improve the lot of ordinary Mauritians who face cost-of-living difficulties despite robust economic growth.

Measures outlined in the Alliance of Change manifesto include the creation of a fund to support families facing hardship, free public transport, increased pensions and reduced fuel prices, as well as efforts to tackle corruption and boost the green economy.

It also called for constitutional and electoral reforms including changing how the president and parliament speaker are chosen.

The majority-Hindu nation has seen substantial stability and

growth since independence, building an economy based on tourism as well as financial services and textile manufacturing.

Gross domestic product per capita in 2022 was more than \$10,000, according to the World Bank. But analysts have highlighted growing concerns about governance and corruption as well as the need to diversify the Mauritian economy.

Both Jugnauth and Ramgoolam are members of the dynasties that have dominated the leadership of Mauritius since independence.

Ramgoolam, who previously worked as a doctor and a lawyer, served as prime minister between 1995 and 2000 and again from 2005 to 2014.

He is the son of Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, who led Mauritius to independence from Britain in 1968.

Several teams sent to observe the legislative election -- the 12th since independence -- are due to issue their verdicts on Tuesday.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first foreign leader to publicly congratulate Ramgoolam, who is of Indian ancestry.

"I wished him great success in leading Mauritius and extended an invitation to visit India. Look forward to working closely together to strengthen our special and unique partnership," Modi posted on X.



## Principal Secretary Culture inaugurates Divisional Level Kala Utsav 2024 in Jammu

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: The Divisional Level Kala Utsav, a three-day celebration of student artistry and cultural expression, was inaugurated on Tuesday by Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture and School Education Department (SED), at Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

This vibrant event unites young talents from across ten districts of the Jammu Division, showcasing their skills in vocal music, instrumental music, dance, theatre, visual arts, and traditional storytelling.

Upon his arrival Principal Secretary Sh Suresh Kumar Gupta IFS welcomed by dignitaries, including Director School Education Jammu Sh. Ashok Sharma (JKAS), Joint Direc-

tor Planning Ms. Subah Mehta, CEO Jammu J.R. Padha, DEPO Jammu Mohd Hafiz, Principal of BHSS Gandhi Nagar Adharsh Balla, Shashikant Lakhnani (I/C Cultural Cell, DSEJ), and the District Incharge Cultural Cell (DICC) of all Districts.

The inauguration commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, the National Anthem by students of SRML HSS Jammu and Saraswati Vandana performed by students from GMHSS Mubarak Mandi, setting a reverent and celebratory atmosphere.

Ashok Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, extended a warm welcome, recognizing the dedication of participants and the commitment of organizers who arranged over 114 events from the zonal level to this divisional competition.

This year 9596 students from 1068 schools participated at Zonal Level, 1365 students from 412 schools participated at District Level & 154 Students from 53 schools are competing at the divisional level, with winners advancing to the Union Territory (UT) level and potentially representing Jammu and Kashmir at the national level. Sharma expressed his best wishes to all participants, celebrating their talent and hard work.

In his keynote address, Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar Gupta commended the students, emphasizing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's vision of a well-rounded education that fosters cultural engagement.

"NEP 2020 envisions a holistic approach to education. Through Kala Utsav, we are nurturing an

environment where students can explore and celebrate their unique talents," he remarked, adding that the School Education Department is committed to offering platforms where students can shine.

Suresh Kumar Gupta also conveyed greetings from the Education Minister, Sakina Itoo, who reaffirmed the department's commitment to cultivating young talent throughout Jammu and Kashmir. He encouraged students to seize this opportunity to express themselves, noting that their creativity enriches the region's cultural heritage.

The Divisional Level Kala Utsav continues for the next two days, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of Jammu and Kashmir and providing students an avenue to express their artistic skills in alignment with NEP 2020's transformative goals.

## Mubarak Gul chairs review meeting to address public concerns in Eidgah Constituency

### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 12: Member Legislative Assembly Eidgah, Haji Mubarak Gul, on Tuesday chaired an important review meeting at the Banquet Hall, Srinagar, with senior officials from multiple government departments.

The meeting focused on addressing key public concerns and ongoing development projects in the Eidgah Assembly Constituency.

Among the officials present were the ADC Srinagar, Executive Engineers of various departments, Tehsildar Eidgah, CEO, CMO, and senior representatives from departments such as R&B, Smart City, Housing Board, SMC, UEED, CAPD, Fire & Emergency Services, Education, KPDC, I&FC, ICDS, Social Welfare, Animal & Sheep Husbandry, Agricul-

ture, Horticulture, and PHE.

During the meeting, Mubarak Gul emphasized the urgent need to resolve pressing issues in the constituency and instructed officials to prioritize these matters for swift resolution. He urged all departments to work in close coordination to ensure that development projects are completed on time to effectively benefit the local population.

Mubarak Gul also reviewed the status of essential public services, including water supply, electricity, education, and healthcare. He directed the concerned officers to review winter preparedness in the constituency. He stressed that improvements in these sectors were critical for the welfare of the residents and directed the concerned departments to take immediate action where necessary.

Further, Mubarak Gul sought updates on the implementation of various welfare schemes in the constituency. He instructed the concerned officials to identify and address any bottlenecks that might be hindering their effective execution. He also emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency in government operations and keeping the public informed about the progress of these initiatives.

Concluding the meeting, Mubarak Gul reaffirmed his commitment to the people of Eidgah, assuring them that their concerns would remain a top priority. He urged all officials to work diligently and collaboratively to address the challenges faced by the constituency and to ensure that ongoing projects and services meet the needs of the residents.

## Divisional Commissioner Reviews Preparations for Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday Celebration



### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 12: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, on Tuesday, held a meeting to assess the prepara-

tions for the celebration of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday.

The meeting included participation from Deputy Commissioners, civil administration and police officials, as

well as representatives from SMC, KPDC, PHE, PWD, Traffic, Fire & Emergency services, and the President of the Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Srinagar.

During the meeting,

the Divisional Commissioner urged the officials to guarantee essential services such as a continuous supply of electricity, sanitation, and cleanliness at the Gurudwaras in Srinagar and other districts.

He instructed the Deputy Commissioners to ensure that all necessary amenities are available at the Gurudwaras within their jurisdictions to assist devotees in celebrating the significant occasion of Shri Guru Nanak Ji's Birthday.

It was noted that the primary celebration will take place at Chatipadshahi, Rainawari Srinagar. On this occasion, the Divisional Commissioner directed the relevant authorities to arrange sufficient parking facilities near Chatipadshahi, Rainawari Srinagar.

## DDC Chairperson Evaluates Progress of District Capex Budget in Ganderbal



### Top News Report

GANDERBAL, Nov 12: The Chairperson of the District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq, held a review meeting on Tuesday at the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat to evaluate the advancement of development projects under the District Capex Budget for the fiscal year 2024-25.

At the outset, the Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) provided a comprehensive report detailing the accomplishments achieved through various welfare schemes and budget allocations, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

The DDC Chairperson assessed the district's physical and financial progress in relation to the District Development Plan and Capex Budget for the year, scrutinizing each sector to ensure that devel-

opmental objectives are being met.

In the course of reviewing other Union Territory and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Nuzhat Ishfaq urged officials to enhance their efforts to maximize public benefits, emphasizing the necessity for achieving 100% of both physical and financial targets to meet Ganderbal's developmental goals.

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, praised the proactive involvement of DDC members in the district's advancement.

He underscored the significance of collaboration between administrative departments and elected representatives, encouraging all officials to work together to achieve meaningful results for the residents of Ganderbal.

He instructed the officials to expe-

dite project timelines and ensure that ongoing projects are completed within the stipulated deadlines to deliver timely benefits to the community. During the meeting, DDC members highlighted critical development priorities, including improvements in healthcare and education infrastructure, new road construction, and enhancements to power infrastructure.

The DDC Chairperson directed the officers to accelerate these initiatives and promptly address the concerns raised by DDC members, ensuring the timely completion of projects.

The meeting was attended by DDC Vice-Chairperson Bilal Ahmad, DDC members, ADDC Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, and various sectoral officers.

## DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

### Top News Report

KULGAM, Nov 12: The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan on Thursday chaired a meeting of officers to review preparations and action plan for successful commencement of Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan on November 15th 2024.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the importance of meticulous planning and coordination to achieve the program's objectives, instructing officers to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the grand launch.

During the meeting it was informed that the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan aims to enhance the quality of life and uplift socio-economic standards in tribal areas.

Through a series of targeted interventions, the program will address critical areas including education, healthcare, livelihood, and infrastructure, fostering an inclusive development environment in these communities.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Bashir Ahmad Wani, ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, JDP Zahid Sajjad, ACD, ACP, SDM Noorabad, CEO, CMO and other Officers.

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## World's First High-Altitude Para Sports centre to come up in Leh; Focus On 2028 Paralympics

Centre in Hyderabad.

"The opening of Leh Ladakh as a hub for para sports marks a new era not just for the region, but for India's future in international competitions," said Aditya Mehta, Founder, AMF.

List of Sports to be included: Para Sports: Archery; Athletics; Badminton; Blind Football; Boccia; Canoeing; Cycling; Equestrian; Goalball; Judo; Powerlifting; Rowing; Shooting; Volleyball; Swimming; Table Tennis, Taekwondo; Triathlon; Wheelchair Basketball; Wheelchair Fencing; Wheelchair Rugby and Wheelchair Tennis.

Winter Games: Para Alpine Skiing; Para Biathlon; Para Cross-Country Skiing; Para Ice Hockey; Para Snowboard and Wheelchair Curling.

## Army's Northern Commander reviews operational preparedness of troops

"The Army Cdr (commander) exhorted all ranks to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and alertness in anti-terrorist operations," the post read.

Security officials said the massive search operation in Keshwan, Kuntwara and

adjoining forest areas in Kishtwar district entered the sixth day on Tuesday to track down and neutralise a group of holed up terrorists responsible for recent killings.

A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO), Naib Subedar Rakesh Kumar of the Army's 2 Para, was killed and three other soldiers injured in a gunfight with the terrorists in Keshwan forest on Sunday, while two VDGs - Nazir Ahmed and Kuldeep Kumar - were abducted and shot dead in nearby Kuntwara forest on Thursday evening.

"There was no fresh contact with the terrorists despite the intensified search operation," an official said.

According to security officials, terror attacks have killed 44 people, including 18 security personnel, in Jammu this year with the strikes spreading from the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to six other areas in the troubled region.

Though the Pir Panjal districts of Rajouri and Poonch witnessed a considerable drop in terror activities in 2024 compared to the previous years, the series of incidents in Reasi, Doda, Kishtwar, Kathua, Udhampur and Jammu from April-May onwards have kept the security agencies on their toes.

## SIA raids residential house in Budgam

son of Farooq Sheikh, a resident of Kandora Beerwah.

The search was conducted in connection with FIR No. 13 of 2021, registered at SIA Kashmir, and was authorized by search warrants issued by the Special Court, the official added.

## Two criminals arrested

## for shooting at man in Jammu

recovered from their possession at the time of their arrest. During interrogation, they admitted their involvement in the firing on Khaleel whom they mistook as an informer of the rival gang of drug smugglers with whom they had a scuffle a day earlier.

A pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition were recovered at the disclosure of the accused from their Rangoor locality, Sharma said.

He said Ramzan was named in nine cases including six related to bovine smuggling and rest narcotic smuggling.

The questioning of the arrested persons are going on to expose their forward and backward links, he said, adding that police are contemplating to book the history sheeter under the Public Safety Act.

The officer requested the people to come forward and extend their support to the law enforcing agencies to achieve the goal of "drugs free" Jammu and Kashmir.

## Security Forces conduct mock drill at World's Highest 'Chenab Rail Bridge' in Reasi

Earlier, the Ministry of Railways made it to the "Limca Book of Records" for "most people at a public-service event - multiple venues."

The Railways Ministry organised an event on February 26, 2024, which was attended by 40,19,516 people at 2,140 venues.

The event was organised for the inauguration of road over/road under railway bridges and for laying the foundation stones of railway stations by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The mammoth effort and mobilisation of Indian Railways was recognised, and the same was entered into the prestigious Limca Book of World Records.

## 20 vehicles, many commuters rescued after being stuck in snow along Bandipora-Gurez road

equipment at night and cleared the road at Razdan Pass by 5 a.m. on Tuesday to rescue the civilians. Visibility is still very poor in the area.

Kashmir valley has received rainfall during the last 12 hours while higher reaches like Sonamarg, Gulmarg and Pahalgam having received fresh snowfall.

Officials have said that no traffic will be allowed to move on the Srinagar-Gumri-Kargil road on Tuesday due to snowfall in the higher reaches including the Zojila Pass.

Mughal Road connecting Kashmir with the Jammu division has also been closed for traffic.

However, traffic on the Srinagar-Jammu highway is moving normally on Tuesday. The weather office has forecast dry

weather till November 15 when another weak Western Disturbance is likely to pass over J&K.

Mukhtar Ahmad, Director of local MET department said that the weather would remain generally dry till November 15 when another spell of rain and light snow is likely to occur. Kashmir Valley was in the throes of an unprecedented dry spell for the last four months. The water level in all major and minor water sources had fallen while in the Jhelum River, the water level had touched an all-time low. Dry spells have also caused forest fires and increased the risk of domestic fire mishaps like accidental spread of fire caused by unattended campfires or embers from traditional fire pots called the 'Kangri' used by locals to keep busy and soul together.

## JKPSC extends application deadline, revises age limits for CCE 2024

packages As per the latest update, the age limits have been revised as candidates in the Open Merit (OM) category must be born between January 1, 1989, and January 1, 2003, reserved category and in-service candidates between January 1, 1987, and January 1, 2003, and physically challenged candidates between January 1, 1986, and January 1, 2003. Meanwhile, the deadline for online applications has also been extended to December 2, 2024, providing applicants with additional time to complete their submissions with the required fee.

## Director Agriculture inaugurates Honey Festival at Kissan Kendra Jammu

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JAMMU, Nov 12: The Apiculture Development Scheme, Department of Agriculture, Jammu, hosted the inaugural Honey Festival at Kissan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The event was inaugurated by Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, and witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 400 beekeepers, farmers, and entrepreneurs from Jammu and adjoining districts.

The festival showcased more than 20 stalls featuring an array of honey-based products, activities, and sales. This initiative aimed to promote apiculture and provide a platform for stakeholders to connect, share knowledge, and explore business opportunities.

Director Agriculture A.S Reen in his inaugural address, the event is part of the Support to Agriculture Extension scheme, which focuses on enhancing the livelihoods of farmers and beekeepers.

He further added that the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), a Central



Sector Scheme, also supports such initiatives to promote scientific beekeeping and achieve the goal of "Sweet Revolution."

He stressed for Bee Keeping on scientific lines to make it more prolific. Director Agriculture further elaborated various projects and steps taken up by the Department for strengthening of this sector.

He added that more stress is being laid on capacity building of beekeepers especially Youth and marketing of honey and its by-products. He informed the gathering that under the Holistic Agriculture Development Pro-

gramme (HADP), bee colonies are provided to farmers with an 80% subsidy.

Rajesh Verma, Assistant Entomologist, highlighted the Department's commitment to advancing apiculture in Jammu.

He noted that the Honey Festival successfully brought together beekeepers, providing them with a valuable opportunity to share insights, gain knowledge, and explore business opportunities to strengthen the apiculture industry in the region.

Technical session was conducted by experts including Prof. Devinder Sharma (SKUAST

Jammu) and Dr. Deepak Singh, Training Officer. During the programme different topics covered included processing and Value addition of honey, entrepreneurship development in beekeeping, bee colony management. The trainees were also made aware about the Departmental schemes and other benefits provided by the Agriculture Department.

Progressive beekeepers, as well as representatives from NGOs, FPOs, and farmers, shared their experiences and discussed the challenges faced by the sector. Several individuals and organizations were recognized and felicitated for their exemplary contributions to the field of apiculture.

The event was attended by several distinguished officials, including Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Managing Director JK Agro, Alok Pandotra, Deputy Director Trainings, Vikas Padha, Agronomist (VIS) Jammu, and various sectoral officers.

The Honey Festival was meticulously organized by the Team Apiculture Jammu, who ensured the success of the event.

## Training Programme on Quality Seed Production in Wheat under HADP held at Sirla



### Top News Report

REASI, Nov 12: Under the mentorship of Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Prof. B. N. Tripathi, and led by Dr. Tuhina Dey, Project Coordinator HADP 01- "Development of Seed and Seed multiplication chain" a training programme on quality seed production in wheat was successfully conducted at Panchayat Ghar, Sirla, District Reasi.

The event, part of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Project No. 1, focused on equip-

ping local agripreneurs with critical skills for certified seed production.

With support from CAO Reasi, Harbans Singh, and SDAO Reasi, Vinod Khajuria, the programme provided training on high-quality seed production, with improved wheat seed kits distributed to the participants for the Rabi season. The efforts of Dr. Tuhina Dey in organizing and directing the programme were pivotal in delivering impactful training.

Key resource persons from SKUAST-Jammu shared valuable insights, including Prof. Anuradha Saha

(Agronomy), Prof. Vijay Bahadur Singh (Plant Pathology), and Prof. Rajan Salalia (Entomology).

The event further benefitted from the grass-roots-level coordination led by Karan Dev Singh, Agriculture Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Reasi, along with his team members Munish Gupta (AEA) and Sunil Kumar (JAEO).

Their dedicated efforts, under the guidance of SDAO Reasi, were instrumental in ensuring meaningful engagement with local agripreneurs.

This initiative reflects the collaborative commitment of SKUAST-Jammu and the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Reasi, to promote sustainable agripreneurship and enhance agricultural productivity in the region.

## Workshop on Rashtriya Sarvekshan held at GCOE Jammu



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JAMMU, Nov 12: GCOE Jammu organized a workshop on the modalities of Rashtriya Sarvekshan (National Achievement Survey) 2024. The workshop was organized in collaboration with DIET Jammu.

The resource persons, Sourav Bakshi and Ankit Gupta, Coordinators for conducting Rashtriya Sarvekshan, DIET Jammu gave a detailed presentation on the intricacies involved in the conduct of the national level survey.

They apprised the B.Ed. and M.Ed. students about the importance and relevance of

being part of the Rashtriya Sarvekshan. They also gave a detailed presentation on the entire process of the survey that is to be conducted in December 2024.

The principal of the institution, Dr Jyoti Parihar while addressing the students stated that our students should feel privileged that the government is offering them an opportunity to act as field investigators for Rashtriya Sarvekshan.

She exhorted the students to take part in this herculean task with utmost sincerity. She also apprised them about the challenges as well as benefits of acting as Field Investigators.

The program was conducted by Dr Shalini Rana, Nodal Officer for NAS 2024 on behalf of GCOE Jammu. She formally thanked the authorities from DIET Jammu for offering this learning opportunity to the students B.Ed. and M.ED Trainees.

She added that NAS 2024 will also help the prospective teachers to understand the process of implementation and execution of education policies. The program was anchored by Kriti of B.Ed. Sem I. More than 120 students attended the orientation program. Dr Rakesh Bharti and Dr Suraj Praksh were also present on the occasion.

## Bharat Sevashram Sangha's mobile Medical Camp serves remote villages in Jammu district

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JAMMU, Nov 12: Since 2019, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) has been making a significant impact in the remote and underserved areas of Jammu district by organizing Mobile Medical Camps on a weekly basis. These camps aim to provide essential healthcare services to the people of villages that lack access to proper medical facilities.

The Mobile Medical Camps are held in various villages, including Katal Batal, Katal Batal Bus Stand, Nadore, Chhurta, Panjgrain, Kowara, Dhammi, Seri, Pangali, Simbalehar (Jagti), and several others.

These camps have become a lifeline for residents in these far-flung areas, where access to healthcare is limited and often unavailable.

The medical services offered during these camps include basic health check-ups, free medicines, health awareness programs, and ambulance services



for emergency cases.

The BSS Mobile Medical Camp provides immediate relief to people in need, ensuring that they receive essential healthcare support without having to travel long distances to the nearest hospital or clinic.

The initiative is organized under the leadership of Swami Satyamitrnanandaji Maharaj, the Secretary of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha Jammu Branch, who has been at the forefront of this noble cause.

The program is sponsored by SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd., showcasing the company's commitment to corporate

social responsibility and supporting healthcare initiatives in rural and underserved communities.

The medical team for these camps includes distinguished doctors such as Dr. B. B. Sharma (MBBS, Retd.), Dr. Debkalyan Maji, a Gynaecologist, and Dr. Deepak De, specializing in General Medicine.

These experienced medical professionals volunteer their services, providing medical expertise to the local population and helping to address health issues that are otherwise neglected in these remote regions.

Swami Satyamitrnan-

daji Maharaj expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing efforts and emphasized the importance of bringing healthcare services to people in remote areas.

He stated, "Our aim is to reach the underserved and underserved populations and make a difference in their lives by offering them the healthcare they need. We are deeply grateful to SBI Life Insurance for their generous sponsorship and to the dedicated doctors who volunteer their time and expertise."

"The success of these Mobile Medical Camps has been overwhelming, with thousands of villag-

ers benefiting from the services provided over the years. The initiative continues to grow, bringing vital medical assistance to those who need it the most," he said and added, "Bharat Sevashram Sangha Jammu Branch remains committed to enhancing the quality of life in Jammu district, one village at a time, through these impactful healthcare services."

Bharat Sevashram Sangha Jammu also expressed heartfelt tributes to late Devender Singh Rana, acknowledging his significant contributions to society and the region. The Sangha, known for its community service and humanitarian efforts, paid Shradhanjali in a respectful ceremony, honoring Rana's legacy. His dedication to public welfare and his leadership in various community initiatives were highlighted during the tribute. Members of BSS conveyed their condolences to his family, emphasizing his lasting impact on the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Tele serial actress's demand for stalwart channel

### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: Mumbai's famous tele film producer and television actress, producer and director Rashmi Sharma Rai held a press conference in Jammu and the government. Demanded from Govt. to start "Dogri Satellite Channel" in Jammu, so that Dogri can be broadcasted like other states and cultures. Language and forest culture can be promoted.

Rashmi Sharma Rai is the daughter of late Shri Ghanshayam Sharma, the former star and popular director of All India Radio Jammu.

He received his school, college and university education in Jammu itself.

She has been involved



in cultural activities since childhood and has won many awards and prizes at the state and national level. His first work in a lead role was in the first teleserial of Jammu Doordarshan. After passing out from DD Kashmir as an A grade performer in acting and from AIR Jammu as a B

high grade performer, he never looked back. Hailing from Bihar, she considers Jammu as her second home as she was born and brought up in Jammu as a student of science and artist.

She is married to Rai, a senior executive at Ambani Enterprises. When she was studying

in Jammu, Dogri Harish Kila was her official local guardian.

He said with a pinch of doubt and apprehension that both Akashwani Jammu and Doordarshan Jammu have stopped production activities, which are emerging For artists, creativity, inventions

and professional skills are essential.

He appealed to start production in both All India Radio and Doordarshan Jammu. He also suggested that Doordarshan Jammu can be converted into a satellite channel with the existing infrastructure which is the need of the hour.

The aim is to provide a platform to writers and artists to showcase and hone their talents. He said that the cultural and linguistic heritage of Jammu and Kashmir is extremely diverse and promotion of those cultures is important for the unity. Those who participated in the press conference included advocates Harish Kila, Ishpal, Narendra Singh, etc.

## Balbir gets membership of Begampura Vishav Mahasabha



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JAMMU, Nov 12: In recognition of his contribution in taking the teachings and message of Guru Ravidass to the masses, Balbir Ram Rattan, has been granted membership of Begampura Vishav Mahasabha.

Balbir Ram Rattan of Jammu and Kashmir has been associated with a number of international and Indian social organizations, which work to make

people aware about the life, wisdom and message of equality, universal brotherhood of India's great saint, Guru Ravidass.

Begampura Vishav Mahasabha is an organization based on Guru Ravidass's concept of "Begampura", a society free of any pain, with gender equality and social justice. The management of the organization is fully taken care by the prominent sants, who have devoted their life for spreading

the message of Guru Ravidass in India and abroad.

Begampura Vishav Mahasabha is headed by Sant Satnam Singh as Chairman, Sant Shri Mahant Parshotam Lal as President and Sant Gurwinder Singh as General Secretary.

They handed over a letter of the membership of the organization to Balbir Ram Rattan recently in a programme held at Phagwara, Punjab, which was attended by a large number of followers of Guru Ravidass from across the country.

Balbir Ram Rattan expressed gratitude to Begampura Vishav Mahasabha for entrusting faith in him and encouraging to continue with the work of acting as a medium to familiarise the people about life of Guru Ravidass.

## 3rd T20I: India eye batting revival against South Africa at Centurion

**Indian batting line-up need to get its mojo back against a resurgent South Africa to regain the lost ground on rather unfamiliar SuperSport Park conditions**

CENTURION, Nov 12 (Agencies): Indian batting line-up need to get its mojo back against a resurgent South Africa to regain the lost ground on rather unfamiliar SuperSport Park conditions when the two teams clash the third T20I in Centurion Wednesday. Since 2009, India have played only one T20I at this venue, which they lost by six wickets in 2018 and have only one survivor from that squad in this side -- Hardik Pandya. Along with that unfamiliarity factor, India will also grapple with the ordinary form of their batters, particularly when the pitch here is touted to be similar to the one at Gqeberha – quick and bouncy.

In the second T20I, India batters struggled against South African pacers upfront, getting restricted to 124 for six, and Centurion has similar characteristics.

The problem starts from the top – more precisely with Abhishek Sharma, whose extended lean run with the bat has now snowballed into a serious concern. He is in desperate need of a good outing here before the management thinks of juggling the combination.

Even now, they can think of giving the job of partnering Sanju Samson at the top to Tilak Varma and bring in Ramandeep



Singh in the middle to add more muscle to the unit.

However, the senior batters like skipper Suryakumar Yadav, Pandya and Rinku Singh too cannot absolve themselves of the blame entirely for India's struggles.

Both Suryakumar and Rinku have shown only fleeting images of their prowess here while Pandya made 39 in the second match but he consumed 45 balls for it.

In fact, the power-hitter took 28 balls to find his first boundary and, again, could not find the ropes between balls 39 and 45.

So, these three batters will have to chip in more to support in the in-form Samson or to carry India to a strong total even when the Kerala man has a rapid day.

Similarly, pacers Arshdeep Singh and Avesh Khan had two contrasting games. Arshdeep returned with figures of 1 for 25 at Durban, but in the second game he had stats of 1 for 41.

The left-arm pacer's third and fourth overs which went for 28 runs – including four fours in an over against Tristan Stubbs – made a deep impact on the low-scoring match.

So, they will be eager to change the script here, unless the management looks at other options such as Yash Dayal or Vysakh Vijaykumar.

However, the efforts of Varun Chakravarthy, who bagged a maiden fifer in the previous match, and Ravi Bishnoi over the last two matches have been outstanding and the spinners will be looking for an encore in

the third match to hand back the advantage to India.

The expected bounce and pace on the pitch here will be an encouraging factor as well for the Indian duo.

From a batting perspective, South Africa too face a similar issue as senior pros skipper Aiden Markram, David Miller and Heinrich Klaasen are yet to fire in this series.

They required runs from less-pedigreed batters Tristan Stubbs and Gerald Coetzee to get over the line in the second contest, and the Proteas will certainly cherish a heftier contribution from their veterans, especially against Indian spinners.

India: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (WK), Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Hardik Pandya. Axar Patel, Ramandeep Singh. Varun Chakravarthy, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Avesh Khan, Yash Dayal.

South Africa: Aiden Markram (c), Otniel Baartman, Gerald Coetzee, Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen. Heinrich Klaasen, Patrick Kruger. Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Mithali Pooningwana, Nqaba Peter, Ryan Rickelton. Andile Simelane. Lutho Sipamla, Tristan Stubbs.

## Australian opener Nathan McSweeney braces for 'unique' Jasprit Bumrah challenge



SYDNEY, Nov 12 (Agencies): Australia opener Nathan McSweeney, who is set to debut against India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, said he has been preparing for the "unique" challenge of facing star pacer Jasprit Bumrah.

McSweeney was drafted into the Australia squad after a slew of impressive performances in the Sheffield Shield tournament and in the recent 'A' series against India. The 25-year-old South Australian will partner Usman Khawaja at the top in the series opener in Perth and during the upcoming five-Test series.

"There's probably not (much I can do to replicate how Bumrah bowls). Obviously, he's got a unique action. He's one of the best bowlers in the world. So, it's going to be hard to mimic that. I'm just looking forward to

all of that and I can't wait," McSweeney told SEN.

McSweeney, who captained the Australia A side in the 2-0 series win against India A, said he has been watching the bowling clips of Indian quicks including Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj to be mentally ready for the task.

"I'll definitely dive a lot deeper into it when I get to Perth. I've looked at a few clips of what they're bowling attack stacks up like. I'm just trying to visualise how I'm going to go about it. Facing a new bowler can be a slight challenge to just pick up their action," he said.

"I've got a whole week before I head off to Perth, so, I can get mentally ready and I guess it starts now in preparation to hopefully start really well," he added.

However, a quiet confidence runs through the young batter ahead

of the important series.

"In the last month or so I really feel like I'm batting the best I ever have. I think I'm the best I've ever been prepared to take this opportunity, so hopefully I can do that."

"No doubt there's plenty of learning and experiences that I haven't experienced yet and I'm looking forward to learning all about the challenges of Test cricket and challenging my game against the very best," he said.

McSweeney will step into the shoes of David Warner, who retired from international cricket after the home Test series against Pakistan in January this year, and the Adelaide man realises the enormity of the job.

The right-hander has a plan for it.

"Being an opening batter, it's making sure I'm leaving the ball well and making the bowlers are bowling to me. Then being ready and positive to score when they miss is as simple as I want to make it."

"If I'm reacting well and doing those things well, hopefully, it equates to me spending time in the middle and chipping away at the scoreboard," he said.

## Mohammed Shami set for Ranji Trophy comeback, sparks Border-Gavaskar Trophy hopes

KOLKATA, Nov 12 (Agencies): India pacer Mohammed Shami is set for a comeback after his long injury layoff. Shami, who has been out due to an ankle injury since the ODI World Cup Final last year, is set to make a comeback in the Ranji Trophy in Bengal vs Madhya Pradesh.

The top wicket-taker of the ODI World Cup was forced to take a break due to an ankle surgery right after the quadrennial tournament. Shami was expected to make a comeback before New Zealand Test series but the timeline got pushed back when his a knee injury flared up during his rehabilitation process.

"Shami's inclusion in the Bengal team will not just be a big boost but also lift the morale of the entire team, which aims to make it to the next round of the Ranji Trophy", stated the Cricket Association of Bengal in a press release.

Bengal are currently in the fifth spot in the points table with 8 points from 4 games. Bengal bagged 3 crucial points from their last match against Karnataka. The team is set to take on Madhya Pradesh in the 5th round of the tournament from Wednesday, 13 November.

Shami had spoken about his recovery back in October. The pacer stressed that he was pain-free and looking to



return to bowling full tilt.

"I am very happy with how I bowled yesterday. I was bowling from half run-up before that because I didn't want to take too much load. But yesterday, I decided to go full tilt, and I bowled at 100 percent," the 34-year-old told reporters during the Bengaluru Test match vs New Zealand.

"The result was good. I am 100 per cent pain-free. Everyone has been wondering for a long time about whether I will make it for the Australia series, but it is still some time away," he said, referring to the five-match contest that begins November 22 in Perth.

India captain Rohit Sharma had addressed the injury concerns of Shami and had revealed that the pacer still had issues with his knee. Shami had slammed the media reports of the same right before the New Zealand series when he was not named in the India squad against the Kiwis.

## "I'd be staggered if he doesn't play": Ex-Australia skipper's bold remark on 3-Test India star

SYDNEY, Nov 12 (Agencies): Former Australia skipper Tim Paine has backed young wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel and believes that the latter could be very useful to the Indian side in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia.

Jurel has only played three matches and was mainly included in India's touring party for the five-match Test series in Australia as a backup for regular keeper Rishabh Pant, the 23-year-old impressed during a recent match for India A against Australia A in Melbourne.

Jurel caught the eye of Paine when he looked composed contributing scores of 80 and 68 batting at No.6 in the low-scoring MCG contest and the former Australia captain - who coached Australia A in the match



- thinks the right-hander will play as a specialist batter in the opening Test of the summer in Perth.

"I don't know if you saw much of the highlights, but after seeing him bat (against Australia A) - even though he's a wicket-keeper, from what I've seen on this tour and from India's batting in the last couple of months, I'd be stag-

gered if he doesn't play. He scored one of the more polished 80s I've seen, and we were all sitting around as staff of Cricket Australia and thought, 'Wow, this guy can seriously play'."

Paine told Australian radio station SEN on Tuesday as quoted by the ICC.

Jurel made his Test debut against England in Rajkot earlier this year,

claiming a catch and a stumping when deputising for Pant while also contributing 46 runs with the bat after coming in at No.8 during the comprehensive India victory.

A composed innings of 90 followed in the ensuing Test in Ranchi, with Jurel averaging an impressive 63.33 from three Test appearances against England earlier this year.

Paine knows that Jurel will face a step up in class if selected to play the crucial ICC World Test Championship clash against Australia, but thinks he is up to the challenge and will be suited by the fast conditions expected in Perth.

"He's 23 and he's played three Test matches, but he looked a class above all of his teammates, to be fair, and handled the pace and bounce really well, which can be unusual for an Indian player," the former right-hand batter said.

"Keep an eye out for him this summer. I think he's going to impress a lot of Australian fans. Even though it's going to be another step up against the big three (Cummins, Starc and Hazlewood), he looks like he has the game to play Test cricket," the 39-year-old added.

## 'Auctioneer' R Ashwin sells himself among other stars ahead of IPL 2025 auction

NEW DELHI, Nov 12 (Agencies): Star India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was seen selling himself in a mock auction ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Notably, the mega auction for the IPL 2025 will be conducted on November 24 and 25 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Ahead of the bidding event, Ashwin conducted a mock auction on his YouTube channel where several analysts and fans bid for players representing the ten teams.

Big players such as KL Rahul, Jos Buttler, David Warner, Trent Boult, David Miller Quinton de Kock and Ashwin him-

self were seen being sold at the event. Star batter KL Rahul even triggered a bidding war between Delhi and Kolkata attracting bids of over 15 crore. Ashwin released a trailer of the event beginning by saying that he's first man in the Indian television history to auction himself and introduced the people involved in the auction.

"First time in Indian Television history, the first person to auction himself. Generally, I get very excited about IPL auctions. For the first time, in our channel, we have conducted mock auctions inviting a lot of people. Many cricket fans, analysts,



people who've been following IPL for many years, we've finished conducting a very competitive auctions with these people. Extremely entertaining! people who came to participate in our channel picked really good teams," said Ashwin on his Youtube

Channel. A total of 1,574 players have registered for the mega auction out of which 1165 were Indian and 409 were overseas. Each team can build a squad of 25 players each and hence 204 slots are still left to be filled across ten fran-

chises. Heading into the auction Punjab Kings have the highest purse amount of INR 110.5 Crore followed by Royal Challengers Bengaluru of INR 83 Crore.

On the other hand, Rajasthan Royals have the least purse amount of INR 41 Crore followed by Sunrisers Hyderabad (INR 45 Crore) and Mumbai Indians (INR 45 Crore). Several big names such as Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant, James Anderson, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jofra Archer, Kagiso Rabada among others will go under the hammer in the bidding event as franchises will be seen getting into a war to have them in their squads.

## Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma's form a point of concern? Gautam Gambhir gives big 'hunger' verdict

MUMBAI, Nov 12 (Agencies): Indian cricket team star batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli faced a lot of criticism following their team's humiliating Test series loss against New Zealand at home. Both cricketers struggled massively to score runs and their problems against spin bowling resulted in criticism from both experts as well as fans. In the press conference ahead of the team's departure for the Test series against Australia, head coach Gautam Gambhir was asked about the duo's form but he had a straightforward answer to the query.

"I have no concerns over Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli form. The hunger in that dressing room is important for me and I feel there is a lot of hunger," Gambhir said at the press conference.

Gambhir put up a stout defence of under-pressure skipper Rohit Sharma and star batter Virat Kohli, saying they are still "incredibly hungry" to perform and will bounce back in Australia. Gambhir also dismissed theories that he is under pressure after India's 0-3

whitewash at home against New Zealand.

"There are incredible people in the dressing room who have done a great job," Gambhir said during the pre-departure press conference.

"I am not feeling the heat. It's an honour and privilege to coach the Indian team." The first Test starts in Perth on November 22.

When asked if he feels pressure like Duncan Fletcher's time when team was in transition, he replied: "I am not thinking about transition but the five Test matches."

Transition or no transition, if that has to happen, will happen but I see some incredibly tough characters in that dressing room who are hungry to do well." The coach informed that Jasprit Bumrah, as the designated vice-captain, will lead the side if in the series-opening Perth Test if Rohit Sharma is unavailable for personal reasons.

He also said the team has options in KL Rahul and Abhimanyu Easwaran for the opener's slot.

## MLA Devsar visits Kund valley, reviews development works

Directs officers to ensure timely completion of all dev works



Nag kund and directed tourism department and others officers to develop the serene tourist spot including harnessing the scenic, religious tourist potential in the area.

He also inspected Primary Health Centre (PHC) Waltengoo, and took stock of medical care facilities available for locals there.

He was accompanied by the Xen PMGSY, Xen PHE, AEE R&B, AEE PHE and the officers and officials from concerned department.

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KULGAM, Nov 12: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) of Devsar constituency Peerzada Feroze Ahmad Shah today visits Kund valley of Kulgam district and lis-

tened to the problems and demands of the people.

He also conducted a session of interaction between the public and the officers and the officials of the concerned departments to sort out the grievances

and issues faced by the people.

He also inspected Ziyarat Sharief Waltengoo where he directed the officers to expedite the reconstruction work of Ziyarat Sharief Waltengoo.

He also visits Vasak

## Dimple meets PHE minister Javed Rana, discusses issues

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a high-level delegation to meet Cabinet Minister Javed Ahmad Rana at the Civil Secretariat in Jammu. During the meeting, Dimple congratulated and welcomed Rana for his appointment as a Cabinet Minister. The discussion centered on various issues faced by the people of Jammu region.

Dimple highlighted the severe shortage of drinking water in Jammu city and pressed for the



initiation of the Chinab project, which would provide drinking water from the Akhnoor River (Chinab) to the people of Jammu city. He emphasized the need to begin construction on the Chinab Water Supply Scheme to ensure clean drinking water is avail-

able twice a day.

Dimple also raised concerns about the lack of fresh water tankers in Jammu city and region, urging the government to procure new tankers, as the current ones were reportedly in poor condition.

He further demanded that all daily wagers in the PHE (Public Health Engineering) department, as well as in other departments, be regularized. Additionally, he called for the clearing of pending SRO-43 cases for PHE and other departments.

Cabinet Minister Javed Rana listened to the issues raised by Dimple and assured that the demands would be addressed at the highest level. The meeting was attended by prominent figures, including Devanshi Kapahi, Rupesh Bhat, Arjun, Anmol, and Sachin.

## Slogan writing competition on Female Health and Hygiene organized by GDC R S Pura



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 12: A slogan writing competition was organized by Women Development Cell, under the worthy patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and supervision of Dr. Neena Gupta Rohmetra, Convener Women Development Cell and Head, Department of English.

Promoting menstrual hygiene is vital for physical health, mental well-being, and gender equality. Understanding hygiene practices helps reduce stigma and promotes better health outcomes. Menstrual hygiene refers to the

practices and products that individuals use to manage menstruation in a safe, healthy, and dignified way.

It includes maintaining cleanliness during menstruation, using appropriate menstrual products, and understanding reproductive health.

The slogans created through the initiative focus on a variety of key issues, such as menstrual education, access to menstrual products, and the importance of maintaining hygiene during menstruation.

More than 40 female students actively participated with full enthusiasm, vigour with the

hope to continue the momentum of change and encourage further dialogue around menstruation health.

Dr. Neeru Sawhney, Head Department of Physics and Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Head Department of Economics were the jury members in this event. Trisha Sharma of 1st semester bagged first prize, Sunaina Devi and Komal Devi bagged second and Khushi Sharma, Shikha Devi bagged third position in the competition.

Other faculty members present in the programme were Prof. Shifali Abrol, Prof. Radhika Mahajan. Dr. Savleen Kour, Assistant Professor in Veterinary Technology co-ordinated the entire event.

Principal of the college appreciated the efforts of organizing committee and also advised the students to follow the guidelines practically in their lives in order to become healthy in every aspect.

## SMVDU faculty delivers lecture at Adhiyamaan College of Engineering Tamilnadu



### Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 12: Prof. (Dr.) Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy, Professor in School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, delivered his invited talk.

This invited talk was hosted by the Department of Mechanical Engineering under the Institute Innovation Council (IIC) of Adhiyamaan College of Engineering (Autonomous), Hosur, Tamilnadu.

He delivered an invited lecture on the topic of low and medium tem-

perature waste heat recovery technologies opportunities and further studies, research and innovation opportunities using composite phase change materials, cavity receiver, and porous medium along with economic feasibility studies.

He demonstrated waste heat recovery in LPG burner using composite porosity technologies with economic analysis along with further study motivating the students to think beyond the syllabus. Final year BE students about 60 students participated and interacted in the lecture. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) K.R. Jha, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof.(Dr.) Yatheshth Anand, Head, School of Mechanical Engineering of SMVDU, has congratulated and wished him for his outreach activities.

## CEC Gyalson distributes e-cycles to beneficiaries under subsidy scheme



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LEH, Nov 12: The Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, distributed e-cycles to beneficiaries at the District Motor Garages, Leh, under the LAHDC Subsidy Scheme.

Deputy Chairman, Tsering Angchuk; Deputy Commissioner/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Santosh Sukhadev; Deputy Director, Motor Garages Leh; CCF, LAHDC Leh; along with other district officers and beneficiaries, were present during the distribution ceremony.

The CEC, along with other dignitaries, flagged off the e-cycles

and school buses as part of the event.

The CEC highlighted that this initiative will help protect Ladakh from pollution and bring environmental benefits to the region. He urged residents to adopt cycling as a mode of transportation to reduce carbon footprints and improve health benefits. He said that the objective behind this distribution is to work towards making Ladakh a carbon-neutral region.

The CEC added that the LAHDC's scheme is aimed at safeguarding the environment and mitigating climate change. He encouraged Ladakhis to pledge their

support for environmental conservation and to contribute to this initiative, which is a step toward achieving a Carbon Neutral Ladakh. Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, stated that the scheme promotes environmental sustainability, offers health benefits, and helps reduce traffic congestion.

He explained that LAHDC provides a subsidy for e-cycles, with the amount varying based on the cost of the cycle. He said that over 100 e-cycles have been distributed this year under the LAHDC Leh's subsidy scheme, at the cost of Rs 25 lakh.

## Abida's kids unaware of mother's death, say 'Mummy has gone to Srinagar to buy winter clothes for us'

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SRINAGAR, Nov 12: A dingy lane leads to the house of Abida lovingly called Sumaiya at home in Naidkhai area of Sumbal in Bandipora district paints a grim picture. Every eye is moist and every soul in a deep shock.

What brings tears in the eyes of everyone here is the three kids, a six year old daughter, a seven year old her first brother and the little one, a five year-old-boy.

On November 3, Abida had visited weekly Sunday market Srinagar to buy winter clothes for her children but little did she knew that she would return home dead. She was seriously wounded in the grenade explosion and lost her battle with life at SMHS hospital this afternoon.

These siblings are unaware of their mother's death. "Why are so many people coming to our house," the eldest one asks his uncle, who

tries to console them.

As the villagers gather in large numbers outside the residence of Abida, the eldest kid says, "My mummy has gone to the Sunday market to buy clothes for me and my younger brother and sister. She promised me a blue colour jacket and long boots for winter."

The village women hug the three siblings repeatedly amid cries and sobs but little did these kids know that their mother is no more. As the villagers flooded the house of slain Abida, the relatives of these ill fated kids were taken far from their single storey house so that they stayed away from the shock of seeing their mother dead.

"These kids are too small to understand the meaning of death," a wailing woman said, amid beating her chest.

Three Lashkar-e-Toiba associates have already been arrested for being involved in the attack.

## KNOW DENGUE FOR NO DENGUE

### Dengue can be Prevented

DENGUE	SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	PREVENTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dengue is a viral disease.</li> <li>It is transmitted by the bite of Aedes mosquito.</li> <li>Dengue Fever is a severe, flu-like illness.</li> <li>Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) &amp; Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS) are more severe forms of disease, which may even cause death if left untreated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High fever.</li> <li>Frontal headache.</li> <li>Pain behind the eyes which worsens with eye movement.</li> <li>Muscle and joint pains.</li> <li>Rashes on the body.</li> <li>Pain abdomen.</li> <li>Nausea and vomiting.</li> <li>Bleeding &amp; low B.P in severe cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid water stagnation in &amp; around the house.</li> <li>Empty water reservoirs regularly like storage utensils, air coolers, plant pots, drums, flower pots and bird baths etc.</li> <li>Keep water tanks and other water containers tightly covered with lids.</li> <li>Use mosquito repellents/ Anti mosquito creams.</li> <li>Do not wear clothes that expose arms and legs.</li> <li>Use mosquito nets while sleeping.</li> <li>Use netted screens for doors &amp; windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person suspected of having Dengue should visit nearby Health Facility.</li> <li>The tests and treatment are available free of cost at Govt. Health Institutions.</li> <li>Don't take pain killer and any other medicine without consultation of Doctor.</li> </ul>		
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