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3-day wet weather to begin from Thursday: MeT

SRINAGAR, Nov 12 (Agencies): The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar has predicted a three-day period of wet weather starting Thursday, with rain and snowfall expected in various areas of Kashmir and a few parts of Jammu.

The forecast suggests potential temporary disruptions in surface transportation due to light snowfall on mountain passes, including Zojila Pass on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway, Razdan Pass, Sathna Pass in North Kashmir, Sinthan Top in Kishtwar, and the historic Mughal Road.

The MeT office has also issued an advisory for the tourists and travellers to plan their trip accordingly keeping in view the weather conditions during November 14 and 15.

The MeT office said that there is a possibility of light rain and snow over the higher reaches and at many places of Kashmir valley and a few places of Jammu division during November 14 to 15.

Light rain and snow over the higher reaches at scattered places can occur over Jammu and Kashmir on November 16.

The weather is likely to remain dry till November 23, the MeT office said.

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervention night of Tuesday and Wednesday in all the weather stations of Kashmir remained 0 to 6 Celsius above normal while the maximum temperature witnessed a drop and was recorded 0. To 4 degree Celsius below normal in the valley, the MeT office said.

Srinagar, the summer capital, recorded the minimum temperature at 6.3 degree Celsius above normal of 1.3 degree Celsius on Wednesday while the maximum temperature recorded on Tuesday was 1.1 degree Celsius below normal of 15.6 degree Celsius.

5.2 magnitude earthquake strikes J&K, No loss of life or property

SRINAGAR, Nov 13 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 5.2 struck Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday but there were no reports of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said.

Demolition of Properties | SC lays down Pan-India guidelines, Says Executive can't replace Judiciary

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): Coming down hard on 'bulldozer justice', the Supreme Court on Wednesday laid down pan-India guidelines on demolition of properties and said the Executive cannot become a judge, declare an accused as guilty and demolish his house.

"If the Executive, in an arbitrary manner, demolishes the house of a citizen only on the ground that they are accused of a crime, then it acts contrary to the principles of rule of law," a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said.

Passing a slew of



directions, the bench said, "No demolition should be carried out without a prior show cause notice returnable either in accordance with the time provided by the local municipal laws or within 15 days time from the date of service of such notice,

whichever is later".

The Apex Court said it will be "totally unconstitutional" if houses of people are demolished merely because they are accused or even convicts.

The Executive can't replace the Judiciary in performing its core func-

tion, Justice Gavai said while pronouncing the verdict.

"If the Executive acts as a judge and inflicts penalty of demolition on a citizen on the ground that he is an accused, it violates the principle of separation of powers," the bench said.

The top court said in order to allay the fears in the mind of the citizens with regard to arbitrary exercise of powers by the officials of the State, "we find it necessary to issue certain directions in exercise of our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution".

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Cop arrested for selling heroin at Jammu hospital



JAMMU, Nov 13 (Agencies): A police constable, suspected to be a part of a drug syndicate in Jammu, was arrested for allegedly selling heroin on a hospital premises here, an official said Wednesday. Constable Mohammad Mukhtiyar of the Armed

Police 12th Battalion in Srinagar's Zewan was found in possession of a heroin-like substance and Rs 9,000 in cash, he said.

Acting on a tip-off about a police personnel involved in selling drugs at the Government Medical College and Hospi-

tal premises in Jammu, police initiated a search operation on Tuesday, the official said.

They intercepted Mukhtiyar with his motorcycle near the hospital mortuary and recovered the heroin-like substance and Rs 9,000 in cash from him, he added.

A case has been registered against him at Bakshi Nagar Police Station and he has been suspended from service.

The official stated that Mukhtiyar is believed to be part of a drug syndicate active in Jammu, responsible for selling

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Maj Gen Mukherjee takes charge of 'Ace Of Spades' Division in J&K



JAMMU, Nov 13 (Agencies): Major General Kaushik Mukherjee has taken over as the general officer commanding of the strategic 'Ace of Spades' division entrusted

with guarding the LoC in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Wednesday. Jammu tourism packages

Maj Gen Mukherjee assumed command of the 'Ace of Spades' division, also known as 25 Infantry division which has its headquarters in Rajouri town, from Maj Gen Gaurav Rishi, the officials said.

In a post on X, Jammu-based White Knight Corps said Maj Gen Mukherjee, after taking over the charge, urged all ranks to "pursue operational excellence and maintain combat readiness for any contingency".

BSF additional DG reviews security in border areas of Jammu



JAMMU, Nov 13 (Agencies): Additional Director

General of BSF's western command Satish S Khandare reviewed the security situation along the International Border with Pakistan here, officials said on Wednesday.

"ADG BSF (western command) visited border areas in Jammu

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Old shell recovered from banks of Jhelum in Baramulla, say police

SRINAGAR, Nov 13 (Agencies): Police on Wednesday said they recovered an old and rusted shell from the banks of Jhelum in Azad

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Attack on VC could not be corroborated: J&K Police

SRINAGAR, Nov 13 (Agencies): A Day after Kashmir University's Vice Chancellor Nilofar Khan said there was an "attack" on her cavalcade at Zakura on the outskirts of Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir Police said on Wednesday that this could not be corroborated. Jammu and Kashmir property listings

In a post on X, Srinagar Police said that the alleged attack on VC

Nilofar Khan's convoy near Zakura could not be substantiated.

"The report about attack on VC of Kashmir University last evening near Zakura could not be corroborated, factoring in all possible circumstances. Police parties who visited the spot did not find corroboration of bullet marks. Entire area was thoroughly searched and nothing corroborating

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12 pilgrims injured in vehicular collision in Reasi

JAMMU, Nov 13 (Agencies): Twelve pilgrims visiting the Shiv Khori shrine were injured when their bus collided with a vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Wednesday, officials said. Jammu tourism packages

The accident occurred at Simbal Chowk when a bus carrying 35 to 40 pilgrims from Uttar Pradesh collided with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction, officials stated.

Twelve pilgrims sustained injuries and were hospitalized, they added.

The pilgrims were on their way to visit the Shiv Khori shrine after visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

Two rusty mortar shells found in Samba

SAMBA/JAMMU, Nov 13 (Agencies): Two rusty mortar shells were found on the banks of a rivulet in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday following which the bomb disposal

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All-women CISF battalion will protect airports, metros, provide VIP security: Amit Shah



NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the soon to be raised all-women battalion of the CISF will shoulder the responsibility of protect-

ing the nation's critical infrastructure, like airports and metro rails, and provide security to VIPs as commandos.

A first-ever all-women battalion of the Central

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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, Bantalaab, Old National Highway Road Nagrota, Jammu.
Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties
Contact: 9086072548. Email: 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 Akhnor at 11:00 a.m.
KRIYA (13TH) day will be performed on 13th Nov.2024 at our residence Sungal Morh Akhnor.
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

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Raj Kumar** son of Late Sh Chhajju Ram resident of W.No. 4, Krishna Colony, Kathua.
Tenth Day will be performed on 14 November, Thursday at 10 AM at our residence.
Kriya will be performed on 17 November, Sunday at 12 PM.
Rasam Pagri/Uthala will be performed on 18 November, Monday at 3 PM at our residence.
Grief Stricken:
Smt Suman Devi- Wife
Son & Daughter in Law
Sh vinay Lalathiya & Smt Shifali
Sh Divay Lalathiya & Smt Meenu
Daughter & Son in law
Smt Sanchi & Maj. Somesh Singh
Grand Children: Siya, Pari, Krishvi
M/S Chhajju Ram Raj Kumar Gold Smith. Suman Enterprises.
Contact: 7006805709, 7006198031



Sh. Raj Kumar

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 Bantialab 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


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 Rejeev & Mrs Seema Verma
Mr Rahul Verma
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt.Asha W/o Late Sh Satish Gupta



Smt Sudesh Rani

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


OBITUARY
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Roopa Warikoo** W/o Late Poshker Nath Warikoo original resident of Village Galwanpora (Hyderpora) Distt Budgam at present H No (524) Extt Sec-2 Durga Nagar (Roopnagar) Jammu.
She left for her heavenly abode on 11th of Nov 2024 at Jammu.
The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 19th of Nov 2024 at Muthi Ghat Nr Directorate of School Education Muthi at 8 AM (Sharp).
Grief Stricken
Maharaj Krishen Warikoo (Son)
Son & Daughter in law
Renu Warikoo W/o Sh MaharaJ Krishen Warikoo
Arti Warikoo W/o Lt Tej Krishen Warikoo
Daughter
Smt Vijay Vaishnavi W/o Sh Surinder Vaishnavi
Grand Daughters & Sons
Bhumika, Komal, Kartik, Meehan, Akash
Grief Stricken by
Warikoo's, Naqa b's, Raina's, Aima's, Bhat's, Vaishnav's



Smt Roopa Warikoo

Mob: 9419859242, 9469574638, 9796446568

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Roshan Raina (Bitu Ji)** S/o Sh. Lt. Kanth Lal Raina, O/R Batpora, Shopian A/P Plot No. 61, Lakkar Mandi, Janipur, Jammu.
The 10th Day will be performed at Muthi Ghat (9.00 am) on 15th of November, 2024.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Shanta Raina - Wife
Kundan Pandita - Sister-in-law
Varanya Raina - Daughter
Vikrant Raina - Son
All Nears & Dears



Sh. Roshan Raina (Bitu Ji)

FIFTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Jija Ji Sh Avinash Gupta** S/o Late Sh Babu Ram Gupta Husband of Smt Prem Lata R/o Ward No 6 Near RK Gift Center, Kathua.
Fifth Day will be performed on Wednesday 13th Nov 2024 at 11am to 12 pm at Arya Samaj, Gali Satya Narayan Mandir Udhampur.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Brother-in-laws & Sister-in-laws
Sh Gopal & Urmia Mahajan
Sh BK Mahajan & Susham Mahajan
Sh Ram Krishan & Poonam Mahajan
Sh Rajinder & Renu Mahajan
Ph. 9419162879, 9419162827, 9419272483, 9419272496
Om & Sons / Mahajan Sports Udhampur




Sh Avinash Gupta

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

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

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 Tilo 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 Amphias, Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Lila Karan Sharma (Sr. Advocate) President VHP J&K and Ladakh (Husband)
(Daughter-in-laws and Sons)
Smt. Neelaj & 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 Bhushan 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 Bargar (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Anita Dogra W/O Late Sh. Sanjay Dogra (Sister)
All Grand-Children
Contact : 9419190599, 9419181556, 9419198824



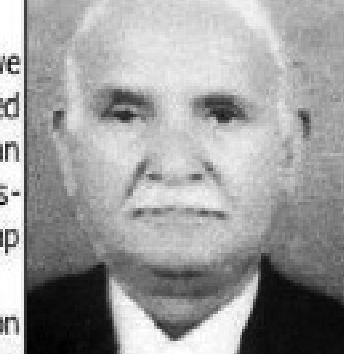
Smt. Nirmal Sharma

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:
RAINA FAMILY
CONTACT: 7780883966, 8860394070



SMT. SHANTI DEVI

TENTH DAY
With wrecking heart and profound grief we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Shree Bansi Lal Bhat** S/o Late Kishan Bhat R/o Wadi Pora Distt. Kupwara at present H No 33 Aman Vihar Phase 2 Camp Road Gole Gujral Jammu.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 18/11/2024 (Monday) at Muthi Ghat Near Director of School Education Jammu at 8.30 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
BHAT FAMILY AND PANDITA FAMILY
PH NO. 9650698084/ 9697277220/ 9419113179/ 9796077220



Shree Bansi Lal Bhat

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, Colonel's Colony, Bohni
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 : Vihan, Amogh, Shreyaan
Mobile : 9796085550, 8716021234, 7006235903



Mr. Dharam Pal Gupta

TENTH DAY KRIYA
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF **LAXMI/BITA DHAR** W/O SH. A.K. DHAR OF K.K. SOKHATA SAKAKADAL SRINAGAR PRESENTLY AT J-357 BETA 2 GREATER NOIDA (U.P) ON 9TH NOV. SATURDAY AT 11:20 PM.
TENTH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 18TH. NOV. MONDAY AT MURAD NAGAR GHAT AT 7:00 AM AND ASSEMBLY AT OUR RESIDENCE AT 12:30 PM.
In GRIEF
A.K. DHAR (HUSBAND)
NEERAJ DHAR & SUNITA (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
NITIN DHAR & ARCHANA DHAR (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SONU & ADESH DHAR (DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW)
MANOJ KUMAR DHAR & SANTOSH (BROTHER-IN-LAW & SISTER-IN-LAW)
RAHUL DHAR & SONIA (SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW)
NEETU (DAUGHTER)
GRAND CHILDREN:
HIMANSHU, KARTIKAY, ANMOOL, ANKUR, ABHIMANYU
PANDITA'S OF MURRAN PULLWAMA
PANDITA'S OF CHITTER GULLANANTNAG
MOB. NO. 8010561068, 0447020274, 9810881988



LAXMI/BITA DHAR

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
Vedharsh Pratap Singh - Son
Neha & Rajar Singh - Daughter & Son in Law
Brother & Bhai
Late Smt Sheela Devi & Sh Samb Singh Sambyal
Smt Pushpa Devi & Sh Shakil Singh Sambyal
Smt Raksha Devi & Sh Kalyan Singh Sambyal
Smt Lalita Devi & Sh Sudarshan Singh Sambyal



Sh. Vijay Singh Sambyal

Nephews :
Rajesh Singh Sambyal
Rakesh Singh Sambyal
Ajay Pratap Singh
Vinay Pratap Singh
Sahil Pratap Singh
Mob : 962212354

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. Moli 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 & Nirmal Handoo
Rakesh Handoo & Raksha Handoo
Dhruv Raj Handoo & Sunita Handoo
Daughters & Son in Laws
Chandan & Kuldeep Kher
Sunita & Vimal Jee lekoo
Grand Children
Atul & Suvarna
Rahul, Apoorva, Pawitra
Vishal & Sneha
Deepali & Kunal Jee
Neelja Vimal



Smt Shama Handoo (Aasha Jee)

HANDOOS, KHERS, KHUNKOOS, SHARMAS, 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, Sohrav, Amav & Keyaan - Grand Sons
9419264098, 981955242



Shri Jai Krishan Sawhney

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that our beloved mother **Manju Kampasi** W/o Raja Kampasi left for heavenly abode on 7th November, 2024 at her Sohna, Gurugram residence.
10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Saturday 16th November (8:30 AM) at Gauri Shankar Mandir, Block T, New Palam Vihar, Phase 1, Sector 109, Gurugram.
Mourning will be performed at our residence T-3,206, MVN Athens, Sohna, Gurugram, HR-122103.
In grief:
Raja Kampasi (Husband)
Pragya & Rachit Kampasi (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Diksha & Mohit Kampasi (Daughter-in-law & Son)
Samast Kampasi & Handoo Parivar
9810267759, 9810322920, 7709407099



Mrs Manju Kampasi

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Nikhal Banotra** (S/o Lt Sh Anresh and Pawan Banotra) R/o Moh Kama Khan W No 7 Poonch.
Tenth Day will be performed on 12-11-2024 (Tuesday) at our Jammu residence Sector 7 Dogra Nagar near Namd 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
Lt Sh Anresh Banotra & Lt Smt Pawan Banotra (Father- Husband)
Lt Sh Vikram Banotra & Lt Smt Shanti Banotra (Niece - Aunt)
Rishi Banotra & Shreyan Banotra (Bhaya - Bhabhi)
Varun Banotra & Shivani Banotra (Bhaya - Bhabhi)
Abneet Sharma & Bhavna (Jiju-Sister)
Aashok Dogra & Neelam (Fula - Bua)
Suresh Dogra & Ritika (Masa - Masi)
Anisha & Krishna (Niece)
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Sh Nikhal Banotra

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Sanskrit research scholars raise concerns over neglect of Sanskrit subject in educational system

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JAMMU, Nov 13: Sanskrit research scholars from Jammu and Kashmir raised strong concerns over the neglect of the Sanskrit subject in the region's educational system. During a press conference, Veena Sharma, a PhD scholar in Sanskrit, revealed that a recently circulated document detailing upcoming vacancies in higher secondary schools omitted any posts for Sanskrit teachers.



Sharma emphasized that this exclusion is part of a longstanding trend of sidelining the Sanskrit

department, pointing to previous instances where Sanskrit was neglected in curriculum planning and teacher recruitment. Sharma further alleged a deliberate attempt to eliminate Sanskrit from higher education, noting that the language has not been introduced as a course at the college level. She urged the Education Minister to rectify this situation and provide equitable opportunities for Sanskrit scholars and students by creating teaching positions in the

subject. Failure to address these demands, Sharma warned, would lead to widespread protests. The event was attended by scholars and students from the Sanskrit Department of Jammu University, all voicing their frustration over the diminishing status of Sanskrit in Jammu and Kashmir's educational landscape. The scholars demanded immediate action to preserve and promote the subject, underscoring the cultural and academic importance of Sanskrit.

LG addresses Foundation Day of IUST

My aim is to redefine learning and make our higher educational institutions and Youth future-ready: Sinha



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AWANTIPORA, Nov 13: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday attended the Foundation Day of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora. In his address, the Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students on the occasion. He congratulated the University for emerging as an important Centre of learning, particularly for skillful human resources in STEM fields. The Lt Governor, Chancellor of IUST, reiterated the commitment of the University to bring about perceptible change in society with its innovative and equitable practices. "My aim is to redefine learning and make our higher educational institutions and Youth future-ready. In IUST, we have introduced diverse programmes to amalgamate science, technology and humanities in a way where all the disciplines work together, for holistic growth of the students," the Lt Governor said. He highlighted that the innovative initiatives of IUST are in sync with the

NEP 2020 vision to make higher education institutions future ready by providing multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary education. IUST's efforts in the field of innovation, startups and entrepreneurship is being lauded across the country and it has achieved prestigious 4-star ranking by Union Ministry of Education, he added. The Lt Governor called upon the youth to explore cutting-edge, transformative technologies and harness the power of innovation to benefit society, empower marginalised communities, promote inclusive and equitable growth for a brighter future. He further impressed on the teaching community and educational institutions to nurture and promote creativity, innovation, new technology, entrepreneurship, with focus on capacity building, skill development and lifelong learning to empower the youth and make them key partners in nation's socio-economic development. The Lt Governor also underscored the importance of skill census which will help in identifying areas for improvement and creating better employment opportuni-

ties. On the occasion, the Lt Governor inaugurated the Tech Expo-2024 at IUST and distributed financial assistance under Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. He also felicitated teachers and meritorious students, and released several publications including Design Your Degree Programme (DYDP): concept progress and institutionalisation, and J&K and Ladakh Research Consortium ByLaws. Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, presented the University report and highlighted the achievements of the University. Series of programmes like Academic-Industry Conclave, Tech-Exhibition, Lit-Fest, and other activities, dedicated to youth empowerment, were organised as a part of Foundation Day celebrations. Prof. (Dr.) Mohammad Mobin, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar; Prof. Mohammad Ashraf Ganie, Director, SKIMS; Prof. Abdul Wahid Makhdoomi, Registrar IUST, senior officials, heads of various educational institutions, faculty members and students were present.

JACRC extends supports to J&K Govt's resolution on restoring statehood, constitutional guarantees

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JAMMU, Nov 13: The Joint Action Committee of Reserved Categories (JACRC), under the Jammu & Kashmir Reserved Categories Empowerment Alliance, expressed strong support for the J&K Government's resolution on restoring statehood and constitutional guarantees. During a heavily attended press conference, which included socio-religious leaders, ex-ULB members, Sarpanches, social activists, retirees, and youth, the alliance endorsed the resolution, emphasizing its benefits across all regions, religions, castes,



and genders in Jammu and Kashmir. Prof. G.L. Thapa, Working President of JKRCEA, underscored that the resolution was constitutional and aligned with promises previously made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and senior BJP leaders during election campaigns. He criticized

the BJP's opposition to the resolution, describing their narratives as divisive and misleading. Thapa urged the BJP MLAs, including SC representatives, to engage in meaningful discussions on public issues rather than obstructing assembly proceedings. Mohinder Bhagat, Working General Secretary of JKRCEA, challenged BJP leaders for not fulfilling promises made over the past decade, particularly those related to SCSTOBC rights. He highlighted concerns over reservation in promotions, recruitment rosters, and land ownership rights, criticizing BJP representatives for failing to act on these issues. Bhagat warned that the reserved categories would not tolerate divisive politics and would continue to demand accountability. Sham Bassan, President of Dalit Chetna Munch, emphasized that all sections of society, especially SCSTOBCs and minorities, have suffered due to the government's policies post-Article 370 abrogation and the downgrade to a Union Territory. He noted the Supreme Court's directive to restore statehood and condemned BJP MLAs for

being "remote-controlled puppets" neglecting SCSTOBC interests. He called for SC MLAs to maturely represent their communities and focus on constitutional rights and welfare measures, rather than furthering party agendas. The JACRC also demanded clarity from the JKN leadership on key issues, such as reservations in promotions, implementing the Mandal Commission report, enforcing the SCST Atrocities Act, and protecting land ownership rights. They called for the immediate appointment of an SC category member to the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission and other recruitment bodies. Prominent attendees included R.A. Inklabi, Mohd Latif Qureshi, S. Lakhbir Singh, Prof. Kali Dass, Bodh Raj Bhagat, and others, all committed to advocating for the rights and development of SCSTOBCs in J&K.

Aryans celebrates World Radiography Day



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JAMMU, Nov 13: To acknowledge the profound impact of radiography on modern medicine, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh celebrated World Radiography Day on this year theme "Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen." Aryans students of B. Sc. Radiology, Cardiac Care, Anesthesia, Medical Lab Sciences, Nursing etc. participated in face paint-

ing, poster presentation & model demonstration activities. While addressing Nazira Bhat, HoD, Aryans Paramedical Division said that this day is dedicated to honoring the field of radiography, acknowledging the crucial contributions of radiographers, and emphasizing the importance of medical imaging in contemporary healthcare. This year's theme underscores the vital responsibility of healthcare professionals in upholding the efficiency of healthcare systems and safeguarding the health and safety of patients. It is to be mentioned that World Radiography Day is observed each year on November 8 to commemorate the discovery of x-radiation by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen in 1895. On the occasion, Aryans Nursing Faculty Himanshi, Danish, Aktar, Saima etc. were present.

DLIC Ramban approves 73 cases under various Mission Youth Schemes

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RAMBAN, Nov 13: The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) of Ramban, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary has approved 73 cases across various schemes under the Mission Youth initiative. Following thorough scrutiny by DLIC members including General Manager, DIC, Assistant Director Employment (Nodal Officer, Mission Youth), Assistant Regional Transport Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, District Lead Bank Manager & District Nodal Officer JKEDI Ramban, approvals were granted for 59 cases under the Mumkin scheme, 11 under Tejaswini, and 3 under the Self Employment Initiative (SEI). Additionally, the DLIC approved 19 cases under the Tejaswini scheme for interest subvention, supporting young women entrepreneurs by reducing financial burdens. The committee also approved 10 cases in which the activity & unit address was changed. These schemes are designed to empower local youth by offering financial support and resources, enabling them to pursue self-employment and entrepreneurial ventures. The approvals reaffirm the district's commitment to fostering youthful economic development and self-reliance in the region.

DC Kishtwar briefs press on "Mega Tribal Fest" in the District

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KISHTWAR, Nov 13: The Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, held a press conference on Wednesday, announcing the upcoming "Mega Tribal Fest" to be organized on November 15, 2024, at the historic Chowgan Ground in Kishtwar. This festival marks the observance of Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas, commemorating the anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsu Munda. The event is a part of the "Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan" (DAJGUA), a nationwide Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign running from November 15-26, 2024, aimed at awareness and empowering tribal communities across India. Addressing the media, DC Kishtwar emphasized



the cultural and economic significance of this celebration, highlighting that the various cultural activities and events under the fest will serve as a platform to showcase the rich heritage and livelihood of tribal communities in the District. "The event aligns with the PM's vision of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan to aware, uplift and improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal populations," DC Kishtwar stated. The Mega Tribal Fest will feature various stalls displaying locally produced tribal artifacts,

handicrafts, and agricultural products, providing a unique glimpse into the traditional skills and cultural diversity of the region's tribal communities. The DC confirmed that all necessary logistical arrangements have been completed, ensuring a seamless experience for attendees. He extended an open invitation to the general people of Kishtwar and surrounding regions, encouraging them to participate in large numbers to celebrate and honor the distinctive culture and contributions of tribal communities. The Mega Tribal Fest promises to be an enriching event that not only celebrates tribal heritage but also supports the development and recognition of tribal communities in alignment with the ideals of Dharti Aaba Birsu Munda.

BVP organizes North Region Level National Group Song Competition

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SAMBA, Nov 13: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) Jammu Kashmir Prant organised North Region Level National Group Song Competition at the Auditorium of Sri Ram Universal School Jakh Vijaypur District Samba. Chandar Prakash Ganga MLA Vijaypur was the Chief Guest in the inaugural session. Gajinder Singh Sandhu National Coordinator BVP was the main speaker. Sushil Sharma, Regional President BVP presided over the function and Sanjeev Gupta Chairman Sri Ram Universal School Jakh the Guest of Honour. Teams from different states like Punjab, Himachal, Jammu & Chandigarh participated in the program and sang two patriotic songs one in Hindi & other in Sanskrit. The program started with the traditional lighting of lamp and recitation of Vande Matram. Bharat Bhushan State President welcomed all



the guests, members, teachers and students of various schools. In His welcome address he pointed out that BVP is a social cultural organisation aimed to promote patriotism among the students through such programs. The Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of BVP in promoting positivity, patriotism and feeling of brotherhood among the young students and channeling their energies for the common good of the society. Sanjeev Gupta Chairman Sri Ram School also applauded the activities and commitment of BVP to make our country strong, influential and self-reliant. Gajinder Singh Sandhu spoke on the activities of BVP at the national level stressed upon the youth to refrain from drugs and other social evils. The adjudicators of this cultural extravaganza are well known dignitaries in the field of music Prof. Anupama Sharma, Kuldeep Rai and Sunil Sharma. Arun Kumar Sharma Gupta National Committee member NGSC gave introduction about the aims & objectives of the program. Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu Kathua Range was the Chief Guest in the concluding session. DAV School Bathinda was the overall winner in the competition. Vote of thanks was given by Gopal Sharma, Regional Joint General Secretary. The program was jointly conducted by Shivram Sharma, State General Secretary, and Arun Kumar Regional Secretary Sanskar. Other prominent persons attended the function are Dr. Dev Raj Sharma National Convener Environment, Dr.

Santosh Gupta State Patron, Amita Sharma, P. Bharat Bhushan Sharma Regional Secretaries, Ashok Gupta National Committee member, Sunita Gupta State Finance Secretary, Gurmeet Singh Prant Convener GTBBD, Vijay Sharma, Sewa Pramukh, Gopal Gupta, Sanskar Pramukh, Ramesh Sharma State Organising Secretary, Vijay Sharma Prant Pramukh Sampark, Aarti Sharma Mahila Pramukh, Jagjit Singh Isher Prant Pramukh Environment, Madhu Gupta City Coovinator and members of various branches. All the participating students are given certificates, medals & memento. The program ended with the recitation of the National Anthem and amid the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai. The team that stood first shall represent North 1 region at the National level Program at Jammu on 15th of December 2024 at Bangalore Karnataka.

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The Deputy Chief Engineer (BR/Workshop, Northern Railway, Jalandhar Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open-tender under Single Packet System for the undermentioned work:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Date of opening	Bidding start date on IREPS	Cost of tender form Rs.	Completion period of work
1	OT-23/JRC-2024	Replacement of cottered members of Br no. 188 DN(14X45.7m) on JUC-PTK Line under SSEBRIDGE/PTK	1,04,48,755.24	2,02,200.00	03.12.2024	15.11.2024 to 03.12.2024	0	06 Months

Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs on same date.

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Ref: - e-NIT No 04 of 2024-25. Dated: 10.10.2024.

Due to low response of bids in response to the above cited e-NIT, the said e-NIT is hereby retendered and the new dates of submitting bids and opening of bids shall be as under:-

Last date of submitting online bids : 25.11.2024
Date of Opening of Bids : 26.11.2024

No:- JKFR/Res/JF-148/2024-25/1328-32
Dt:-11.11.2024
DIP/J-6849/24

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EDITORIAL

SEA VIGIL
2024

SEA VIGIL, the largest-ever coastal defense exercise conducted in India, has become a significant operational endeavor in ensuring the security of the nation's extensive coastline and maritime assets. Launched as a biennial exercise, it is a cornerstone of India's coastal defense strategy, aimed at evaluating the preparedness and response mechanisms of various security agencies responsible for safeguarding the maritime boundaries. This comprehensive exercise encompasses a multi-layered approach, engaging diverse stakeholders, from the Indian Navy and Coast Guard to marine police, port authorities, and state administrations.

The concept of SEA VIGIL was initiated in the aftermath of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, which highlighted the vulnerabilities in India's coastal defense. To fortify this crucial aspect of national security, the Indian government revamped its maritime surveillance and response mechanisms. SEA VIGIL has since become a pivotal part of these efforts, testing the efficacy of systems and processes developed over the years. SEA VIGIL-24 aims to provide a real-time assessment of India's coastal defense and identify any gaps that could be exploited by adversaries.

The exercise focuses on the integration of various agencies and coordination among the stakeholders. It is designed to evaluate preparedness across a range of potential maritime threats, including terrorist intrusions, smuggling, piracy, natural disasters, and environmental hazards. Additionally, SEA VIGIL-24 is a practical demonstration of India's strategic commitment to maritime security, considering the nation's extensive economic interests in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

SEA VIGIL-24 covers the entire 7,516-kilometer coastline of India, stretching from the Arabian Sea in the west to the Bay of Bengal in the east. It includes the participation of 13 coastal states and union territories, all of which have a crucial role in the drill. The Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard act as the primary coordinators, alongside key agencies such as the Indian Air Force, the Border Security Force (BSF), marine police, customs, and the state fisheries departments. Port operators, shipping companies, and oil installations are also integral to this exercise, ensuring that both civilian and military stakeholders are prepared for any eventuality.

The exercise is conducted in a realistic operational environment, simulating a wide variety of security challenges. It tests various security apparatuses, from shore-based radar networks and patrol vessels to aerial reconnaissance assets and communication infrastructure. Scenarios include intercepting unidentified or suspicious vessels, containing mock terrorist infiltrations, and responding to hostage situations. In essence, SEA VIGIL-24 aims to cover every possible threat vector that could compromise coastal and maritime safety.

SEA VIGIL-24 is designed to simulate multiple high-stress scenarios that test the operational readiness and coordination of agencies. One of the key components involves intercepting rogue vessels or preventing seaborne terrorist infiltrations. The drill includes mock intrusions, where agencies have to swiftly detect, track, and neutralize threats before they can reach critical onshore targets. The exercise also emphasizes quick response measures, communication protocols, and the seamless transfer of information between different units and command centers.

Another major aspect is port security and management, where port authorities and customs departments play a significant role. The exercise checks the efficacy of access control, monitoring of cargo, and emergency response protocols within the ports. Oil rigs and strategic maritime installations are given special focus to simulate how they can be defended from potential sabotage or terror attacks. Agencies like the Marine Police perform shoreline patrolling and coordinate with the Navy and Coast Guard to secure the seafloor effectively.

Furthermore, SEA VIGIL-24 includes environmental drills, such as managing oil spills or hazardous material accidents in the water, to ensure that ecological disasters are handled swiftly and efficiently. Coastal states and local administrations are heavily involved in this aspect, working alongside environmental protection agencies.

The exercise employs advanced surveillance technology, including coastal radar networks, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and integrated communication systems. These assets ensure seamless information flow between different layers of command. The Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) in Gurugram plays a pivotal role, acting as a hub for the coordination and dissemination of data. IMAC processes inputs from various maritime monitoring systems to provide a comprehensive operational picture, which is essential for quick decision-making.

The Indian Navy's satellite communication systems and automated identification systems (AIS) also play a critical role in maritime domain awareness. During SEA VIGIL-24, these technologies are tested for efficiency and reliability in real-time operations, ensuring no potential threat goes undetected.

The outcomes of SEA VIGIL-24 will have long-term implications for India's coastal security architecture. By identifying vulnerabilities and testing the effectiveness of existing protocols, the exercise will inform future investments in technology, infrastructure, and human resources. One of the key goals is to strengthen the coordination between central and state agencies and ensure that there is no ambiguity in roles during emergencies.

How is the Article 370 resolution Historical?

By: Omkar Dattatray

One is at a loss to understand how is the passage of the resolution asking the GOI to hold a dialogue in connection with the reinstatement of the abrogated 370 historical. CM Omar Abdullah said that the resolution seeking the restoration of special status and its passage by the first assembly of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir is historic. May one remind Abdullah that their NC government in 2002 had passed a resolution favoring autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir in the then assembly of the erstwhile state only to see it to be consigned to the dustbin by the central government. And the present resolution asking for the restoration of special status to Jammu and Kashmir will also be rejected outrightly by the NDA government headed by the BJP and Modi. The current resolution will also find place in the dustbin. The article 370 of the constitution had been buried forever by the Modi government in 2019 and thus ensured the full integration of J&K with Indian union. The BJP/NDA government had fulfilled the dream of national leader and Jansung ideologue Lt. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerjee who had sacrificed his precious life for the full integration of J&K with India. PM Modi has reiterated that no power on earth can restore article 370 in the constitution. Article 370 and by virtue of it the special status to Jammu and Kashmir is a history and the clock cannot be turned back and the river of Jhelum cannot also be turned back and so Article 370 cannot be reviewed. NC government has the habit of passing resolutions only to hoodwink the gullible masses and to divert the attention of the people from pressing needs. In the present case of passing of a resolution seeking a dialogue with the centre government is nothing beyond dirty politics to appease the core constituency of the NC. By passing the resolution special status resolution in the assembly, NC tried to hoodwink the

gullible masses and also gave the impression to the people of JK read Kashmir that it and the NC -Congress coalition government is serious about revival and reinstatement of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. The legislative assembly of J&K has no power and authority to review abrogate Article 370. In fact the revival and restoration of annulled article 370 is the prerogative, privilege and power of the centre government and the Indian Parliament which had abrogated controversial article 370 constitutionally, legally and lawfully and its restoration lies with the central government. No central government and more so the nationalistic NDA government headed by BJP's Narendra Modi will give back the article 370 to J&K. NC, PDP, Congress, PC, CPIM and others are living in a fool's paradise if they think that the article 370 can be revived. Such thinking of these political parties and their leaders is akin to seeing Mungarilal Ke Sawpane. Therefore it is better for the Omar government to focus on addressing the pressing demands and issues of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The top priorities of the new democratic government should be the provision of good roads, schools, hospitals, housing, uninterrupted electricity especially in Kashmir region as the winter is fast approaching. Besides, good and hygienic drinking water, control of rising and soaring prices of the daily use goods and services and last but not the least provision of employment opportunities to the educated and employed youth should also be the immediate and top priority of the new government. Is pandemonium, continuous ruckus, marshalling of the opposition MLA's and fists and quarrels as well as total indiscipline, chaos and confusion the signs and symbols of the historic happenings of the legislative assembly. Opposition and in the present case the BJP has the democratic right to oppose the functioning of the government. NC has incited the effective, stable and strong BJP opposition and thus

the stalemate and pandemonium and lastly the adjournment of the legislative assembly sine die. Is this all negative and stalemate as was seen and witnessed in the proceedings of the assembly as historical? Instead of negativity and fights and fists in the assembly both the treasury and opposition members of the assembly should work in cooperation and coordination and concentrated on addressing the issues and problems confronting the people. Thus the government and the opposition should cooperated and pay heed towards resolving the mundane and day to day issues and concerns of the people. In the recently concluded assembly polls, the people of J & K have mandated NC-Congress alliance for government formation and at the same time a very big chunk of the voters have voted in favor of the BJP and has given to it the mandate to perform the role and function of an effective opposition. The people of J&K have trusted NC-Congress alliance for governance and the BJP for performing the democratic role of opposition. Both the government that is NC and opposition that is BJP should work in unison to mitigate and resolve the pressing problems of the people. Thus the NC and BJP should focus their attention on giving some relief to the people who have elected them as their representatives. The new government headed by chief minister Omar Abdullah should have started his new inning with positive note, but alas! Instead it has chosen the path of confrontation and antagonism with the centre and it is harmful for the people of J&K as after all the UT depends on the centre for generous funds and finances for running the government and more for the economic development of JK people. Therefore the new government cannot afford to displease the NDA government of the centre but instead keep it in pleasant mood and extract as much finances as required for the development of the UT. However, the NC-Congress coalition has started the new inning

on a negative note which is not in the interest of the alienated and orphaned people of JK. People's belly will hardly be filled and satiated by the empty slogans and rhetoric and by passing the useless resolution seeking the dialogue with the centre for restoration of article 370. People of Jammu and Kashmir are more interested and concerned to get some relief from the people's government so that their pressing needs and problems are addressed. The sheer politics of passage of the special status resolution could have waited and it should not have been the first priority of the new government headed by NC's Omar but the powers in JK chose otherwise and worked in haste and moved and passed the useless resolution which will be rejected by the centre government. The special status resolution passed by the JK assembly will need the stamp and approval of the LG and he is unlikely to approve it and this will be the embracement for the NC government and it has the potential of straining the relations between the coalition government and the LG. NC government has started with a wrong thing by passing special status resolution and it is the Omar himself who has said that it is foolish to expect that NDA will reinstate article 370 and then he had second thought and his government moved special status resolution in haste only to be dumped by the centre government. NC, PDP, Congress and other parties should see the writing on wall that article 370 is a history and not take cudgels with the centre government and in this lies the good of the UT and its government. The passage of the special resolution by the Assembly is not historical but it is sheer and dirty politicking and political gimmicks to hoodwink the gullible people who have reposed their trust in NC-Congress alliance.

(The author is a columnist, social and KP activist)

Breaking the Cycle of Burnout

By: Vijay GarG

Numerous studies found that high job demands, low control, low social support and job insecurity are significant risk factors for depression in the workplace while, factors such as excessive workload, lack of control, poor work-life balance and unsupportive work environments trigger burnout. Research in all these areas has grown substantially in recent years, revealing valuable insights into how these mental health challenges affect individual employees and organisations. In today's fast-paced and high-pressure work environment, burnout and depression have become prevalent challenges affecting employees across industries. While burnout is often a result of chronic workplace stress characterised by exhaustion, cynicism and a feeling of reduced accomplishment, depression on the other side, is a mental health disorder marked by persistent sad-

ness, lack of motivation and feelings of hopelessness that may affect all areas of a person's life.

Both can severely impact employee wellbeing, workplace productivity and organisational success. Burnout and depression in the workplace are typically rooted in multiple factors often exacerbated by modern work conditions and expectations such as excessive workload and unrealistic expectations, lack of control and autonomy, poor work-life balance, toxic work environment and insufficient recognition and reward. There is no denying that when employees lack the time and resources to recover and recharge or have no input into their work, their sense of helplessness can contribute to both, they become more susceptible to burnout and over time, even depression. Moreover, a hostile or untrusting work environment can erode employee morale and mental health contributing to burnout and, in some cases, even

depression. The impact of burnout and depression extends beyond individual suffering and affects the workplace as a whole.

As stated earlier, to maintain productivity, employees experience burnout and depression which may consequently lead to decline in productivity thereby impacting the profitability and overall performance. It is quite often stated that absenteeism and presenteeism both have significant implications for workplace productivity and team morale. Now when the levels of burnout and depression within an organisation are high, it will create a culture of dissatisfaction, resulting in a lack of engagement and trust among employees and as a result can harm collaboration, innovation and the company's reputation, thereby making it difficult to attract and retain top talent. It will end up driving employees to leave their jobs in search of a healthier work environment. Addressing burnout and depression in the work-

place requires both—structural changes within the organisation as well as individual efforts. By creating a culture where employers foster an environment that values open communication and employees express concerns without the fear of stigma or reprisal; training managers to identify symptoms of burnout and depression and to respond effectively; providing small gestures of appreciation through praise, bonuses, or other rewards can significantly improve job satisfaction, and help in reducing stress and the likelihood of burnout. Organisations can create a healthier, more productive and more sustainable work environment where employees and the company can thrive.

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Training Program for master volunteers of Anantnag held under NMBA

Top News Report

ANANTNAG, Nov 13: In alignment with the Government of India's commitment to creating a drug-free society, JKSPYM SLCA J&K today organized a one-day training program for Master Volunteers of District Anantnag under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA).

The event was held at the Auditorium Hall Boys Hr.sec.School Bijbehara, in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, and the District Administration, Anantnag.

The program was conducted under the overall supervision and guid-



ance of Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Fayyaz Ahmed.

Muzaffar Ahmad Malik, District Social Welfare Officer, accompanied by Deputy Coordinator Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Peerzada Kashif and other officers from social welfare graced the occasion.

Addressing the pressing issue of rising substance abuse, Addl. Deputy Commissioner

Fayaz Ahmad expressed concern over the increasing trend of drug addiction among the youth in the Union Territory of J&K. He encouraged the Master Volunteers from District Anantnag to take full advantage of the training, enhancing their knowledge and skills to combat the growing problem.

Regarding the rehabilitation center, Deputy Commissioner Anant-

nag Fayyaz Ahmed said that the center will be established in the district very soon so that drug-addicted youth can be counselled and brought on a good path. He urged parents to keep an eye on their children.

The program commenced with a welcome note followed by an introduction to the JKSPYM organization and SLCA J&K, delivered by Ms. Pallavi Singh, Program Director, JKSPYM.

Around 100 Master Volunteers were professionally trained by SLCA J&K to effectively contribute to drug demand reduction efforts in the district.

Information on Drugs, Drug Use, and Its Consequences, District-Level Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, Intervention Spec-

trum in Drug Treatment and Prevention, Roles and Responsibilities of Master Volunteers/Nasha Mukta Bharat Leaders.

Resource persons from SLCA delivered comprehensive presentations on the prevalence of drug use in India, equipping the volunteers with the necessary knowledge and tools to address substance abuse issues in their communities.

The training aimed to empower the Master Volunteers to become proactive agents of change, promoting a healthier and drug-free society in Anantnag. The program concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants, marking the beginning of their journey as advocates for a drug-free district.

MIER College organises orientation session on Indian Knowledge System



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JAMMU, Nov 13: An orientation session was organised by MIER College of Education on the topic 'Sensitization and Pedagogical Integration of Indian Knowledge System'. The resource person was Prof. J. N. Baliya from the School of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu.

Prof Adit Gupta, Director and Principal of MIER College, chaired the session. Prof. Mool Raj, Controller of Examination, Prof. Nishta Rana, Head SoE, Dr Monika Bajaj, Head SSSH, Dr Bharti Tandon, Deputy Head SoE, along with the faculty members of both the schools and IQAC members, attended the session.

The orientation program was envisaged to help college faculty members gain a comprehensive understanding of the Indian Knowl-

edge System (IKS) and its integration as part of the National Education Policy (NEP).

It addressed fundamental questions for teachers, highlighted the significance of IKS, and discussed the challenges faced in implementing IKS in higher education.

Prof. Adit Gupta extended a warm welcome to Prof. J.N. Baliya and spoke on the various pedagogical techniques the college put into use, according to NEP.

Prof J. N. Baliya said the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) encompasses the vast and diverse knowledge traditions developed in India over thousands of years.

It includes many disciplines, such as philosophy, science, medicine, arts, architecture, linguistics, mathematics, and spiritual studies.

Rooted in ancient texts like the Vedas, Upanishads, and Puranas, as well as regional tra-

ditions, IKS represents an integrated approach to understanding life, nature, and the universe through different activities, pedagogies and projects.

He gave a detailed overview of teachers' basic queries while implementing several courses using diverse pedagogies under the umbrella of IKS, the importance of IKS, the classification framework for IKS and how to integrate IKS in Higher Education. He further discussed several model curricula courses of IKS at the UG/PG level.

He talked about several challenges in the implementation of IKS in higher education and the participation of students in the promotion of IKS.

In the concluding remarks, Prof. Adit Gupta thanked Prof. J. N. Baliya for such an eye-opening session for all faculty members.

DPS Jammu hosts CBSE Regional Science Exhibition 2024-25

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu hosted a two-day CBSE North Zone Regional Science Exhibition on November 8th and 9th, 2024, providing a platform for young innovators of CBSE Schools of North Zone to foster scientific curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity. This event aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications, as students demonstrated their understanding of scientific concepts and presented groundbreaking ideas.

The exhibition saw participation from 26 prestigious schools from Punjab and Jammu with total 39 teams comprising 78 students representing their institutions. Divided into two categories—Grades VI to VIII and Grades IX to XII—the participants showcased their projects across seven themes: Food, Health, and Hygiene, Transport and Communication, Natural Farming, Disaster Management, Mathematical Modelling and Computational Thinking, Waste Management and Resource Management.

The participating schools included notable institutions such as Partap World School (Pathankot), Army Public School (Miran Sahib), Presentation Convent High School (Jammu), J.K. Public School, (Jammu), Bhartiya Vidya Mandir High School (Kathua), Sandeepni



Gurukul (Pathankot), St. Kabir Public School (Gurdaspur), Jiya Lal Mittal D.A.V. Public School (Gurdaspur), Army Public School (Madhopur), Army Public School (Miran Sahib), Army Public School (BD Bari), Jammu Sanskriti School, (Jammu), International Delhi Public School (Jammu), Army Public School (Udhampur), Army Public School (Kandrori), Sai International School (Hiranagar), International Daily Rising School (Jammu), Cambridge International School (Kathua), Air Force School, (Jammu) Army Public School (Ratnuchak), Army Public School (Jammu Cantt), Army Public School (Kaluchak), and Army Public School (Domana). Students and staff from various Jammu schools also visited the exhibition, engaging with participants and admiring the innovative projects.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. Pankaj Goswami, Professor and Head of Animal Health and Microbiology at SKUAST Jammu, with Guests of Honour Dr. Sanku Borkataki, Professor in Veterinary Parasitology, SKUAST Jammu,

and Dr. Manjeet Singh, CEO of Triumph Group, New Delhi.

The distinguished judging panel featured experts such as Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Head, Division of Agricultural Economics at SKUAST Jammu, Prof. S.K. Pandita, Professor of Geology at the University of Jammu, Dr. Harpreet Singh, Senior Medical Officer, Central University of Jammu, Dr. Manpreet Kour, Associate Professor, AICRP Division of Agronomy at SKUAST Jammu, Dr Anjali Pathania, Senior Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu, and Dr. Pankaj Mansotra, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, GGM Science College.

The exhibition commenced with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a patriotic group song by the school choir. In her welcome address, DPS Jammu Principal Ruchi Chhabra emphasized the importance of nurturing curiosity and innovation in young minds, appreciating CBSE's initiatives to cultivate a scientific spirit among students.

In his key note address, Chief Guest Dr. Pankaj

Goswami encouraged students to pursue innovation and creativity, while the Guests of Honour- Dr Sanku Borkataki and Dr Manjeet Singh highlighted the role and significance of building scientific temper among students.

They also congratulated all participants, teachers, parents, Management, Principal for their dedication.

Projects were evaluated based on criteria such as creativity, originality, scientific principles, technical skills, educational value, scalability, utility, cost-efficiency, portability, and presentation.

Noteworthy projects included: "Digi Tutor" for interactive learning," Automatic Waste Segregator" for efficient waste management, "Eco-Smart Farming" for sustainable agriculture practices," Highway Energy Harvesting" to generate electricity from traffic, "Sensory Car" enhancing transport safety, etc.

At the concluding ceremony on day 2, the winners were announced, with 11 projects selected for the National Round.

These teams were from the following schools: Army Public School B.D

Bari, Army Public School Kaluchak, Army Public School Mamun Cantt, Pathankot, Air Force School Jammu, Presentation Convent Sr. Sec. School Jammu, Army Public School Ratnuchak, Jammu, Sandeepni Gurukul Pathankot, St. Kabir Public School Gurdaspur, Army Public School, Gurdaspur.

The judges commended the participants' creativity and thanked the DPS Jammu for providing an exceptional platform to connect with bright young minds.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Headmaster, Ravi Kumar Kotroo who expressed gratitude to the guests, judges, and participants for their contributions to the event's success.

He acknowledged Vice Principal Meenu Gupta, Venue Nodal Officer Insha Ahmad, Program Coordinator Manika Verma, and the entire organizing team for their dedication.

Heartfelt thanks were also expressed by the Principal and Headmaster for Ajatshatru Singh, President, RCT, Dr. Ritu Singh, Pro PVC, DPS Jammu, S.S. Sodhi, Director, DPS Jammu, for their support and guidance for the successful conduct of the event.

The event was expertly compered by Prasan Sharma (XII), Samiksha Rai (XII), Aayat Fatima (XI), and Vaidiki Taggar (XI) and concluded with token presentation to the judges and National Anthem.

ECHS conducts programme for beneficiaries

Top News Report

LEH, Nov 13: An ECHS outreach programme at Leh, UT Ladakh was organised on November 12 and 13, 2024. Approx 200 Veterans/Veer Naris from Leh, Changthang and adjoining areas attended the outreach programme and appreciated the initiative.

Multiple lectures by Director ECHS, 72 Sub Area, Director Rajya Sainik Board, UT Ladakh, OIC, Polyclinic, Leh and Records, Ladakh Scouts were conducted to educate the veterans on issues related to ECHS and other relevant matters.

Latest policies concerning veterans were disseminated. In addi-



tion, the updation of veteran's data, upgradation of ECHS Cards and rectification of discrepancies in Aadhaar/ PPO data were carried out to facilitate veterans and expedite the setting of the pending issues.

During the outreach programme ECHS related issues were resolved/ documentation process initiated.

In addition, pension related, Aadhaar Card related and Sparsch

related issues were also resolved during the programme.

More such outreach programmes are planned to be organised to ensure a connect with maximum veterans from the far flung/ isolated areas.

This will ensure policy dissemination up to the last man in the most remotest parts with the aim to proliferate and expand utilisation of ECHS facilities in UT Ladakh.

Two days philately exhibition starts at Kala Kendra



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: Jammu Pex-2024—two days philately exhibition showcasing history and cultural heritage of Jammu through postal stamps kicked off today at the Kala Kendra Jammu.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Culture and School Education Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated the event.

Principal GGM Science College, Profes-

sor Ramesh Gupta was Guest of Honour while Madhukar Jhingan noted philatelist of the country was special guest.

Large number of students drawn from different schools of the Jammu district, people from different walks of life participated in the inaugural event.

More than 5000 rare and varied stamps issued in India and in other countries have been put for display at the exhibition. Some of these stamps are from the colonial period

In this exhibition the India Post is also exhibiting over 30 postal stamps issued on Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Suresh Kumar Gupta praised the Department of Posts for hosting the exhibition depicting the rich history of Jammu. He referred to philately as an interesting hobby to know the cultural heritage of the country.

Referring to the New Education Policy as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India which

emphasizes on the overall development of a child, Gupta said children should adopt the hobby of learning things in order to overcome stress and tension. He further described Philately as one of such hobbies.

A special cover on the GGM Science College was also released on the occasion.

Director Postal Services Prateek also spoke on the occasion and described Philately as Hobby of Kings and King of all Hobbies. He said India Post through time to time is introducing stamps, special covers etc related to events, monuments and eminent personalities thus playing its role in preserving the history.

Principal GGM Science College, Prof Ramesh Gupta and Madhukar Jhingan noted philatelist also spoke on the occasion. The event witnessed stamp designing, quiz competition and workshop by eminent philatelists for the students.

GDC Ramnagar organizes cleanliness drive to observe 'Swatchta Hi Sewa' campaign



Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Nov 13: NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Ramnagar under the patronage of Dr. Bhavnai Chand, principal of the college observed a cleanliness drive in college premises to commemorate Swatchta Hi Sewa campaign.

NSS volunteers and students participated in the cleanliness drive enthusiastically inside the college premises. NSS Volunteers also vis-

ited the adopted village Thapral and spread the awareness among the village people over there regarding the importance of cleanliness in our day-to-day life.

The volunteers collected the plastic waste and cleaned the parks inside and outside the college.

Dr Bhavnai Chand, Principal of the college applauded the efforts made by NSS Unit and urged students to keep a progressive mindset to keep the environment safe and healthy

JKBS remembers Philanthropist

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members today paid tributes to Sahib Bandgi member

with smile and respect to others.

Today we remember him fondly and celebrate his life.

Prominent among those who paid trib-



Shri Mangal Ram Kaith on his death anniversary, and said he was a great philanthropist.

He always rendered helping hand when anybody was in need, most of all a caring person to family and friends.

He always greeted

utes to him were Messers Darshan Lal Pathi, R.L.Kaith, Vicky Kaith, Ujjagar Singh, Sat Paul, Gurdyal, Pyare Lal, Jagan Nath, Girish Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Mohinder Lal, Pawan Kumar, Bharat Bhushan and Chaman Lal.

Chandigarh girl Wamiqa Gabbi, believes one needs to be good at one's craft to avoid rejection

Priyadarshan's *Bhoot Bangla* with Akshay Kumar, Raj & DK's Netflix series *Rakt Bramhand*—The *Bloody Kingdom*, an action film *Baby John* opposite Varun Dhawan, Dinesh Vijan's *Bhul Chuk Maaf* with gifted actor Rajkumar Rao. Sounds more like a wish-list than actual line-up of an actor, slowly and steadily climbing the ladder of success.

If talented actress Wamiqa Gabbi's sterling performances in *Jubilee*, *Khufiya*, *Charlie Chopra & The Mystery of Solang Valley* led us to believe that 2023 was her year, the future looks even more promising. No wonder her promise, 'I have just started to write my story', is backed by actuality and not illusion.

Of course, as the light-eyed beauty, the *sohni kudi* from *City Beautiful* signs up one after another prestigious project, she is as wonderstruck as we are and can't believe all this is true. She says, "Imagine a girl sitting in Mohali with no film background, no political backing, not big money either and no godfather, dreaming this impossible dream and living it... all of this is so surreal for me." Only instead of walking on cloud nine, she turns a tad philosophical. She says, "Once I stopped being desperate about work, things just fell into my kitty. I gave up all expectations and some invisible force began to guide me."

Undeniably, working with all these A-list directors and big stars has been more than a 'pinch me' moment for her. She says, "Butterflies in my stomach have never stopped buzzing." All of these biggies have been her ideals. Of course, her all-time crush is Hrithik Roshan and she hugely admires Kangana Ranaut.

Her reasons for signing a movie, however, are not whether it's a big production house



or superstar-driven project, but, "If the world they are creating is exciting and what am I doing in it." Right now she is super-excited about *Baby John*, an actioner based on Atlee's *Theri*, which releases in December. The action fantasy that Raj & DK are creating in *Rakt Bramhand*—The *Bloody Kingdom* is again something she is dying for people to discover. You bet the likes of Vishal Bhardwaj and Vikramaditya Motwane have spoiled her. "I would have

been a different person had I not worked with them."

For someone who has not been a trained actor, how does she get into the skin of a character? She answers, "Simply by understanding that characters are people like you and me." And to all her Punjabi brethren eager to step into her shoes, her advice is, "Be so good at your craft that no one can reject you."

If her success seems personal to her friends and family and if others too want a piece of her,

she has no issues. "I can see the glow of my success in their eyes, in umpteen messages I receive from Punjab. It's the same feeling which I had when Kapil Sharma made it, when Diljit Dosanjh creates waves. For I know how difficult it is to crack the code."

Her biggest takeaway ever since she stepped into the entertainment industry with a bit part in Imtiaz Ali's *Jab We Met* in 2013, and lead in Punjabi film *Sixteen* in 2017, has been, 'empathy and patience'. Recently seen in Parmish Verma's *Tabaah* and soon to be seen in *Kikli*, Punjabi cinema will always be special for her. She chuckles, "For my grandmother mostly understands films in Punjabi." And with writer-father Govardhan Gabbi, Punjabi is very much her mother/father-tongue. In fact, she might go ahead and produce a Punjabi film. What kind? Her eyes twinkle, "See the core of my heart is drama and entertainment; I will always make an entertainer, may be faced with a message."

In Priyadarshan's horror-com entertainer *Bhoot Bangla*, is she romantically paired opposite superstar Akshay Kumar? Not at a liberty to divulge the details as yet, but yes she is okay with playing romantic interest to a hero much older to her, provided, 'it does not look awkward or creep me out'.

As for real life romance, we wonder if there is a mystery man lurking somewhere. She smiles, "I dare him to come out." Only she insists she is single and more than happy with her furry companions and their unconditional love! "You asked for love so he made you stand alone so you can love yourself," she muses. Like the many shades of her characters onscreen, clearly Wamiqa is at once sparkling and thoughtful.

Rupali Ganguly files defamation notice against stepdaughter Esha Verma



Actor Rupali Ganguly has sent a defamation notice to her stepdaughter, Esha Verma, seeking compensation of Rs 50 crore for 'maliciously' her character and personal life.

The legal notice was in response to Esha's 'false' and 'damaging statements'. Ganguly, through her lawyer, Sana Raees Khan, has claimed compensation of Rs 50 crore, which her stepdaughter is liable to pay. She has also asked for an unconditional public apology immediately, failing which Ganguly

has threatened legal measures.

The legal notice addresses Esha, "Our client states that she was shocked to see the posts and comments published by you on various social media platforms including Twitter (now X), Instagram, and Facebook. Our client states that it is apposite to put the true and correct facts leading to the issuance of the present notice..."

The notice also mentions that Rupali Ganguly underwent mental trauma because of which she had to seek

medical assistance and that she was humiliated on set and lost professional opportunities.

It is also said that Ganguly wanted to maintain a 'dignified silence' but was compelled to initiate the defamation notice because of how her and Ashwin Verma's 11-year-old son was dragged into the matter.

In the notice, it was clarified that Rupali Ganguly was friends with Ashwin Verma for 12 years, before he separated from his second wife, Esha Verma's mother in 2009. It was also said that Ganguly, along with Verma, tried to help Esha get a break into the entertainment industry by providing opportunities for photoshoots and making special arrangements for auditions.

It all started when a Reddit post went viral after a user shared snippets of an old Facebook comment made by Esha. In the comment, she accused Ganguly of having an affair with her father Ashwin while he was still married to her mother, describing Rupali as "cruel-hearted".

The post quickly made waves online, leading Ashwin to issue a statement on X denying the claims. In response, Esha posted on Instagram, saying, "There's a darker side to this story... All I ask for is compassion as it unfolds."

Manisha Koirala shares her debilitating 'headache struggles'

Manisha Koirala revealed that once a month she gets "debilitating headaches" and doesn't know what causes it. The Bollywood actress then shared her solutions and gave out tips on how to combat it.

Manisha on Tuesday morning took to Instagram, where she shared a picture of herself resting in bed. She wrote: "Headache Struggles... Hey friends! I'm sharing something personal today, hoping it might resonate with some of you."

"I get debilitating headaches once a month, and it's always a mystery - is it dehydration, lack of sleep, bad food, or stress? Or it's all of the above!?"

She then jotted down tips that help her.

"My solution? Shutting down for a day or two, escaping into soothing audiobooks or music,



eating light, hydrating lots, and meds. Anyone else experience this? How do you cope? I'm determined to break this cycle! Sharing your tips and tricks might just help me (and others!) find relief."

In October, Manisha opened up about her challenging journey with cancer. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2012.

Manisha sought treat-

ment in New York and recovered in 2014.

In terms of work, Manisha made her acting comeback this year with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's directorial 'Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar', where she played the role of Mallikajaan.

The period drama marked Koirala's reunion with Bhansali 28 years after their collaboration on the film 'Khamoshi: The Musical.'

Samira Koser delights with her Kathak performance on the inaugural day of National Classical Dance Festival at Tagore Theatre

The Department of Cultural Affairs, Chandigarh Administration, in association with Tagore Theatre Society has organised a three-day mega festival of classical dances of India, National Classical Dance Festival at Tagore Theatre, Sector 18, which began on November 11. Eminent artistes from all over India are participating in this event. On the inaugural day, Kathak exponent Samira Koser (Kathak solo), and Priyadarshini Ghosh and Mohana Iyer and troupe (Mohiniyattam) presented remarkable performances.

Samira opened the programme with a spiritual performance followed by traditional Kathak dance. Kaya Swaroopa was her next act, displaying her com-



mand over abhinaya aspect of Kathak. She captivated the audience with her inimitable style

of presenting bhavas in nritya. Accomplished artistes Guru Brij Mohan Gangani on padant, Mehmood Khan on tabla and Ramesh Parihar on vocals embellished the performance.

Later, leading exponents of Mohiniyattam, Priyadarshini Ghosh and Mohana Iyer, took to the stage. Their troupe included eight members, including Priyadarshini Ghosh, Mohana Iyer, Sampurna Mukherjee, Srijani Ghosh, Sreeradha Ghosh, Saheli Ghosh, Sanjana Ghosh and Debanjali Bandyopadhyay.

On Day 2, while Ranjana Gauhar delighted with her Odissi dance, Sridhar Vasudevan mesmerised the audience with his Bharatnatyam performance. Ranjana presented the dance

ballet *Khud Main Kabir-Kabir Main Hu*. The production was a fusion of poems and bhajans through dance.

Shridhar and his troupe presented *Dashavidha Keshava*, which was based on how Lord Krishna is worshipped in 10 forms through the captivating poetry of Kashi Jayadeva. They concluded with *Man-galam*, which was a group performance in the traditional *Bharatnatyam* style.

Today will be the concluding day of the festival and will feature Kolkata-based Ashim Bandhu and troupe performing *Moonstruck* (a Kathak-based dance ballet), followed by a dance sequence based on mythology by Delhi-based Sangeeta Sharma.

Ali Fazal to share screen space with Phoebe Waller-Bridge in 'Rule Breakers'

Indian actor Ali Fazal will be seen starring alongside Hollywood star Phoebe Waller-Bridge in the upcoming film 'Rule Breakers'. He called the actress a powerhouse of talent and that her addition has lifted the film to greater heights.

'Rule Breakers', directed by two time Oscar winner Bill Guttentag, explores themes of resilience and defiance in Afghanistan. Known for his previous work in 'Victoria and Abdul' and 'Furious 7', Fazal's collaboration with Waller-Bridge is highly anticipated. The film is set for a release in March 2025.

"I am thrilled to be a part of Rule Breakers and to share the screen with such a talented actress as

Phoebe Waller-Bridge," said Fazal.

"This project resonates with me deeply, and I believe it's crucial to tell stories that highlight the strength and resilience of individuals in challenging circumstances. I look forward to bringing this narrative to life and reaching audiences globally."

Ali feels thrilled to be able to support a film that "we think every parent should take their daughter to watch in the theatres."

"And the story being so inspiring, it was no surprise that Phoebe Waller also stepped in.. Of course she is a powerhouse of talent so her addition I am sure has lifted the film to greater heights. We play key



roles at different stages in *Roya Mehboob's* life and journey along with the Afghani robotics team for girls".

Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor rents out Mumbai apartment at an unbelievable price

Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor and his wife, Mira Kapoor, have leased their luxury apartment in Mumbai for more than Rs 20 lakh per month, according to real estate consultant Square Yards.

The couple had purchased the property in May 2024 for Rs 58.6 crore, and it was jointly acquired by them. The apartment is located in the prestigious 'Three Sixty West' project in Worli.

Square Yards confirmed on Tuesday that the couple recently rented out their 5,395 square-foot apartment in the high-end residential development by Oberoi Realty. The apartment also includes 6,175.42 square feet of



built-up area and three dedicated parking spaces.

'Three Sixty West' is a luxury residential project spread across 1.58 acres, offering 4 and 5 BHK ready-to-move-in apartments.

The lease agreement, registered in November 2024, is set for 60 months, with an initial security deposit of Rs 1.23 crore. The property is expected to generate a gross rental yield of 4-5 percent.

The lease follows a tiered rental structure, starting at Rs 20.5 lakh per month and increasing to Rs 23.98 lakh by the end of the 5-year term. The agreement also includes a rent-free period for the first 10 months.

Modi lays foundation stone for AIIMS Darbhanga; showers praise on Nitish Kumar

DARBHANGA (BIHAR), Nov 13 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday showered accolades on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, praising the alliance partner for bringing in good governance in a state which was previously reeling under "jungle raj".

Modi made a veiled attack on the Congress-RJD combine—without mentioning it by name—at a function in Darbhanga, a town in north Bihar, where he laid the foundation stone for an AIIMS and inaugurated projects worth more than Rs 12,000 crore.

In the course of his address, which lasted around 40 minutes, the Prime Minister referred to Kumar, whose JD(U) played a crucial role in enabling the NDA's return to power in the parliamentary elections earlier this year, as "lokpriya mukhyamantri" (popular chief minister).

Modi said, "Nitish babu has set up a model of sushasan (good governance)." He added, "No praise is too high for him (jitni saraahna ki jaae kam hai) for his contribution in pulling Bihar out of the era of jungle raj. Now, under the NDA's double engine government, the state is making rapid, all-round progress."

He also lambasted the previous regimes in the state, ruled by the Congress-RJD combine for 15 years before the NDA assumed power in 2005, for hoodwinking the people with "false (jhoote) promises".

Earlier, Kumar had thanked the PM for AIIMS, Darbhanga, even as he recalled having first



made request for the super specialty hospital in the north Bihar town with late BJP leader Arun Jaitley.

The PM began his speech with a reference to the assembly polls underway in Jharkhand, which was carved out of Bihar two-and-a-half decades ago, and hoped that people in the tribal state would come out to vote in large numbers.

Modi asserted that his government worked with a "holistic approach" towards healthcare that was distinct from the previous Congress regimes which were marked by "only one functional AIIMS in Delhi, with no treatment facilities available in the barely four and five other such facilities elsewhere in the country".

"Today, we have more than two dozen AIIMS across the country. Healthcare is being made available to people of weaker sections through 1.5 lakh 'Aaryogya mandirs'. Besides, more than four crore people have benefited from the Ayushman Bharat scheme", the Prime Minister said.

Modi also highlighted his government's efforts to increase the number of doctors by allowing pursuit of courses in medicine in Hindi and other vernacular languages besides "adding 75,000 new seats" in medical colleges across the country.

Known for his penchant for connecting with the people by peppering his speeches with local flavour, the PM referred to inclusion of Maithili, spoken in large parts of north Bihar, in eight schedule of the Constitution.

He also spoke of other steps taken by the Centre to promote Bihar's cultural heritage like giving classical language status to Pali.

Modi also underscored that his government's policies would give a boost to export of freshwater fish and foxnuts (makhana), which are produced in abundance in Mithila region.

He also paid tributes to folk singer Sharda Sinha, who hailed from Supaul district in Mithila and passed away last week.

The PM also recalled the contributions of late Kameshwar Singh, a renowned philanthropist who was the last ruler of the princely state of Darbhanga, and remarked "even in my parliamentary constituency (Varanasi) people keep talking of his generosity".

Modi said projects like AIIMS Darbhanga will enable the people of not just Bihar but neighbouring areas in West Bengal and Nepal to avail quality medical service "instead of making a beeline to Mumbai and Delhi".

However, AICC media panelist Prem Chandra Mishra came out with a statement, pointing out, "it has taken eight years for the Centre to wake up from its sleep and lay the foundation stone for AIIMS Darbhanga after an in-principle approval. We hope the construction will take place at a more respectable speed".

The Prime Minister also touched upon the problem of floods that ravage the Kosi-Mithila region every year, saying his government was making "honest" (imaandaar) efforts to solve the problem by holding necessary discussions with Nepal, besides drawing a detailed plan involving Rs 11,000 crore to tackle the calamity.

Others who were present at the function in Darbhanga included Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Union ministers Chirag Paswan and Nityanand Rai and Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha.

No muslim quota even if your 4th generation comes: Amit Shah to Rahul Gandhi



NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi should remember that even if his "fourth generation were to come", Muslims won't get reservations meant for SCs, STs and OBCs.

"A few days ago, Ulemas met the presi-

dent of Congress party and said that Muslims should be given reservation," Shah said, addressing a rally for the November 20 Maharashtra assembly elections.

"If reservation has to be given to Muslims, then reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs will have to be cut. Rahul Baba, not only

you but even if your four generations were to come, they cannot cut the quota meant for SCs, STs and OBCs and give it to Muslims," Shah said.

Shah also said Article 370 won't be restored, come what may. "Even if Indira Gandhi were to return from heaven, Article 370 won't be restored," Shah said.

Describing the opposition's Maha Vikas Aghadi grouping in Maharashtra as Aurangzeb Fan Club, Shah said the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance abides by the ideals of Shivaji Maharaj and Veer Savarkar.

Long-range cruise missile passes maiden flight test

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): India has carried out the maiden flight-test of a new missile called the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM). The missile has the capability to launch from a military truck and is also configured to launch from Navy warships.



It can travel up to 1,000 km to hit targets on land. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the test of LRLACM from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, off the coast of

Odisha, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said today.

During the test, all sub-systems performed as per expectations and met the primary mission objectives, the ministry added. The missile followed the desired path using way point navigation and demonstrated its capability to perform various manoeuvres while flying at various altitudes and speeds.

Chennai doctor stabbed 7 times by son of patient who had cancer

CHENNAI, Nov 13 (Agencies): A medical oncologist at the Kalaingar Centenary Super Speciality Hospital here was stabbed seven times on Wednesday by the son of a patient allegedly over grievances on treatment to his mother at the same facility, a hospital official said.

The man assaulted the doctor inside the Outpatient room during a conversation on treatment to his mother and he was apprehended immediately by staff and handed over to police who are questioning him. The doctor is being treated and he is stable, the official said.

Government doctors, strongly condemning the attack, announced a strike and Health Minister Ma Subramanian is said to hold talks with them.



The assailant has been identified as Vignesh, a resident of a suburban neighbourhood. His mother Kanchana was the patient. The victim was Balaji, a renowned oncologist and serving as associate professor in medical oncology in the government hospital.

"He closed the OP room and stabbed the doctor in his neck, behind his ear, chest, forehead, on his back, head and stomach. There was a huge blood loss. Already he is a heart patient and he had

undergone a surgery for his heart ailment," the official, an emergency medicine anaesthesiologist, told reporters.

Claiming that he wanted to talk about his mother, Vignesh entered the OP room and since the door was closed it could not be opened immediately and later with the help of security personnel, staff and others, the doctor was brought out.

The oncologist, who had also undergone pacemaker implantation was resuscitated and immediately oper-

ated upon by a multidisciplinary team of surgeons. The victim bled excessively and his medication for his heart ailment is the likely reason for more blood loss. Two units of blood was transfused and all wounds were sutured. "We have to wait and see for another six to eight hours for his recovery; the oncologist is under anaesthesia." "Balaji sir is a very sincere doctor and as of now he is stable and we pray to God that he will come back to normal condition." The official said the assailant claimed that his mother was provided chemotherapy six times in the hospital she was later shifted to a private hospital where they said that her lungs were affected and what exactly transpired between the victim and assailant is not clear.

Illegal Infiltration | ED Arrests 4 Including Bangladeshi Nationals

The federal probe agency had launched searches at 17 locations in poll-bound Jharkhand apart from West Bengal in this money laundering case



RANCHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): Four people, including two Bangladeshi nationals, have been arrested by the ED in a money laundering case related to illegal Bangladeshi infiltration into Jharkhand and neighbouring areas, official sources said on Wednesday.

Rony Mondal and Sameer Chowdhary are nationals of the neighbouring country while Pintu Haldar is an Indian.

An Indian woman named Pinki Basu Mukherjee is the fourth to be arrested in the case on Wednesday.

The first three, suspected to be touts, were arrested on Tuesday night from West Bengal for "facilitating" illegal human trafficking in India, the sources said.

The four have been taken into custody under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.

The federal probe agency had launched searches at 17 locations in poll-bound Jharkhand apart from West Bengal in this money laundering case on Tuesday.

"Incriminating" items like fake Aadhaar cards, forged passports, illegal arms, immovable property documents, cash, jewellery, printing paper and machines and blank proforma used for forging Aadhaar ID were recovered during the raids, the federal agency had said in a statement on Tuesday.

Polling is on in 43 Assembly

seats of Jharkhand on Wednesday. The remaining 38 seats of the state will vote on November 20.

The ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) had slammed the BJP-led Centre, alleging that the central agency's action was an attempt to "help the saffron camp establish its Bangladeshi infiltration narrative".

The Congress, an ally of the JMM, also made a similar allegation, saying the raids were not for Bangladeshi infiltrators but a last attempt to save the BJP's political ground in the state.

The searches came after the ED filed a case under the PMLA in September 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 assembly poll campaign.

Addressing an election rally in Deoghar on Wednesday, Modi said infiltration was a major concern in Jharkhand and the tribal population in Santhal Pargana had been reduced to half.

The JMM-led coalition government in Jharkhand allowed infiltrators to become permanent citizens, Modi alleged.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday accused the JMM-led ruling coalition of converting Jharkhand into a 'dharmashala' for Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced in Seraikela on Monday that if the BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand, then a committee would be formed to identify and drive out infiltrators from the state besides reclaiming land grabbed by them.

The ECIR (enforcement case information report) filed by the central agency stems from a Jharkhand Police FIR filed at Bariatu police station in Ranchi in June.

The police FIR, filed on the complaint of a Bangladeshi woman who allegedly infiltrated into the country from 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 Indian Penal Code (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 invoked 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 Section 14A of the Foreigners Act (penalty for entry in restricted area) in the complaint.

The FIR quoted the women complainant saying that they were trafficked into India from Bangladesh allegedly for prostitution by luring them in the name of getting a job in beauty salons.

12 wagons of goods train derails in Telangana's Peddapalli

39 passenger trains cancelled, 61 diverted; no casualty

HYDERABAD, Nov 13 (Agencies): A goods train derailed in Peddapalli district of Telangana, leading to cancellation of 39 passenger trains, officials of South Central Railway (SCR) said on Wednesday.

Twelve wagons of the goods train carrying steel coils and iron rods derailed between Raghavapuram and Ramagundam on Tuesday night, SCR Chief Public Relations Officer A Sridhar told agency.

No one was injured in the incident, he said.

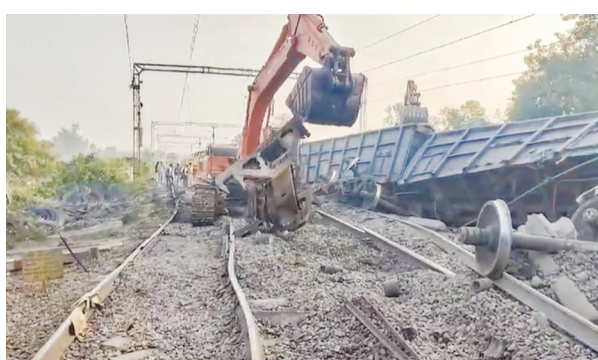
The train was proceeding from Ballari in Karnataka towards Gha-

ziabad. It's a triple line section and all the three lines got obstructed with damage to tracks, the official said.

Restoration works are underway and a temporary approach road was also being laid for deploying large cranes to the site, he said.

The SCR official said one line is expected to be given fit for traffic (for resuming train movement) by this evening and train movement on the remaining two lines is likely to start by tomorrow (Thursday).

Owing to derailment of the goods train, 39



passenger trains were cancelled, seven were partially cancelled and 61 were diverted, he said. Seven trains were rescheduled, he said. Few other trains were also regulated.

Long distance trains were not cancelled and

they were diverted to another route, the official said adding trains running within SCR zone were cancelled.

SCR General Manager Arun Kumar Jain and other senior officials were supervising the restoration works.

US says it intends to shore up support for Ukraine until Trump takes office

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken says the Biden administration intends to bolster its military support to Ukraine

BRUSSELS, Nov 13 (Agencies): President Joe Biden intends to bolster U.S. military support to Ukraine in the final months of his administration, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday, after Russia launched a sophisticated missile and drone attack on Kyiv.

The U.S. will "continue to shore up everything we're doing for Ukraine to make sure that it can effectively defend itself against this Russian aggression," Blinken told reporters at NATO headquarters, before planned meetings with allied envoys and Ukrainian officials.

Blinken warned that North Korea's decision to send its troops into combat operations alongside Russian forces



"demands and will get a firm response." He didn't elaborate.

U.S., South Korean and Ukrainian intelligence assessments say up to 12,000 North Korean combat troops are being sent to the war. The bulk of those troops were expect-

ed to be deployed in Russia's Kursk region where Ukrainian troops have seized a swathe of territory.

Russia's early morning missile and drone attack was the first on Kyiv in 73 days. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said that Russia is

intensifying its strikes, apparently in an effort to discourage Ukrainians from continuing the war, which is approaching its 1,000-day milestone.

Russia appears to be pressing its advantage as doubt swirls about how Washington might change policy on the war after Donald Trump takes office as U.S. president in January. The U.S. is the biggest provider of military help to Ukraine.

Trump has slammed the Biden administration for giving Kyiv tens of billions of dollars in aid and has promised to quickly end the conflict.

Ukraine's international backers fear that any rushed settlement would mostly benefit Russian President Vladimir Putin.

14 dead in Pakistan wedding bus crash, bride survives



GILGIT, Nov 13 (Agencies): A bus carrying guests home from a wedding plunged into a river in northern Pakistan killing at least 14 people, officials said Wednesday, with the bride so far the only known survivor. "There were 25 people on the bus and so far 14 dead bodies have been recovered while 10 are still missing," said Wazir

Asad Ali, a rescue official in Gilgit-Baltistan.

"The bride is out of danger and she is being treated in a Gilgit hospital," Ali added.

Naik Alam, a senior police official from the area, told AFP the driver appeared to have been speeding when he lost control at a curve.

The groom's family had travelled from Punjab,

more than 500 kilometres (300 miles) away, for the wedding and were returning home when the accident happened.

Road accidents with high fatalities are common in Pakistan, where safety measures are lax, driver training is poor, and transport infrastructure is often decrepit.

In Balochistan in August, 12 men died when their bus crashed into a ravine on the Makran Coastal Highway.

In another accident that month, 24 people on board a bus were killed when it plunged into a ravine near the town of Azad Pattan on the border between Punjab province and Pakistan-administered Kashmir.

3 young siblings among 6 killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza, medics say

DEIR AL-BALAH, Nov 13 (Agencies): Palestinian medics say an Israeli strike on a home in northern Gaza killed three siblings aged 6 and under.

They were among at least six people killed in Israeli strikes on Tuesday in the war-ravaged territory, where Israel has been at war with Hamas for more than 13 months.

The Gaza Health Ministry's emergency service says the three children were killed in a strike on a home near a clinic in the urban Jabaliya refugee camp, where Israel has been waging an offensive for over a month.

In the central city of Deir al-Balah, a strike hit a tent in the western side of the city, killing at least two people, including a 15-year-old boy, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital said. Another strike



on a tent in the built-up Nuseirat refugee camp killed a man, the hospital said. An agency journalist counted the three bodies at the hospital.

Israel says it only targets militants and tries to avoid harming civilians. It accuses Hamas militants of hiding among civilians in homes and shelters.

The military rarely comments on individual strikes, which often kill women and children.

The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel on

Oct. 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking another 250 people hostage. Around 100 captives are still inside Gaza, a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Israel's retaliatory offensive has killed over 43,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities. They do not distinguish between militants and civilians in their count but say women and children make up more than half of those killed.

Japanese regulators disqualify a reactor under post-Fukushima safety standards for the first time

TOKYO, Nov 13 (Agencies): Japan's nuclear watchdog on Wednesday formally disqualified a reactor in the country's north-central region for a restart, the first rejection under safety standards that were reinforced after the 2011 Fukushima disaster. The decision is a setback for Japan as it seeks to accelerate reactor restarts to maximize nuclear power.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority at a regular meeting Wednesday announced the Tsuruga No. 2 reactor is "unfit" as its operator failed to address safety risks stemming from possible active faults underneath it.

Tsuruga No. 2, operated by the Japan Atomic Power Co., is the first reactor to be rejected under the safety standards adopted in 2013 based on lessons from the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi meltdown disaster following a massive earthquake and tsunami.

"We reached our conclusion based on a very strict examination," NRA chairperson Shin-suke Yamanaka told reporters.

The verdict comes after more than eight years of safety reviews that were repeatedly disrupted by data coverups



and mistakes by the operator, Yamanaka said. He called the case "abnormal" and urged the utility to take the result seriously.

The decision is a blow to Japan Atomic Power because it virtually ends its hopes for a restart. The operator, which is decommissioning its other reactor, Tsuruga No. 1, had hoped to put No. 2 back online, but it would require an examination of dozens of faults around the reactor to prove their safety.

An NRA safety panel concluded three months ago there's no evidence denying the possibility of active faults about 300 meters (330 yards) north of the

No. 2 reactor stretching to right underneath the facility, meaning the reactor cannot be operated. Japan's government in 2022 adopted a plan to maximize the use of nuclear energy, pushing to accelerate reactor restarts to secure a stable energy supply and meet its pledge to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.

Concern about the government's revived push for nuclear energy grew after a magnitude 7.5 earthquake hit Japan's Noto Peninsula on Jan. 1, 2024, killing more than 400 people and damaging more than 100,000 structures.

The quake caused minor damage to two nearby nuclear

facilities, and evacuation plans for the region were found to be inadequate.

Building key nuclear facilities, such as reactors, directly above active faults is prohibited in earthquake-prone Japan.

Yamanaka said the NRA is not immediately ordering a decommissioning because the reactor, which is offline and its spent fuel safely cooled, will not pose a major threat if active faults move.

If the utility decides to reapply, it must address not only the faults issue but it also must implement adequate safety measures for the entire plant, Yamanaka said. Providing scientific proof of the status of faults underneath key nuclear facilities is difficult, but other operators that obtained restart permits all cleared the requirement, he noted.

The Tsuruga No. 2 reactor first started commercial operation in February 1987 and has been offline since May 2011. The operator denied the NRA panel's 2013 on-site inspection results, which concluded that the faults under the No. 2 reactor were active, and it applied for a restart in 2015.

China holds combat drills at a disputed shoal west of the Philippines

BEIJING, Nov 13 (Agencies): China held sea and air combat drills Wednesday at disputed Scarborough Shoal and other outcrops in the South China Sea, an uninhabited area of reefs and rocks it had seized from the Philippines in the South China Sea.

China on Sunday published new baselines for the shoal including geographic coordinates. A nation's territorial waters and exclusive economic zone are typically defined as the distance from the baselines.

Tensions between China and the Philip-

pines have been building over their competing claims to Scarborough Shoal and other outcrops in the South China Sea.

Clashes have occurred including the Chinese coast guard firing water cannons at Filipino ships.

"This is a patrol and guard activity carried out by the theater troops in accordance with the law," the People's Liberation Army's southern command said in a short statement.

China seized the shoal, which lies west of the main Philippine



island of Luzon, in 2012, and has since restricted access to Filipino fishermen there. A 2016 ruling by an international arbitration court found that most Chinese claims in the South China Sea were invalid but Beijing refuses to abide by it.

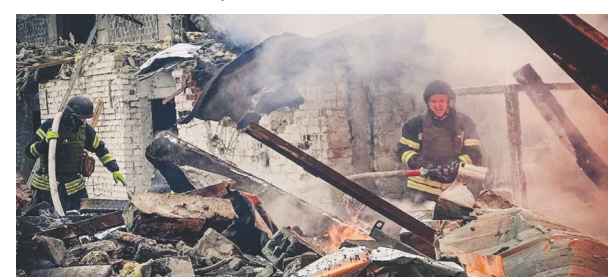
There was no immediate comment from the Philippine government to China's drills, but it has repeatedly asserted its sovereignty over Scarborough Shoal, which it says lies within its internationally recognized exclu-

sive economic zone, a 200-nautical-mile (370-kilometer) stretch of waters where it has an exclusive right to tap resources.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. signed two laws last week reaffirming the extent of his country's maritime territories and right to resources, including in the South China Sea, in a move that angered China.

China's claims to almost the entire sea overlap with claims by the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia and other governments.

Russia strikes Kyiv with a combined drone and missile attack, the first in months



KYIV, Nov 13 (Agencies): Russia struck Kyiv with a sophisticated missile and drone attack for the first time in 73 days on Wednesday morning and damage is still being assessed, a top official in the Ukrainian capital said. Air raid warnings

blared for hours. Serhii Popko, head of the Kyiv City military administration, said defense forces destroyed several cruise and ballistic missiles and up to a dozen drones.

He said damage was still being assessed. In the past, such com-

bined attacks aimed to overwhelm air defenses and cause maximum damage.

A 48-year-old man suffered head injuries in the Brovary district of Kyiv, according to emergency services. Debris from the attack caused a fire at a warehouse, said Kyiv Gov. Ruslan Kravchenko.

Popko also announced daytime electricity supply restrictions for businesses and industry in Kyiv due to Russian shelling and deficit in power generation.

Iran executes in public a serial rapist convicted in dozens of cases

Iran's state media say authorities have executed in public a man convicted of raping dozens of women over two decades

TEHRAN, Nov 13 (Agencies): An Iranian man convicted of raping dozens of women over the past two decades has been executed in public, the country's state media reported on Wednesday.

The state-owned IRAN newspaper said

Mohammad Ali Salamat was hanged after Iran's Supreme Court confirmed his death sentence earlier in October. He was put to death at dawn Tuesday in a cemetery in the western city of Hamedan.

Some 200 women had accused Salamat,

a 43-year old who ran a pharmacy and a gym in the city, of rape.

He is said to have committed the crimes over the past 20 years.

Reports by Iranian media said that in many of the cases, Salamat raped his victims after proposing marriage or



dating them.

He allegedly provided

some with abortion pills, which are illegal in Iran.

He was arrested in January in what was the biggest number of rape case ever attributed to a single offender in Iran. Following his arrest, hundreds of people gathered at the city's justice department, demanding capital punishment for Salamat.

U.N. experts said in September that Iran is among the world's top countries that carry out executions.

Increasing number of executions in Iran has prompted an outcry by human rights groups.

Rape and adultery are among offences in Iran

punishable by death. In 2005, Iran publicly hanged a 24-year-old man who raped and killed 20 children.

In 1997, authorities hanged a 28-year-old man for kidnapping, raping and killing nine girls and women in Tehran.

Jammu Motors launches All- New Dzire

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: All New Dzire was unveiled on Wednesday at Head Office Arena Showroom of Jammu Motors Pvt Limited at 6 Akhnoor Road by Senior Officials of Axis Bank Rachna Arora, (National Head), and Jitin Bhatia (Vice President) along with Sanjay Aggarwal (Managing Director), Kanav Aggarwal (CEO), Harmeet Singh (Deputy General Manager) and Nitish Boghia (Sales Manager) of Jammu Motors Private Limited.

Creating a new benchmark in the compact sedan segment, Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL), introduced the Dazzling New Dzire with petrol and S-CNG models.

As one of the most successful and iconic brands in Maruti Suzuki's portfolio, the Dzire has earned the trust of over 27 Lakh customers across the country.



The Dazzling New Dzire has been reimagined to build on the strong foundation of its legacy and unmatched style, comfort and reliability.

With its progressive design, plush two-tone interiors and a host of segment-first features, the Dazzling New Dzire offers a distinguished and premium experience.

Crafted for young, accomplished individuals who view cars as a reflection of their personality, the new Dzire aims to be

a game-changer by effortlessly integrating style with performance, sophistication and comfort.

With the Next-Gen Z-Series engine at the heart, the All-New Maruti Suzuki Dzire promises incredible value as India's Most Fuel-Efficient Sedan.

Featuring a modern design philosophy, the Dazzling New Dzire sports a dynamic and progressive design that asserts an unmistakable road presence.

The progressive sleek silhouette not only enhances its visual appeal but also contributes to remarkable aerodynamic efficiency.

The Dazzling New Dzire is India's Most Fuel-Efficient Sedan with a fuel economy of 24.79 km/l[^] in Petrol MT and 33.73 km/kg[^] in S-CNG mode, marking an 11% and 8% improvement, respectively, as compared to the previous model.

The Dazzling New Dzire sets a new benchmark in

its segment with a raft of segment-first features. These include an electric sunroof that enhances the cabin experience by amplifying the sense of space inside the cabin.

Another segment-first feature available in the Dzire is the 360 HD View Camera. Equipped with dynamic guidelines, a Three View Screen and 360 HD View Camera, the Dzire offers unparalleled convenience for parking in tight spaces with ease.

The Dazzling New Dzire comes with the segment-first Suzuki Connect telematics solution that provides real-time vehicle tracking and remote functionality for added convenience.

The event was attended by the bankers, insurance partners, customers, and auto enthusiasts.

The All New Dzire is available at all the showrooms of Jammu Motors Pvt Ltd at Jammu, Kathua, Vijaypur, Mahanpur, Akhnoor, Nowshera and Chowki Choura.

Regional review meeting assesses progress in strengthening Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sector for Northern States/UTs

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: A Regional Review Meeting of the Northern States/UTs was held on 12th November 2024 in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Alka Upadhyaya, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

The meeting brought together Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries, Directors and scheme officers from the Animal Husbandry and Dairying Departments of the Northern States/UTs including Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand to discuss the progress of various departmental programs and schemes.

Key officials of the department including Varsha Joshi, Additional Secretary and Jagat Hazarika, Adviser (Statistics) were also present for the meeting.

During the meeting, Secretary DAHD reviewed the physical and financial progress of several key schemes, including the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), Entrepreneurship Development under the National Livestock Mission (NLM), the National Animal Disease Control Pro-



gramme (NADCP) and the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) During the meeting, progress of Government of India's flagship LHDCCP (Livestock Health and Disease Control Program), which focuses on vaccination against major diseases such as Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, PPR (Peste des Petits Ruminants) and Classical Swine Fever (CSF) was also reviewed, with discussions on the status of six-monthly vaccinations for cattle, buffaloes, sheep, and goats.

Discussions were also held on several other topics including components under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), the operationalization of Mobile Veterinary Units (MVUs) and the formation of "Pashukalyan Samities."

Alka Upadhyaya, urged the states to speed up vaccinations and increase reporting to prevent disease spread. She underscored the need for sero-surveillance and mentioned that the

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Free-zones should be a focus.

Highlighting the importance of growth in the dairy sector, she emphasized upon the need to increase processing capacity and diversifying dairy products. Secretary, DAHD encouraged the States to spend funds for interest subvention under NLM. She asked the states to monitor claim-to-settlement ratio and review the progress constantly.

On the issue of fodder production, she requested all the states to constitute fodder cooperatives. Increasing the coverage of the organized dairy sector, promoting Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) especially in the Goat, Pig and Poultry sector and optimising the infrastructure and wealth creation by taking the benefits of NLM and AHIDF were highlighted as strategic approaches to strengthen the livestock sector in the Northern region.

Secretary, DAHD also emphasized the collective responsibility of all stakeholders to ensure the success of the ongoing 21st Livestock Census that plays a critical role in shaping future policies and programs for the Animal Husbandry sector and called for leveraging the latest technologies to achieve its successful implementation.

Govt SPMR College Commerce celebrates 555th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: In honor of the upcoming 555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, SPMR College of Commerce Jammu organised an enlightening lecture on Wednesday focusing on the teachings and legacy of the revered Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The event, held at the college auditorium, attracted students, faculty, and community members who were eager to learn about Guru Nanak's profound impact on spirituality, humanity, and social justice.

The day began with lamp lighting thereafter a welcome address was delivered by Dr. Mamta Rani, HOD of Punjabi department. After this a

soulful poetry session was started where students recited their poems based on the spiritual wisdom imparted by the Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

This was followed by a special lecture by former Additional Secretary of J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Dr. Arvinder Singh Aman. He shared insights into Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of oneness, compassion, and selfless service. He also stressed upon the importance of moral values in shaping the behavior of students which will positively contribute to the society.

Later Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta, HOD of Commerce department, also spoke about the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal of the college has expressed his gratitude towards the students and staff for their active participation in the event, saying, "Guru Nanak Dev Ji's message of love, peace, and equality continues to inspire us. Today's celebration was a reminder of the values that bind us as a community, regardless of our background or beliefs."

At the end of the programme, 'Kada Prasad' was served to students and staff.

SPMR college of Commerce remains committed to nurturing the spirit of unity, compassion, and community service in all its students, reflecting the core principles taught by Guru Nanak Dev.

DC Baramulla Inaugurates "Vartalap" Media Workshop cum Interaction Program

Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Nov 13: The Press Information Bureau (PIB) Srinagar organized "Vartalap," a media workshop cum interaction program aimed at strengthening engagement with media representatives in Baramulla district.

The program was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, in the presence of Joint Director PIB Srinagar, Qazi Salman.

This event provided a platform to discuss key flagship programs of the Government of India, ongoing district developments, and the crucial role of media in promoting transparency and public awareness.

The Deputy Commissioner, serving as the chief guest, shared insights into recent achievements and the administration's commitment to advancing these initiatives for the public good. In his address, he highlighted significant advancements in infrastructure, healthcare, and social welfare under government programs such as Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), and the Jai Jeevan Mission. These initiatives, he noted, are transforming lives across the district by providing improved healthcare, housing, and essential amenities to local residents. The DC also commended the media's role in raising public awareness about these programs and reinforcing accountability through responsible reporting.

Joint Director PIB Srinagar, Qazi Salman, provided an overview of PIB's role in connecting the government with the public by disseminating accurate information on flagship initiatives. He discussed how PIB Srinagar regularly provides the press with reliable details on government schemes and achievements, ensuring that the community receives timely updates on initiatives that directly impact their lives.

The Chief Planning Officer Baramulla, Javid Ahmad, briefed attendees on the district's development initiatives, focusing on key projects in road construction, housing, and public utilities. He highlighted efforts to enhance connectivity and ensure sustainable growth, aligning these projects with the Government of India's flagship programs to support Baramulla's long-term development.

DC Srinagar flags off "Run for Diabetes" along Foreshore Nishat

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 13: On the eve of 'World Diabetes Day 2024', the Department of Endocrinology at Superspecialty Hospital, Govt Medical College, Srinagar, organized an event, 'Run for Diabetes,' on Wednesday here at Nishat along Foreshore Road.

The 5 Km Run was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat aimed at promoting the importance of lifestyle modifications as a key preventive measure against diabetes, highlighting how physical

activity and a healthy lifestyle can reduce the risk.

The event was a part of a broader effort to break barriers and bridge gaps in diabetes awareness, empowering the community with the knowledge to make informed health choices.

Administrator GMC Srinagar, Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Dean of Medical faculty SKIMS Prof Shariq Masoodi, HOD Endocrinology GMC Srinagar Dr M Hayat Bhat were also present at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the significance

of awareness about importance of a healthy lifestyle through such events.

The DC also lauded the organizers for holding such an event regarding the importance of public health. He said collective effort underscores our commitment to a healthier, diabetes-free future.

The event also saw the participation of endocrinologists Dr Shah Nawaz Mir, Dr Hilal Mohiuddin, Dr Khurshid, Dr Saleem Baba, Dr Abid Bhat, Cardiologist Dr Irfan Bhat, the Kashmir Runners Club, members from Pharma Industry and general public.

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Demolition of Properties | SC lays down Pan-India guidelines, Says Executive can't replace Judiciary

Article 142 empowers the Apex Court to pass any decree or order necessary for doing complete justice in any case or matter pending before it.

While pronouncing the judgement, the bench said even after order of demolition are passed, the affected parties need to be given some time so as to challenge the order before an appropriate forum.

It said even in cases where people do not wish to contest the demolition order, sufficient time needs to be given to them to vacate and arrange their affairs.

"It is not a happy sight to see women, children and ailing persons dragged to the streets overnight," it said, adding, "Heavens would not fall on the authorities if they hold their hands for some period".

The bench directed that notice shall be served upon the owner by registered post and additionally, notice shall also be affixed on the outer portion of the structure.

"The time of 15 days state herein above shall start from the date of receipt of the said notice," it said.

The bench clarified that its directions will not be applicable if there is any unauthorised structure in any public place such as roads, streets, footpaths, abutting railways lines or any river or water body and also to cases where there is an order for demolition made by a court of law.

It also directed that proceedings of demolition shall be video-graphed.

"Needless to state that the authorities

herein after shall strictly comply with the aforesaid directions issued by us," it said, adding that violation of any of its directions would lead to initiation of contempt proceedings.

It said accused and convicts have certain rights and safeguards in light of the Constitution and the criminal law.

The top court delivered its verdict on pleas seeking framing of guidelines on demolition of properties in the country. It had reserved its verdict in the matter on October 1.

While hearing the matter, the top court had said it will lay down pan-India guidelines and made it clear that any religious structure in the middle of a road, be it a 'dargah' or a temple, "has to go" because public interest is paramount.

It had said merely because somebody is an accused or even a convict cannot be a ground for demolition of property.

A batch of pleas alleged that properties, including of those accused of crime, were being demolished in several states.

While hearing the matter earlier, the top court had observed that even one instance of illegal demolition was against the "ethos" of the Constitution.

Last week, in a separate matter, the apex court had said that citizens' voices cannot be throttled by a threat of destroying their properties and 'bulldozer justice' is simply unacceptable under the rule of law.

Cop arrested for selling heroin at Jammu hospital

drugs to innocent youth for illicit profit. This syndicate is suspected of being involved in drug overdose deaths in the area.

"SP City North, Brijesh Sharma, is personally supervising the investigation to

uncover the connections of these drug peddlers and dismantle the entire drug ecosystem established by this syndicate," he said.

"Their financial investigation is also ongoing to identify properties acquired through narcotics proceeds, to attach these illegitimate assets," he added.

In a similar incident on November 7, constable Parwaiz Khan was arrested along with his two wives during a raid on their house. Heroin and more than Rs 2.5 lakh in cash were seized from them.

BSF additional DG reviews security in border areas of Jammu

and was briefed on the operational aspects by the field commanders," BSF Jammu posted on X, also sharing four pictures of Khandare's tour.

The border guarding force deployed along the IB in the Jammu sector besides some parts of the Line of Control (LoC) is on high alert to ensure zero infiltration of terrorists and smuggling of weapons and narcotics from across the border, officials said.

They said while most of the infiltration routes are blocked by heavy snowfall along the LoC in Kashmir and south of Pir Panjal in the Jammu region during winter months, the terror handlers shift their focus on the IB and other plain areas of Jammu to push heavily armed terrorists by exploiting foggy conditions.

The officials said Inspector General of BSF, Jammu frontier, D K Boora and other senior officers received Khandare and accompanied him during his visit to the border areas in the Jammu sector.

The ADG, Western command, chaired a high-level meeting at the BSF headquarters and was briefed on the operational aspects by the field commanders, they said.

Old shell recovered from banks of Jhelum in Baramulla, say police

Gunj of north Kashmir's Baramulla. Police shared an image of what appeared to be a rusted mortar shell inside an apparent pothole.

They said, officials have started investigation into the matter.

Attack on VC could not be corroborated: J&K Police

the alleged version was found," police said

"The people around and nearby police naaka also did not hear any firing sounds, except some rounds fired by security personnel detailed with VC, who made caution fire purportedly on some perceived suspicion. Matter, however, is being enquired into," the police said.

Vice Chancellor Khan, who became the first woman to hold the position at Kashmir University in May 2022, reiterated that there was "firing" on her convoy as she was returning from a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

"It is now for the police to determine what happened," she said.

Two rusty mortar shells found in Samba

squad was informed, officials said. The shells were found at Balole Khad by a villager who immediately informed the police and subsequently, a police team visited the spot, they said.

A bomb disposal squad was summoned to defuse the devices, the officials added.

All-women CISF battalion will protect airports, metros, provide VIP security: Amit Shah

Industrial Security Force (CISF) comprising more than 1,000 personnel was sanctioned by the Union government on Monday keeping in mind the burgeoning duties of the force.

"In a firm step towards realizing Modi Ji's vision of enhancing women's participation in every field of nation-building, the Modi government has approved the establishment of the first all-women battalion of the CISF.

"To be raised as an elite troop, the Mahila Battalion will shoulder the responsibility of protecting the nation's critical infrastructure, like airports and metro rails, and providing VIP security as commandos," Shah wrote on X.

The home minister said the decision will certainly fulfil the aspirations of more women to participate in the crucial task of protecting the nation.

Women personnel constitute over 7 per cent of the CISF whose present strength is about 1.80 lakh.

5.2 magnitude earthquake strikes J&K, No loss of life or property

Jammu tourism packages The quake occurred at 10:43 am in the Afghanistan region, they said. The tremors were felt in the Kashmir Valley, causing panic among the people as they rushed outdoors.

Alexander Memorial School hosts Inter-School Sports Events

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JAMMU, Nov 13: Alexander Memorial School, Jammu hosted a "Inter-School Sports Events" under the aegis of Youth Talent Search (a forum of schools of Jammu) on its "SILVER JUBILEE YEAR".

Esther William, Principal of the host school, received the Guests, Senior educationist, the participants along with their escort teachers. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Yudhvir Sethi MLA, Jammu East & "Guest of Honour" was Anil Kumar Gupta, Yoga Coach Indian Team and Dr. Kishor Sharma, Principal, Govt. Hari Singh Hr. Sc School, Jammu.

Other honored attendees including Prabha Jain (Chairperson, New Era Environmental High School), Shashi Sharma (Principal, Bikram Memorial School, Bishnah),

Rajni Gupta (Director, JK Montessori Hr. Sec. School), Neeru Puri (Principal, S.D. Tarapuri High School), Shivani Joshi (Principal, Lawrence Public School), Usha Jamwal (Principal, Bhagwati Haqiqat Memorial School), Anu Charak (Vice Principal, Humanity Public School), Mala Sharma (Chairperson, Elite Public High School), Anita Kaul (Principal, Play way House Hr. Sec. School).

Those prominent among the guests were Johnny William (IPS) Former IGP, President Alexander Memorial Education Society, Jammu, Feastus Sotra, Secretary St. Paul's Church, CNI Jammu, Dr. Ashwani Jajra from Sahyog India, Pooja Malhotra, Rotary Club, Rajbinder Singh Kler, Proprietor, Cross Way Cricket Academy, Delight Sarah William Kler, Director, D-Drama Academy and

other distinguished guest.

The schools participated in this competition include New Era Environmental High School, Circular Road, Jammu, Alexander Memorial School Id-Gah Residency Road, Jammu, Bikram Memorial School, Bishnah, JK Montessori Hr. Sec. School, Talab Tillo, Jammu, S.D. Tarapuri High School Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Lawrence Public School, Sidhra, Bhagwati Haqiqat Memorial School, Lower Barnai, Jammu, Humanity Public School, Bari Brahama, Jammu, Elite Public High School, Om Nagar, Udhaywalla, Bohri (Near K.K. Resort Hall), Jammu and Play way House Hr. Sec. School Pounichak, Jammu.

The audience highly appreciated the performance of the participants and gave them a big hand after each item as a mark of appreciation and encouragement. Youth

Talent Search always encourages students to be rooted in Indian culture and ethos. The Chief Guest as well Guest of Honour gave their blessings and guided them to be good citizens of India.

The Sports-Event Competitions held were: Frog Race, 30 Mts. Race, Balloon Balancing Race, Lemon & Spoon Race, Hurdles Race, 100mts. Race, Three Legged Race, Sack Race & Relay Race.

BOYS Class I, Frog Race: Lawrence Public School, 1st S.D. Tarapuri School, 2nd and Elite Public School, 3rd. Class II, Balloon Balancing Race: Humanity Public School, 1st, Elite Public School, 2nd and Lawrence Public School, 3rd. Class III, Hurdles Race: Humanity Public School, 1st, J.K. Montessori Hr. Sec. School, 2nd and Elite Public School, 3rd. Class V, Sack Race: Humanity

Public School, 1st, Elite Public School and Bhagwati Haqiqat School, joint second and Lawrence Public School, 3rd.

GIRLS Class I, 30 Mts Race: Humanity Public School, 1st Bhagwati Haqiqat School, 2nd and Bikram Memorial School, 3rd. Class II, Lemon & Spoon Race: New Era Environmental School, 1st and Elite Public School, 2nd. Class III, 100 Mts. Race: Humanity Public School, 1st, Lawrence Public School, 2nd and Bhagwati Haqiqat School, 3rd. Class IV, Three Legged Race: Humanity Public School, 1st, Alexander Memorial School and Elite Public School, joint 2nd and Bhagwati Haqiqat School, 3rd. Class V, Relay Race: Humanity Public School, 1st, Lawrence Public School, 2nd and Playway House School and S.D. Tarapuri School, joint 3rd.

G.D. Goenka School gets Best Delegation award for Diplomacy and Negotiation at Erudite MUN 2024

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JAMMU, Nov 13: The team of zealous debaters from G.D. Goenka Public School, Jammu governed by Om Prakash Bansal Charitable Trust emerged as the Best School Delegation at the prestigious Erudite MUN 2024, held from 9th to 10th November at Jammu Sanskriti School, organised by the Erudite Community.

Atharv Delema earned the Best Delegate Award, while Sanidhya Sharma and Chinmay Pandita



received High Commendations.

Honourable Mentions were awarded to Samyak Jain, Trijal Talwar, and Aarushi in their respective committees.

Principal, Arindam Roy Choudhury lauded the

students for their outstanding performance and dedication, commending their achievements as a testament to the school's commitment to excellence in academics and co-curricular activities.

SWD, DE&CC Ramban hold Career Counseling Seminar at GDC Batote

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Nov 13: In an empowering step for young girls, the Department of Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Department of Employment and Counseling Centre Ramban under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized a one-day seminar on career counseling and guidance at Government Degree College (GDC) Batote. This initiative was conducted under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao program.

The session, presided over by GDC Principal Nirlep Kour, included Employment Counselor Lovpreet Singh, who guided students on



selecting suitable career paths, the productive use of electronic gadgets for career enhancement, and personality development. He also introduced Psychometry Tests as a self-assessment tool to help students better understand their aptitudes and preferences.

With oversight from District Social Welfare Officer Rahul Gupta, Social Welfare Officer Neha

Thakur motivated students to set clear career goals, work hard to achieve them, and highlighted the importance of effective time management.

The seminar aimed to equip students, particularly young girls, with essential skills and career insights to make informed choices and promote their personal and professional growth.

Membership drive represents BJP's trust in democracy: Tarun Chugh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: Membership drive represents BJP's trust in democracy, which grants equal performance-based opportunity to everybody to get to any post in the organization. BJP celebrates this as 'Sangathan Parv' as the whole process is cherished by the enthusiastic party workers, said Tarun Chugh.

Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, BJP & Prabhari, J&K BJP accompanied by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha), Er Ghulam Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha), Ravinder Raina, former President J&K BJP, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, Suil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in J&K Legislative Assembly & General Secretary, J&K BJP, Adv Vibodh Gupta,



General Secretary, J&K BJP, Priya Sethi, BJP NEM and Munish Khajuria, Convenor 'Sangathan Parv' were present on the stage.

BJP MPs, MLAs, State Office Bearers, J&K BJP, former MLAs, District Prabharis, District Presidents, District Seh-Prabharis, DDCs, Sangathan Parv teams and others participated in the meeting.

Tarun Chugh, while congratulating the party leaders for their great performance in the recently held Assembly elections in J&K, said that now they need to be prepared to stand up to the expectations of the voters of the

region. He said that our commitment should be reflected in our behaviour and we have to safeguard our ideology at any cost.

Tarun Chugh lauded the party activists for garnering support and votes from all the areas of J&K and said that the party has improved its presence considerably in every section.

Tarun Chugh asked the party cadre to achieve the membership target set up by the party in the stipulated time to further strengthen the party and said that this will directly reflect in the positive outcomes in the forthcoming elections in the Jammu & Kashmir.

Sat Sharma, while delivering his Presidential address, said that the BJP has created a history with the consistent performance over the time. He said that with the dedicated party cadre and the committed party leadership the party has gained ever-increasing popularity among the masses garnering support from all the quarters of society. This has enabled the party to be number one in terms of primary membership surpassing China's political party. He asked the party workers to ensure the maximum membership to fulfill their duty.

Ashok Koul, while elaborating on the membership

drive prompted the senior party leaders to share the work done by them to ensure the target of membership drive set up by the party. He asked them to promote the active party workers in the task to make inroads within the society and ensure the maximum membership.

Priya Sethi, while conducting the proceedings of the meeting, said that the people have developed faith on the Modi government and the party activists have to just approach them to enroll them as the primary members.

Munish Khajuria shared the minute details of the member registration process and presented a note of thanks. During the meeting, BJP leaders paid Shradhanjali to senior leaders of the BJP Devender Singh Rana and Mohan Prashar.

Sunil Sharma was felicitated for being elected as the Leader of the Opposition.

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

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: The Government College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu culminated its Two-day Workshop on "Work-Life Synergy: Strategies for Success" on Wednesday. The workshop brought together faculty, professionals and students to explore effective strategies for balancing personal and professional responsibilities.

The Valedictory function 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 valedictory function was Mr Abdul Majid Bhatt, Director Finance, Dehart

ment of Higher Education Government of J&K. Mr. Abdul Majid Bhat's contributions to the Higher Education Department have been instrumental in shaping the financial backbone of educational progress. With his visionary leadership in managing resources, he has ensured that financial planning aligns with the evolving needs of institutions, allowing for innovation and growth. In his address he emphasised on the fact that Work-life balance is not about separating work and life, it's about integrating them, and prioritizing your personal and professional life.

Prof. Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the college, then delivered a heartfelt welcome address. She stressed upon the importance of work-life synergy, especially in the fast-paced, high-pressure environments that many individuals face today. In her address, Dr. Meeru Abrol 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 esteemed 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.

The resource person for 3rd technical session was Mrs. Geetika Kohli Amla, a renowned Entrepreneur, Author, and Public Speaker from Jammu & Kashmir. Her session emphasized that beyond academic knowledge, educators need effective communication, empathy, and interpersonal skills to foster a positive and

engaging learning.

The resource person for the fourth technical session was Dr. Hema Gandotra, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu. Dr. Hema has shared her wisdom on the topic - Gender Inclusion at work place. She highlighted about Gender role construction and how it starts from birth and continues till death. She talked about role of Media and other socializing agencies like family in Gender construction.

The Overview of the college and Introduction to the workshop was presented by Prof. Nisha Bhagat Convenor of the workshop. 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 detailed and extensive report of Two Day

Workshop on Work Life Synergy: Strategies for Success was presented by Prof. Anju Bala, Co-Convenor of the workshop.

In the event, the maiden issue of NSS Newsletter Veerangana was also released by the Chief Guest and NSS Coordinator of University of Jammu. Later certificates were distributed among the participants of the Two Day Workshop. The certificates of appreciation were also distributed among the volunteers of the college.

The Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Pavanjeet Bali, Coordinator of career counselling cell of the college. She thanked all the Dignitaries for their benign presence and the participants for joining the workshop and showing commitment to learning.

The valedictory session culminated with the recitation of the National Anthem, which evoked a sense of unity and patriotism among the attendees.

AJKPSA constitutes its Block Bhalwal body

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JAMMU, Nov 13: All J&K Panchayat Secretary Association (AJKPSA) On Wednesday constituted its body for Block Bhalwal.

As per the handout of association, Sumit Gupta is unanimously elected as President of the newly constituted body while Princy Koul as Vice President, Ovais Mirza as Joint Secretary, Bumesh Kumar as General Secretary and Vinamra Yougal as Cashier.

The election was held under the chairmanship



of Rajesh Dutta District President and presence of others members of the district body.

Inspector Panchayat RS Pura Rajesh Bakshi was special invitee to conduct the election

which was held under the overall supervision of Block Development Officer Bhalwal, Khalil-Ur-Rehman.

All the other members of Block actively took part in the election

Indian Hawks speed skaters bag 45 medals in J&K UT C'ship 2024

Samaira, Tamanna, Puneesh among 9 emerge UT Champions

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: Indian Hawks Roller Skating Club (IHRSC) has once again proven its dominance on the rink and in road races, clinching an impressive 45 medals at the J&K UT Skating Championship with nine emerging as J&K UT Champions in various categories.

The club's outstanding performance has not only brought home numerous accolades but also solidified its reputation as one of the top skating institutions in the region.

Samaira Gandotra, Tamanna Saini, Puneesh Puri and Vanshaj Sharma remained unbeatable by clinching three gold medals each and emerging as UT Champions along with five others who also made a mark by topping in the medal tally in their respective age categories.

The other medal winners include Haneet Kour 3 silver medals, Avikam 1 gold and 2 silver medals, Gurtej Singh 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze, Adwait Sharma 1 silver and 2 bronze medals, Viraj Gandotra 2 silver,

and 1 bronze medal, Adhira Kanotra 2 gold and 1 silver medal, Saanvi Grover 2 gold and 1 silver medal, Udhay Narayan 1 gold and 2 silver medals, Samarjot Singh 1 gold and 1 silver, Kartikeya Puri 1 silver and 1 bronze, Tabish Haider 2 gold medals, Surya Bhaskar 1 gold (Alpine), Rudra Arora 1 gold (Alpine), and Anyasha 1 bronze.

Competing against fierce talent from across the Union Territory, the club's skaters showcased their exceptional skills, dedication, and sportsmanship, earning medals in almost all age categories of quads and inline speed skating.

The 9 emerging UT champions, each with remarkable performances, are a testament to the hard work, discipline, and passion that the club instills in its skaters.

Lauding the skaters for their phenomenal performance, Ashok Gandotra (Retd Chief Engineer) President of the Club said "I am immensely proud of our skaters' performance at the UT Championship 2024. Their hard work, perseverance, and

unwavering commitment to excellence have truly paid off. To have 9 of our skaters emerge as UT champions is a remarkable achievement and speaks volumes about the talent and discipline within IHRSC."

He further said that the results at the championship are a direct reflection of the quality of training and support provided at IHRSC. "This victory is not just a win in medals, but a celebration of the spirit, teamwork, and determination that defines our club", he maintained.

Meanwhile, the skaters of IHRSC also showcased supremacy at the recently held Sahodya Roller Skating Championship at the premises of JKPS Kathua by winning 14 medals. Four Indian Hawks skaters became speed champions in the event. The medal winners include Tabish Haider 2 gold medals, Namsimran Singh 2 gold medals, Nidhaan Singh 2 silver medals, Haneet Kour 2 gold medals, Avikam 2 gold medals, Shambhav 1 silver medal, Gurtej Singh 2 gold medals and Adwait Sharma one silver medal.

District-Level Training on Soil Health Management concludes

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 13: The Divisional Soil Survey Scheme, under the Directorate of Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare, Jammu, successfully concluded a two-day District-Level Training Programme on Soil Health Management at the SDAO Office in Udhampur.

The event brought together 50 farmers and rural youth from

across the Udhampur District with the aim of enhancing skills in sustainable soil practices and effective nutrient management.

This training was part of a series of district-level initiatives under the 'Capacity Building' component of the HADP Project no. 19 - J&K Soil and Land Resources Information Systems for Planning and Soil Health Management (JKSLRI) for the 2024-25 cycle.

The session began with a cer-

emonial lighting of the traditional lamp, a ceremonial gesture led by the Divisional Soil Survey Officer, Suresh Kumar Khajuria, and other esteemed guests.

Throughout the two days, a distinguished panel of expert resource persons shared valuable insights on a range of topics critical to soil health management.

The sessions covered subjects such as Sustainable Soil Health Management, Judicious Use of

Fertilizers, the Soil Health Card Scheme, Land Capability Classification, and Integrated Nutrient Management.

Among the key speakers were Dr. Sanjay Koushal, Scientist at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (SKUAST-J), Aman Jyoti Sharma, Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Dr. Neeraj Rajwal, Assistant Soil Chemist Jammu, Dr. Aadil Rashid, ASSO Jammu, and Sukhbir Singh, SMS-II Udhampur.

On This Day: Rohit Sharma hits 264 vs Sri Lanka, highest ODI score in history

On November 13, 2014, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, Rohit Sharma set a new benchmark in ODI cricket by scoring 264 runs against Sri Lanka, the highest individual score in the format till date. This remarkable innings featured 33 fours and 9 sixes.

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): In 2010, Sachin Tendulkar set a new standard in ODI cricket by becoming the first player to score a double century in a 50-over match, surpassing Saeed Anwar and Charles Coventry's record of 194. This achievement paved the way for others like Virender Sehwag and Rohit Sharma to reach this landmark.

Among these milestones, Rohit Sharma's innings on November 13, 2014, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata stands out as extraordinary. He redefined the concept of a "daddy hundred" by scoring an unprecedented 264 against Sri Lanka—the highest individual score in ODI history, a record that still holds. It was not Rohit's first time breaching the 200-run mark; he had scored 209 against Australia the previous year, just short



of Sehwag's then-record 219 against the West Indies in 2011. That fateful day in Kolkata, Rohit was given an early lifeline when he was dropped on 4 by Thisara Perera, a mistake that cost Sri Lanka dearly as Rohit went on to add 260 more runs. He reached his first hundred cautiously off 100 balls by the

32nd over, but from there, his acceleration was remarkable. His second fifty came in just 25 balls as he took on bowlers like Angelo Mathews and Seekuge Prasanna with ease. Rohit brought up his double century in 151 balls, hitting a boundary in the 46th over to surpass 200. The last 22 balls of his innings

turned into a brutal display of power as he struck nine boundaries and three sixes, even being dropped once more after reaching his double hundred. Despite getting out on the final ball of the innings, he ended with a historic 264 off just 173 balls. His incredible knock featured 33 boundaries and 9 sixes, taking India's total to a formidable 404 for 5. The next-highest score was Virat Kohli's 66 off 64 balls, emphasizing Rohit's dominance.

This was Rohit's second double century, making him the first player to achieve this feat twice in ODI cricket. He would go on to reach another double century—208 not out—against Sri Lanka in Mohali on December 13, 2017, solidifying his legacy as the only player to have scored three double centuries in ODI cricket.

Desperate BCCI schedules practice match for India. But, no one can watch

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s decision to cancel a warm-up match against India A, ahead of the start of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, met with plenty of criticism. Considering the poor form that many Indian cricketers have displayed off late, the Indian team has reportedly decided to schedule an intra-squad 3-day practice match. However, the board wants to hold the match behind closed doors, with no public viewing possible. In the process, the BCCI wants to keep all matters internal ahead of the start of the series.

The intra-squad warm-up match at the WACA is scheduled to take place from Friday to Sunday. As soon as

the warm-up game was scheduled the BCCI ensured that no public viewing was made possible, with the match taking place in lockdown conditions, as per The Western Australian.

A set of Indian players, who reached Australia a few days ago, have already begun their training sessions. Virat Kohli was among the first ones to land Down Under but he gave the first practice session on Tuesday a miss. Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin also missed the 'optional' session.

However, the off-coloured KL Rahul and young opening star Yashasvi Jaiswal, both of whom are expected to open in the Perth Test in Rohit Sharma's absence, were spotted

putting the hard yards in the nets. Wicket-keeper-batter Rishabh Pant was also part of the optional training session.

The Indian cricket team needs to beat Australia 4-0 in the 5-match series if they are to keep their World Test Championship final qualification hopes in their own hands. After the 0-3 series defeat to New Zealand, India dropped down to second spot in the points table while Australia are top.

The form of top players like Virat Kohli, Rishabh Pant, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja, Rohit Sharma, etc. will play a big role in deciding the fate of the series. As for skipper Rohit, it isn't yet known if he will feature in the first Test at Perth.

Sanju Samson has cemented his place as T20I opener: Dinesh Karthik

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Dinesh Karthik has hailed Sanju Samson saying that the wicketkeeper batter has sealed his spot as an opener in T20Is. Notably, Samson recently smashed his second consecutive century in the format during the first T20I against South Africa in Durban and became the first Indian to achieve the feat.

The wicketkeeper batter played a belligerent innings of 107 (50) with the help of seven fours and ten sixes. Courtesy of his sensational form, Samson has got massive praise from Karthik who feels he has cemented his place as a T20I opener.

"I think he [Samson] has cemented his spot

as an opener. Yashasvi Jaiswal and him will be the openers at least for some time to come in the T20 format.

He has made a lot of technical changes, especially suited to this format. He focused a lot on six-hitting. Against Keshav Maharaj, he stepped out but missed the length of the ball," Karthik said on Cricbuzz.

Further speaking ahead, Karthik hailed Samson for his technical changes calling him a special cricketer.

"Maharaj did brilliantly to beat him in the air, but Sanju held his position and waited on the shot, hitting it over covers. That's a man who, even when he misses the length, doesn't panic and holds that extra

second. That's a very tough skill to have, but he does it very well. That's what makes him very special," Karthik explained," he added.

India eager to bounce back in 3rd T20I

Earlier, Samson scored a breathtaking 111 (47) against Bangladesh in the third T20I with the help of 11 fours and eight sixes out of which five came in a single over. However, he failed to score big in the second T20I vs South Africa getting dismissed for a duck.

The 30-year-old will be eager to go big once again in the third T20I on November 13 at SuperSport Park, Centurion as India look to make a comeback in the series after losing the second game by three wickets.

Ricky Ponting fires back at Gautam Gambhir after India coach's press conference remarks

SYDNEY, Nov 13 (Agencies): The start of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between India and Australia is still a few days away but a war seems to have begun between Gautam Gambhir and Ricky Ponting. The India head coach didn't take Ponting's comments on under-fire Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma well, suggesting the former Australia skipper to stick to his own team. Now, Ponting too has shared his reaction on the comments made by Gambhir in the press conference ahead of the team's flight to Australia, calling the India head coach a 'prickly character'.

"I was surprised to read the reaction but know-



ing the coach, Gautam Gambhir ... he's quite a prickly character, so I'm not surprised it was him who said something back," Ponting said on 7News.

Ponting also clarified that his comments on Virat weren't meant as an insult or criticism by any means. The Australia

legend feels the India star will regain his lost form and deliver Down Under, a region where he has done well previously as well.

"In no way was it a dig at him (Kohli). I actually followed it up by saying he's played well in Australia and he'll be keen to bounce back over

here...If you ask Virat, I'm sure he would be a little bit concerned that he hasn't been able to make the same amount of hundreds as he has in previous years," he said.

"So it's amazing how little things can get cut up, but he's a class player and he's played well in Australia in the past."

Gambhir was informed of Ponting's comments by a reporter during a pre-series press conference on Monday. He gave a sharp reply to the Australia great's remarks on Kohli and Rohit.

"What does Ponting have to do with Indian cricket?" Gambhir had said. "He should think about Australian cricket. I don't have any

concerns. They (Kohli and Rohit) are incredibly tough men; they've achieved a lot for Indian cricket and are going to achieve a lot in future as well."

Gambhir's comments in the presser came after Ponting had questioned Kohli's place in the team over poor Test form.

"I saw a stat the other day about Virat. It said he's only scored two Test hundreds in the last five years. That didn't seem right to me, but if that is accurate, then that's a concern," Ponting had said. "There probably wouldn't be anyone else still playing international cricket as a top-order batsman who's only scored two Test match hundreds in five years."

KL Rahul, the anomaly of Indian cricket

NEW DELHI, Nov 13 (Agencies): KL Rahul, the Test cricketer, can be hard to make sense of. As much as it is the same in the other two formats of the game, in Tests, Rahul is an anomaly for Indian cricket.

It is no exaggeration. A Test average of 33.87 after 53 matches, which does rounds on social media every time he fails, is unheard of for an Indian specialist batter. To put it into context, among players with 50 or more Test caps, Ravindra Jadeja has a better average than Rahul (35.16). In fact, apart from Kapil Dev (31.05), Syed Kirmani (27.04) and R Ashwin (25.92) who follow Rahul on the list, everyone beneath him have been picked for one specific skill set (bowling). Any other cricketer with such numbers would be nowhere near the national set-up.

Rahul, however, is not any other cricketer. He is special. Right from the time he broke into the Indian team in 2014 and scored a Test hundred in Sydney, it has been the case. Since then, India has had six captains, including Rahul himself, six coaching tenures (five coaches with Ravi Shastri donning the hat twice) and multiple selection com-



mittees. Through all this, no matter who's captain or the coach or chief selector, one thing has remained constant — his place in the side, if fit.

So much so that at times it might have left the ones looking on from the outside frustrated, wondering why that is the case. The outsiders may have a point because Rahul's numbers are middling at best. And yet, Rahul is always around. Sometimes even when he is not in form, he was their fallback when Shubman Gill got injured in England. He was there when India needed a middle-order bat. He was also there when they wanted a keeper in South Africa. He has been India's go-to fix for every temporary issue they have had over the last few years.

Even now, with captain Rohit Sharma likely to miss the first Test of

the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, they have gone back to Rahul as the preferred opener in Perth. "There are times when you go with the experienced players as well and that is the quality of the man. He (Rahul) can actually bat at the top of the order, he can bat at number 3 and at number 6 as well," explained coach Gautam Gambhir before leaving for Australia. "I feel that if need be, I think he (Rahul) can do the job for us, especially if Rohit is not available for the first Test," he added.

As much as one would be made to believe that no batter has got the backing Rahul has in the last decade or so — and it is true to an extent — things might look different if one were to view it through the 32-year-old's prism. To not be able to seal one spot and become the guy for the team despite play-

ing more than 50 Tests can never be easy. This despite him being the only Indian opener to score Test hundreds in England, Australia and South Africa since the rainbow nation returned to international cricket.

Then there is the rotten luck that has followed him in the worst of times. Take the dismissal in Melbourne during the second unofficial Test between India A and Australia A. It is an indication of a guy who is not just out of form but also lacks confidence.

However, Rahul is indeed an anomaly. He could come in and put on a match-winning performance as he did during the England tour in 2021. That year was, perhaps, the best Rahul had as an opener — both in England and South Africa. He knew where his off-stump was and left balls outside better than anyone else. Or he could fall flat and warm the bench till India have their next temporary issue for Rahul to come back in. This is not an ideal situation for any one. But Rahul doesn't do easy. He is an anomaly that Indian cricket turns to whenever in need.

Come November 22, the world will know which Rahul has turned up for India.

WI vs ENG: Andre Russell ruled out of remaining 3 T20Is, Alzarri Joseph returns

BARBADOS, Nov 13 (Agencies): All-rounder Andre Russell has been ruled out of the remainder of the T20I series against England, while Alzarri Joseph made a return to the team as West Indies revealed their squad for the next 3 matches.

Russell had suffered a left ankle sprain during the 1st T20I against England and had missed the 2nd match of the series.

Russell had posted an update on his injury in the past few days and now will be out of the squad for the next 3 matches. In place of the all-rounder, West Indies have roped in Shamar Springer into the side.

Springer had made his debut during the tour of Sri Lanka recently.

The second change sees Alzarri come into the side after serving his 2-match suspension. The pacer had an on-field altercation with the ODI captain Shai Hope during the 3rd and final match of the 50-over series recently and had walked off the ground. His actions were punished with a ban and now he has completed it.

Alzarri comes in place of Shamar Joseph.

"As the series moves to Saint Lucia, experienced all-rounder Andre Russell has been ruled out due to a left ankle sprain sustained during

the opening T20I at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday. In his place, all-rounder Shamar Springer, fresh off two T20I games against Sri Lanka, will join the squad."

"Alzarri Joseph, having completed his two-match suspension, will rejoin the squad in Saint Lucia for the crucial final leg of the series, replacing Shamar Joseph," read the statement from Cricket West Indies.

England currently lead the series 2-0 after brilliant performances with the bat in the first 2 games.

West Indies T20I Squad for last 3 matches:

Rovman Powell (Cap-

tain), Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Shimron Hetmyer, Terrance Hinds, Shai Hope, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Brandon King, Evin Lewis, Gudakesh Motie, Nicholas Pooran, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shephard, Shamar Springer.

West Indies vs England T20Is: Remaining matches schedule

3rd T20 International: 14 November 2024- Daren Sammy Stadium, Saint Lucia.

4th T20 International: 16 November 2024- Daren Sammy Stadium, Saint Lucia.

5th T20 International: 17 November 2024- Daren Sammy Stadium, Saint Lucia.

Pragg: Gukesh favourite to beat Liren at World Championship

KOLKATA, Nov 13 (Agencies): On current form, D Gukesh is the favourite to win the World Chess Championship title against his Chinese opponent, Ding Liren, believes Indian teenage Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa.

Gukesh, who at 17 became the youngest player to win the Candidates Tournament in April, has had a remarkable 2024, leading India to a historic gold medal at



the 45th Chess Olympiad.

In contrast, Liren has struggled this year, failing to secure a single

victory in the Classical format since January.

"Gukesh is definitely the favourite, considering his recent form. But the World Championship is a different tournament altogether. I'm sure Gukesh is preparing really well. We'll see how the match goes," said Praggnanandhaa, who is here for the Tata Steel Chess India Rapid and Blitz Tournament.

JMC organizes awareness-cum-interaction programme

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JAMMU, Nov 13: An awareness-cum-interaction programme was organized on Wednesday by the Veterinary section of JMC in collaboration with Dewan Badri Nath School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu.

The main motive of the programme was to aware the school students & faculty regarding the Animal Welfare activities carried out by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Dr. Divya Sharma, JMC (In-charge IEC, JMC) conducted the event along-with IEC team members of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Vishu Dogra, Principal DBN School, and other officials of MVO section, JMC & faculty members of the school were present in the programme.

Dr. Divya introduced the faculty and students about the various animal



welfare activities viz. Volunteer services at MACC Roop Nagar and Cattle Pound, Nagrota, Animal Birth Control/ Anti-rabies vaccination programme, Adopt a stray animal programme, Dairy registration, Pet dog registration run by JMC.

She depicted the fact that in an overall stray dog population of about 50,000 in Jammu city, approximately 39000 no. of stray dogs have

already been sterilized and vaccinated under the ABC programme being run by JMC.

She laid emphasis on the fact that as per ABC (Dog) Rules, 2023, stray dogs are not being dislocated from one locality to other, they are only being captured for sterilization & vaccination and are released back in the same area with a permanent identification mark i.e. "Right Ear-notch".

Dr. Divya also conducted an interactive session with students on implementation of various Animal Welfare activities & success of ABC/ARV programme run by Jammu Municipal Corporation in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 within JMC limits.

She also demonstrated how the stray dog population can be controlled in a time bound manner

via effective ABC programme implementation that will also curb the spread of rabies both in human as well as animals.

Vishu Dogra, Principal, DBN School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu in her address appreciated the role of Veterinary services wing of JMC for organizing such type of mass awareness extension programs in educational institutions of Jammu city as it envisages to propagate the awareness up-to the grass root level which is very important for the successful implementation of various animal welfare programs within JMC limits.

She encouraged the Veterinary wing to organize such kind of awareness cum interaction programs with students in future also. The session ended with the vote of thanks.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes industrial visit at BIS Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 13: As part of an initiative to provide practical exposure, the Government Polytechnic Jammu organized a one-day industrial visit for 35 students from various departments of the "BIS Club" to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) office in Bari Brahmana, Jammu.

The visit aimed to familiarize students with material testing processes and the essential role that standardization plays in various products, highlighting BIS's contributions.

The students gained insight into the standards applied to ensure quality, safety, and reliability of the products. Prior to the

visit, Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of Government Polytechnic, Jammu, highlighted the significance of industrial visits and the invaluable exposure they provide to students, bridging theoretical learning with practical industry insights.

At the BIS office, students were briefed about the material testing processes, along with standards that ensure the quality and safety of products.

BIS officials elaborated on the organization's standards, certifications, and quality assurance protocols.

The presentation shed light on the organization's critical role in promoting consumer awareness and product standardiza-

tion. The success of this visit was made possible by the contributions of several individuals, Tania Sharma (Resource Person, BIS), Sanjay (DEO, BIS) and Karan Rana (BIS).

Their insights and coordination were instrumental in organizing this exposure visit for the students.

The Industrial visit was Supervised and Coordinated by Yogesh Raina BIS Coordinator GPJ and Manmohan Singh from the Automobile Engineering Department.

The students not only benefited from the technical knowledge shared but also enjoyed the hospitality and refreshments arranged by the BIS team.

District Admin holds DLTFC meeting under JKREGP, approved 32 cases

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Nov 13: Aligned with the vision of District Development Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary (Chairman, DLTFC), the District Administration held a District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting under the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Program (JKREGP). The meeting, organized at the DC Office, aimed to address unemployment by fostering local entrepreneurship and employment opportunities, with the J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) as the implementing agency.

Under the chairmanship of the DDC, the DLTFC committee, comprising (In-charge District Officer, JK KVIB Ramban and Convener of DLTFC), the



General Manager of the District Industries Centre (DIC), Lead District Manager of SBI, and Branch Head of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, reviewed a total of 83 applications. Following a thorough process of scrutinization and applicant interaction, 32 applications were approved for sponsorship to banks, marking a crucial step toward supporting new employment ventures in the district. Additionally, 50 applicants were noted

absent, and one application was rejected.

This initiative of the District Administration for providing employment opportunities to youth besides empowering them and bolstering economic growth in the district.

By advancing these sponsorships, the administration seeks to encourage self-reliance among young entrepreneurs and support socio-economic progress across the district.

DPS Jammu students qualify for national & international level dance championship



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JAMMU, Nov 13: Five students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu namely Aaradhya Goswami (V-D), Arshia Talla (V-D), Aarvi Gupta (V-F), Vidhanshi Sharma (VII-G) and Vrinda Sharma (V-A) have been qualified for National and International level dance championship after their winning performance in J&K State level Dance Championship 2024-Season 1 held at Udhampur on 9th November, 2024.

All students had performed in group dance in the final round and clinched the 1st posi-

tion, certificate of appreciation and participation trophies.

The national level and international level championship is scheduled to be held later at Gujarat and Nepal, respectively.

The management of DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated all the winners and their parents for the achievement.

They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

Vikalp SMVDU organizes Village Contact Program

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KATRA, Nov 13: Vikalp – a students' initiative at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra, along with NSS volunteers embarked on a village outreach program to reconnect with the local community after the Diwali break.

The initiative aimed to inform residents about Vikalp's reopening and encourage new student enrollments, reinforcing the organization's dedication to providing accessible, high-quality education to the destitute and poor. The campaign commenced at 4:00 PM from Gate No. 2 of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), where several enthusiastic volunteers set out to visit Sirah Colony, Sool, and nearby areas.

Through direct interactions, the volunteers addressed community concerns regarding Vikalp's operations and shared the organization's mission and goals. Over the course of



the program, which concluded at 5:30 PM, the volunteers reached approximately 35 to 40 households. They provided crucial information about Vikalp's educational services, garnering positive feedback from the residents.

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, and Shri Sumanta Sarathi Sharma, Faculty Coordinator of Vikalp, commended the students for their dedication and hard work.

They also expressed gratitude to Dr. Rajiv Attri, Program Coordinator of NSS, for his invaluable support and coordination. Recognizing the beneficial impact of these efforts, Vikalp plans to conduct more outreach programs to further extend its reach and deepen community engagement. This ongoing initiative aims to boost student registration and enhance the community's access to Vikalp's educational offerings.

World Kindness Day celebrated at GDC Marheen

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MARHEEN, Nov 13: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Marheen celebrated "World Kindness Day" on Wednesday. The event took place under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, the Principal of the college, addressed the gathering and motivated students to recognize the importance of World Kindness Day.

In her speech, she highlighted that this global observance is dedicated to promoting and celebrating acts of kindness. She emphasized that the day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities, and the world, encouraging people to perform acts of kindness and cultivate a culture of compassion and generosity.

Students and volunteers, including Kanika, Sheetal, Radha, Anjali Digra, and Rithika, shared their thoughts on the importance of kindness.

The event was managed by Dr. Arun Dev Singh, NSS Programme Officer, along with Dr. Shalvi Devi and Prof. Manu Saini. Faculty members present included Dr. Balbinder, Dr. Munisha, Prof. Naresh, Prof. Suman, Prof. Diksha, Prof. Aparna, Prof. Rubi, Prof. Saquib Rashid, and Prof. Amitika.

Several pilgrims injured in bus accident near Simbal Chowk

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REASI, Nov 13: Several pilgrims were injured in a bus accident near Simbal Chowk in Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir, while on their way to the Shiv Khori shrine.

The incident occurred when the bus, carrying pilgrims who had already completed their visit to the revered Mata Vaishno Devi temple. The injured were promptly taken to the nearest hospital for treatment. Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.

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