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## BRIEFLY

### LG Manoj Sinha pays obeisance at Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

JAMMU, Nov 17 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha on Sunday paid obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district, and prayed for peace and prosperity in the Union Territory. Jammu tourism packages

"Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today paid obeisance at revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine," Information & PR, J&K post on X.

### Weather improves after snowfall in Kashmir; Temp drops as sonamarg records minus 5.3°C

SRINAGAR, Nov 17 (Agencies): The Picturesque Sonamarg, with a chilly -5.3°C, Gulmarg at -1.8°C, and Pahalgam at -2.0°C, recorded their season's lowest temperatures on Sunday, following fresh snowfall in the higher reaches of the Kashmir valley on Saturday.

The tourist destinations of Sonamarg in Ganderbal, Gulmarg in Baramulla, and Pahalgam in Anantnag, along with other higher reaches of the Kashmir valley, received snowfall while the plains were lashed by rains on Saturday, resulting in the dip in temperatures.

The minimum temperature during the intervening nights of Saturday and Sunday at Sonamarg was recorded at -5.3°C, Gulmarg at -1.8°C, and Pahalgam at 2.0°C, the first lowest during this season.

However, the night temperature in other weather stations of the Kashmir valley was recorded at 0 to 4°C above normal.

The fresh snowfall brings much cheer to the faces of the tourists staying at the tourist destinations.

The day temperature in all the weather stations of the Kashmir valley also dropped by 2-9°C on the previous day.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded the

## India successfully test-fires long-range hypersonic missile; Rajnath describes it as 'Historic'

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): In a major boost to its military prowess, India has successfully flight-tested a long-range hypersonic missile off the coast of Odisha, an achievement that has put the country in a select group of nations having the weapon that can strike with extreme speed and evade most air defence systems.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described the missile test on Saturday under the country's first long-range hypersonic mission as a "stu-



pendous" achievement and a "historic moment". The missile, developed by the Defence Research and Devel-

opment Organisation (DRDO), is designed to carry various payloads for ranges greater than 1,500 km, an official

readout said.

"India has achieved a major milestone by successfully conducting flight trial of long range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off-the-coast of Odisha," Singh said on 'X'.

"This is a historic moment and this significant achievement has put our country in the group of select nations having capabilities of such critical and advanced military technologies," he said.

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## Three year imprisonment for owner if minor found driving vehicle in Kashmir: Traffic Police

SRINAGAR, Nov 17 (Agencies): Amid increasing incidents of road accidents, the Traffic Police rural has warned the guardians and owners of the vehicles not to allow their minor children to drive two or four-wheelers, failing which an imprisonment for 3 years with a fine of Rs 25000 shall be imposed.

In the recent past, a number of minors driving two-wheelers and four-wheelers lost their lives in deadly road

accidents in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley, prompting the traffic police to take measures.

The traffic police directed guardians and owners of the vehicles not to allow their minor children to drive scooters or four-wheelers, failing which a punitive imprisonment for 3 years and a fine of Rs 25000 shall be charged, Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic Rural Kashmir Rajinder Pal Singh said.

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## "Our govt going very well" : JKNC President Farooq Abdullah NC-Congress Govt performance



JAMMU, Nov 17 (Agencies): Jammu Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) President Farooq Abdullah on Sunday said that the NC-Congress government in the Union Territory is doing 'very well' and assured of fulfilling all promises made in their election manifesto. Jammu tourism packages

"Our government is going very well...we will fulfil the promises made in our manifesto in 5 years," JKNC President

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## Cong supported J&K Assembly Resolution On Statehood with guarantees for land, jobs: Karra

JAMMU, Nov 17 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra on Sunday said his party supported the resolution in the Assembly in favour of "Statehood" with guarantees for land, jobs and natural resources. Jammu tourism packages

The Congress leader asserted that after the Supreme Court's verdict on the abrogation of Article 370, the only viable demand left is for "statehood".

He strongly backed the recent statement of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Article 370, aimed at countering



the BJP's attacks on the

grand old party during

campaigning.

Kharge's remarks reflects the stance of the JKPC but is rooted in the resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC) on August 6, 2019, he said.

"As far as the Congress is concerned, we made our position clear. After the Supreme Court's verdict on abrogation,

the only viable demand left is for statehood. This is because the Supreme Court clearly stated that whatever happened was constitutional as far as Parliament is concerned," Karra told agency in an interview here.

"Hence, we said we support the resolution

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## LG Manoj Sinha chairs high-level security review meet

JAMMU, Nov 17 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha is chairing a high-level security meeting on Sunday in Jammu to review the security scenario in the union territory following the recent attacks by the terrorists. Jammu tourism packages

The meeting is being attended by senior officers of police and



security agencies right from the level of the district superintendents of police (SSPs), deputy inspector gen-

erals (DIGs) inspector generals (IGPs) additional director generals (ADGs) and the director general of police (DGP).

The meeting is being held at the convention centre on the Canal Road in Jammu city.

Sunday's meeting is chaired by the Lt Governor in Jammu to review the latest security scenario and take an

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## Failure to disclose foreign assets, Income to invite Rs 10L Penalty: I-T Dept

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): The Income-Tax Department on Sunday cautioned taxpayers that failure to disclose assets held abroad or income earned in foreign shores in the ITR can attract a penalty of Rs 10 lakh under the anti-black money law.

The department issued a public advisory as part a compliance-cum-

awareness campaign launched recently by it on Saturday to ensure that such information is reported by the assessee in their Income Tax Return (ITR) for assessment year (AY) 2024-25.

The advisory specified that foreign asset, for a tax resident of India in the previous year, includes bank accounts, cash value insurance

contract or annuity contract, financial interest in any entity or business, immovable property, custodial account, equity and debt interest, trusts in which a person is a trustee, beneficiary of settlor, accounts with signing authority, any capital asset etc., held abroad.

The department said

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## Former VC of Kashmir University Wahid Qureshi passes away

SRINAGAR, Nov 17 (Agencies): Former Vice Chancellor (VC) of Kashmir University (KU) Prof Abdul Wahid Qureshi passed away due to a cardiac arrest on Sunday, family sources said.

Prof Qureshi, who was admitted to Sher-

e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Sour after complaining of chest pain at his Saderbal Srinagar residence this morning, suffered cardiac arrest, and doctors declared him dead on arrival in the hospital, family sources said.

A distinguished academician and senior most professor, Qureshi served as the Vice Chancellor of Kashmir University from 2004 to 2008 and from his service.

Prof Qureshi was appointed as VC

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# Sukesh Khajuria calls on J&K CM to control dengue outbreak in UT of J&K

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JAMMU, Nov 17: Senior social and health activist Sukesh C. Khajuria has urged the Jammu and Kashmir government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, to take immediate and effective measures to combat the growing dengue outbreak across the Union Territory.

The call comes as the UT grapples with an alarming rise in dengue cases, particularly in Jammu district, where daily new cases are being reported.

He further charged that the municipal and health authorities have been acting as 'fire fighting' agents rather than following the national norms of timely checking the spread of vector borne diseases. He said that authorities acting on a piece meal basis start fogging in the area where dengue cases are reported.

"The failure to manage the spread of vector-borne diseases like dengue and



Chikungunya has caused immense hardship, especially for the poorer sections of society who are the most vulnerable," Khajuria said and added, "The situation has been allowed to worsen due to negligence and lack of coordination between the municipal and health authorities."

According to official figures, a total of 6,151 dengue cases have been reported in the UT so far this year, with Jammu district accounting for 3,728 cases. Other affected districts include Samba (646 cases), Kathua (593), Udhampur (322), Reasi

(287), Rajouri (185), Doda (169), Poonch (69), Ramban (69), and Kishtwar (21). Additionally, 22 cases have been reported in the Kashmir Valley. As of now, 493 patients have been hospitalized due to dengue complications, with 403 having recovered and been discharged, while 78 remain under treatment.

Khajuria urged the Jammu and Kashmir government to urgently implement the guidelines set out by the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) to tackle the outbreak. He highlighted

the need for a coordinated and systematic approach, rather than the piecemeal, reactive actions that have been taken so far.

The NVBDCP, a national program under the Directorate General of Health Services, provides a comprehensive framework for the prevention and control of vector-borne diseases.

Khajuria stressed the importance of guidelines, which include detection and Elimination of Mosquito Breeding Sites. A focused effort to identify and eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds, particularly in residential areas, rooftops, and other locations where standing water accumulates.

Public Awareness Campaigns-Launching widespread awareness programs to educate the public about preventing mosquito breeding and protecting themselves from mosquito bites.

Indoor and Outdoor Mosquito Control-Encouraging the use of mosquito nets, insecticide-treated nets, and household

insecticides. Indoor residual spraying should be conducted in high-risk areas.

Larviciding and Biological Control-The use of larvicides in areas with standing water, along with introducing larvivorous fish in water bodies to control mosquito larvae.

Coordinated Action-Ensuring strong coordination between municipal authorities, health departments, and local bodies for effective and timely action.

Khajuria also called for a targeted action plan for the current dengue season, which is expected to last until December, to prevent further transmission and reduce the burden on the healthcare system.

"The health and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir must be the government's top priority," Khajuria said. "It is crucial that immediate steps are taken to prevent further spread and protect the public from the impact of this devastating disease."

# Union Minister Sonowal joins PM as nation celebrates Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi from Jamui district in Bihar inaugurated the celebration of 150 Birth Anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda as the country joined to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on this occasion.

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal joined the PM Narendra Modi from the playground of Dinjoye Tea Estate in Chabua. The PM also virtually inaugurated, laid foundation stones and dedicated projects worth RS 6,640 crores for the welfare of tribal people of India.

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the commencement of 150th Birth Anniversary Year celebration of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various development projects worth around Rs 6,640 crore in Jamui.

The Prime Minister said that today was also a historic day for the citizens as it was the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda being celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

The Prime Minister noted that Swachhata Abhiyan was held in the past 3 days in Jamui as a precursor to today's Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

In Dibrugarh, on this special occasion, heartfelt homage was paid to the memory of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other remarkable tribal leaders who played pivotal roles in shaping the nation at Dinjoye Tea Estate play-



ground in Chabua. During the event, the Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal ceremonially distributed Bhumi Patta and Ayushman Health Insurance Cards to many tribal beneficiaries. The celebration featured vibrant participation from various ethnic tribal communities, showcasing their rich arts and cultural heritage.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said, "Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the heroic revolutionary and pride of India's tribal communities, symbolizes self-respect, sacrifice, and courage. His life and legacy continue to inspire strength, unity, and resilience. On his birth anniversary, we honor his role in uniting tribal societies against British colonial rule, embodying the spirit of self-reliance and inclusive growth for generations. To commemorate the great sacrifice made by the tribal communities for the cause of nation building, the whole country has joined to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on this pious day."

Speaking further, Sarbananda Sonowal said, "This day holds great significance for India as we celebrate the rich heritage and invaluable contribu-

tions of tribal communities to nation-building. Since 2014, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, millions of tribal people have benefited from welfare initiatives, addressing longstanding demands and fostering dignity and honor for all. The legacy of Birsa Munda, marked by patriotism, sacrifice, and courage, remains an enduring source of inspiration."

Highlighting the key role Modi government is playing to empower the tribal communities of the country, the Union Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal said, "PM Modi initiated the 'Dharti Aaba Tribal Village Excellence Campaign', focusing on delivering essential amenities to remote tribal areas. Key achievements include the allocation of Rs 79,156 crore to improve infrastructure and services for over 5,338 crore tribal individuals across 63,843 villages in 30 states and Union Territories.

Under the campaign, tribal communities have benefited from initiatives such as constructing 20 lakh homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural), electrifying 35 lakh houses, promoting off-grid solar energy solutions, and installing solar power systems.

# Department of Music GLDM GDC Hiranagar, Dayanand PG College Kanpur sign MoU



Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, Nov 17: The Department of Music of Girdhari Lal Dogra Memorial Government Degree College (GLDM GDC), Hiranagar, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Music at Dayanand PG College, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

This agreement aims to enhance education, research, and cultural activities in the field of music between the two esteemed institutions.

The MoU signing ceremony witnessed the presence of senior officials, including the Principals and Heads of Departments (HoDs) from both colleges.

Dr. Pragya Khanna, Principal of GLDM GDC Hiranagar, signed the agreement alongside Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Head of the Department of Music, and Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Assistant Professor. Representing Dayanand

PG College, Principal Prof. Vandana Nigam and Prof. Sangeeta Srivastava, Incharge of the Department of Music, formalized the collaboration.

During the event, Dr. Pragya Khanna lauded the initiative and commended Dr. Bharat Bhushan for his dedicated efforts in expanding opportunities in the music sector.

She emphasized that this partnership will prioritize research, interactive programs, expert lectures, and demonstrations to nurture students' academic and creative skills.

She noted that the MoU aligns with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and will facilitate the effective utilization of intellectual resources for mutual growth.

Dr. Bharat Bhushan elaborated that this is the second national MoU signed by the Department of Music at GLDM

GDC Hiranagar, aimed at fostering meaningful collaborations in music-related projects.

He highlighted the practical benefits of this agreement, which include organizing workshops, seminars, and internships to enrich the learning experience for students. He further noted that this collaboration will provide students with better placement opportunities and exposure to innovative teaching methodologies.

Prof. Vandana Nigam, Principal of Dayanand PG College, expressed her enthusiasm for the partnership, highlighting the potential for cultural exchange and shared learning. She affirmed that this MoU would pave the way for innovative initiatives in music education and research, benefiting students and faculty alike.

Effective from November 16, 2024, the agreement marks a significant step forward in strengthening the academic and cultural ties between the two institutions. Both colleges expressed confidence that the MoU would foster long-term collaboration and contribute to the advancement of music education in line with contemporary demands.

# Bukhari condoles passing of Prof. Wahid Qureshi

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Sunday expressed his grief over the passing of Prof. Abdul Wahid Qureshi, a distinguished academician and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir and the Central University of Kashmir. Prof. Qureshi breathed his last today at SKIMS, where he had been undergoing treatment for some time.

In his condolence message, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Professor Wahid Qureshi Sahib's passing has left us in deep grief. He was a renowned scholar who served in the highest positions in his field, including as Vice Chancellor of KU and CUK. In his long professional career, Qureshi Sahib rose to great heights through his dedication and hard work. His contribution to the field of education will always be remembered."

He added, "May Almighty Allah grant his noble soul a place in Jannah. I extend my deepest condolences to his bereaved family."

Meanwhile, former legislator and Apni Party's District President Kupwara, Raja Manzoor, also expressed his grief and sorrow over the demise of Professor Abdul Wahid Qureshi.

# US return Dr Sewa Singh Motan interacts with JKBS members, stresses on spread of literacy in the society

Top News Report

BISHNAH, Nov 17: US Return Dr Sewa Singh Motan today interacted with Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members in Bishnah today, and asked them to stress on spread of literacy in the society. He said, Education is the key that unlocks doors of opportunity, enabling individuals to reach their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society. It empowers us to dream big, set goals, and work towards achieving them. Adding further he said, Through education, we can understand our rights and duties towards our families, society and nation. We can explore innovative ideas, as were are constantly involved in learning and growing. Important people like



big industrialists, politicians, movie actors, and even sportspersons are all educated, as they know the importance of education in life. Their contribution is essential for innovation, productivity, and economic competitiveness. Investing in education is like investing in a future workforce. It ensures that our society remains dynamic and resilient in the face of

rapid technological and global changes. When we talk about social justice and equality, education plays a major role. Education provides equal opportunities for people from different backgrounds. Making education accessible to everyone will help in building a fair and just society. JKBS' members with whom Dr Sewa Singh

Motan interacted were Messers JU Retired Assistant Registrar R L Kaith, Senior Journalist RTI India Sansar Singh Motan, Dr Girdhari Lal Motan, Dr Kuldeep Motan, Hans Raj Loria, Des Raj Kaith, Darshan Kumar Bassa, Ruldu Ram Motan, Verpan Motan, Daya Ram Motan, Ajit Raj Motan, Roshan Lal Motan and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

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## EDITORIAL

## SUPER

## INTELLIGENCE &amp; AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has rapidly evolved from a futuristic concept to an integral part of our daily lives. It powers voice assistants, recommends content on streaming platforms, diagnoses medical conditions, and even drives autonomous vehicles. Yet, the current stage of AI, known as "narrow AI," is limited to performing specific tasks with remarkable efficiency. The ultimate leap in AI, which has been a topic of fascination and concern, is the emergence of "Super Intelligence"—an artificial intellect that surpasses human intelligence in every conceivable way.

Super Intelligence refers to a level of intelligence far beyond that of the brightest and most capable human minds. This kind of AI would have the ability to learn, reason, plan, solve complex problems, and understand abstract concepts at speeds and scales unimaginable to humans. While narrow AI focuses on single domains, and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) aims to emulate human-like cognitive abilities, Super Intelligence would mark a transformative era where AI could autonomously innovate, make decisions, and potentially reshape the world.

The journey from current AI to Super Intelligence is expected to pass through AGI. AGI represents machines capable of understanding and learning tasks across a wide range of domains, much like a human. Achieving AGI is a challenge because it requires replicating human-like understanding, common sense, and the ability to adapt to various environments. Scientists and engineers are working tirelessly to develop algorithms that bring machines closer to human reasoning, but there remains a significant gap in our understanding of human cognition itself.

If AGI is ever achieved, it is plausible that it could lead to Super Intelligence. Once AI systems reach or surpass human-level intelligence, they could improve their own algorithms, designing even better and more efficient systems in an iterative process known as "recursive self-improvement." This concept forms the basis of what many theorists refer to as the "intelligence explosion," where AI rapidly evolves, leaving human intelligence far behind.

The potential benefits of Super Intelligence are revolutionary. Imagine an AI that can develop cures for diseases that have plagued humanity for centuries, solve complex global challenges like climate change, or even eradicate poverty by devising optimal economic strategies. Super Intelligent AI could redefine every field, from healthcare to education to governance. It could revolutionize research and technology development, accelerating progress in ways that are currently inconceivable.

In healthcare, for instance, Super Intelligence could analyze vast datasets to identify treatments or predict pandemics before they occur. In agriculture, it could design sustainable practices that maximize yield and minimize environmental impact. It could also contribute to advancements in space exploration, energy efficiency, and social welfare. The possibilities seem almost boundless, providing humanity with tools to achieve a level of prosperity and well-being that remains a dream today.

However, the rise of Super Intelligence is fraught with significant risks. One of the primary concerns is that a Super Intelligent AI might act in ways that are misaligned with human values. Even a small misalignment could have catastrophic consequences. For example, if a Super Intelligent AI is programmed to achieve a specific goal at all costs, it might resort to extreme measures that could be harmful to humanity. The famous "paperclip maximizer" thought experiment illustrates this: an AI designed to produce paperclips might consume all the world's resources, including humans, to achieve its objective.

Moreover, the prospect of Super Intelligence raises ethical dilemmas. Who controls this AI, and how is it governed? If a single entity or country monopolizes Super Intelligence, it could disrupt the global balance of power, leading to societal inequities or conflict. There is also the risk of AI systems being weaponized or used for nefarious purposes. Furthermore, there are philosophical questions about the rights and autonomy of Super Intelligent entities themselves, as well as the impact of their existence on human identity and purpose.

Given these risks, researchers and policymakers emphasize the need for robust safety measures and governance frameworks. Efforts are being made to ensure that AI development follows ethical principles, prioritizing transparency, accountability, and fairness. Leading AI organizations are working on "alignment" research, aiming to create systems that can understand and respect human values, even in complex scenarios.

There are also calls for international cooperation to regulate AI development and prevent misuse. Some propose the idea of "AI ethics committees" that oversee major AI projects and ensure adherence to safety standards. Additionally, global think tanks and research institutions are advocating for more public awareness and engagement in discussions about AI's future.

## Yogi's Batenge toh Katenge Remark under Focus Again

By: Omkar Dattatray

The batenge toh Katenge ,Aak Rahayge toh safe Rahayge has come to centre stage amid assembly elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand & by polls in UP and Bihar. It is no ordinary thing that amid poll atmosphere Prime minister Narendra Modi has echoed the remarks of Yogi and has umpteen times stated the fact by saying Batenge toh katenge, aak Rahayge toh safe Rahayge. Besides deputy chief minister of Maharashtra Fadnavis has also emphasized the importance of the slogan of Yogi and asked the countrymen and to be specific to majority community to remain united, otherwise they will be destroyed. Therefore it is time that the majority community should give up caste divisions and forge unity for their overall safety, security and dignity. This is the need of the hour and the majority community should strive for forging unity in their divided society Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath has recently done plain speaking and has outpoured truth and need of our when he said Batenge toh Katenge and in this statement there is no exaggeration as it reflects the true state of affairs in the country given the radicalized Muslims threat to the majority community. Although Yogi has given this remark amid communal frenzy and attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh but God forbid it can happen in India too given the fact that Hindu community is largely divided. The Hindu community which is largely divided into sects and upper castes and lower castes are susceptible to attacks and killings as the other minority community of the country is hell bent to destroy majority community because they are a divided lot and so they cannot save themselves from the onslaught of the well organized and radicalized minority community which at several occasions in the past has targeted majority community and there leaders including Owasi of AIMIM and other fanatic leaders of the community openly say that lift the police and we will teach a lesson to the Hindus. In such surcharged atmosphere there is utmost, immediate and continuous need for unity in the

Hindu community otherwise they will continue to be attacked and killed by the fanatics at their will as there seems to be planned efforts by the minority community to target people of Hindu faith because these innocent people only amass wealth and build big palatial buildings with least regard for their safety and security in the country inhabited by majority Hindus. If Hindu's have to live a safe and dignified life, they have to be united so as to keep themselves safe and sound in the secular and plural land called Bharat. The opportune remark of CM Yogi has put chill in the eyes of the pseudo secularists including the grand old Congress and its top leaders including Rahul Gandhi who has criticized Yogi for the spontaneous remark which is one hundred percent true. Hindus have always prey victim to the nefarious designs of the radical and indoctrinated elements of the minority community. It is irony that Hindus feel insecure in their own land and only Hindu majority country of the world. Hindus should heed the advice of Yogi and make earnest efforts to forge unity among various castes, sub-castes and upper castes and lower castes. Hindus cannot afford to remain divided and disunited and instead they should sink differences and unite and make concerted and serious efforts to ensure unity among various sects and castes and then and only then they will live a life of security and dignity otherwise not. One fails to comprehend as to why is Congress and INDIA bloc uneasy and why they are feeling headache over the remarks of Yogi? It seems that these so called secular parties are having sleepless nights over the true statement of UP chief minister who has said it based on his vast experience. No doubt Yogi Adityanath's statement come in the wake of reports of attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh, which plunged into political crisis after Sheikh Hasina's ouster, but such communal attacks can happen in India too. UP, CM Yogi called for unity, referring to the ongoing unrest in Bangladesh. "Nothing can be above the nation. And the nation will be empowered only when we are united. 'Batenge toh katenge', you are seeing what is happening in Bangladesh. Those mistakes should not be repeated

here—'Batenge toh Katenge, Ek Rahenge toh Nekk Rahenge,' the chief minister said at a public meeting in Agra. This came a day after Yogi questioned the opposition over its silence on the attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh. "While the opposition is quick to speak out on global issues, it remained conspicuously silent about the persecution of Hindus and the demolition of temples in Bangladesh. They see Palestine but turn a blind eye to Bangladesh because it fears losing their vote bank," he said in Mathura. The UP chief ministers statement came amid reports of unrest in the Bangla-speaking country, which plunged into a political crisis on August 5 after its prime minister fled the country and took refuge in India. There have been reports of widespread attacks on Hindus, which constitute 8% of Bangladesh's total population. Hindu temples have been desecrated while properties belonging to the community members have been attacked by the mobs. The Hindus had been historically voting for Sheikh's Awami League, which led the country's liberation movement in 1971. Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, a minority rights group, had told AFP on August 16 that there had been 200 attacks on the Hindu community members since the Awami League chief left that country. PM Modi wrote on X that 140 crore Indians are concerned over safety of Hindus, minorities in Bangladesh while congratulating the Bangladesh interim government's chief advisor Muhammad Yunis had said, "We hope for an early return to normalcy, ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and other minority communities. Yogi's remarks of Batenge toh Katenge, 'Ek Rahenge toh Nik Rahenge applies truly to India of the present day, where Hindu's are killed by the minority radical zealots and in the past year or so several Hindus were killed in brutal way by the fundamentalist and radicalized Muslims. In this connection, mention can be made of a frantic and most brutal organization known as Sar Tan Se Juda and mind this extremist outfit had killed several Hindus in various parts of the country and in this connection and context tailor Kaniya Lal in Rajasthan had sent shock, grief and condemnation waves across the

country. Therefore there is urgent need that Hindus who feel insecure in their own country cannot bank upon the government should sell gold ornaments and purchase weapons from the proceeds which will give them a sense of security and protection. Hindu unity is necessary for the safety and prosperity of our community in 21st century. It is really satisfying to see implementation of Varna system which states that your varna will be decided according to your profession. Entire caste system needs to be go and all Hindus be united. So in brief it can be safely opined that Hindu unity is the panacea for all ills and problems and thus it will ensure security, safety, progress of the majority community and this task of uniting Hindus should get top most priority with the Hindus and thus it will save Hindus from becoming second class citizens. Hindu unity is not for fighting Muslims but is the need of the time given the sense of insecurity among the majority community and India is perhaps the only country in the globe where there is minority complex in majority community. Hindus believe in the principle of live and let live and stand for mutual co-existence and communal harmony. Hindus regard whole humanity as one single family and they say and follow the Vedic doctrine of Vasudev kutumbkam and Hindu's consider world as the multiplication of self and they see God in every human being and in all creatures. But still there is utmost need and necessity for Hindu unity otherwise the community members will fall prey to the savagery of the fundamentalists and radicalized elements among the minority community. Thus to be safe and secure, there is urgent need for Hindu unity in the country. And thus the remark of Yogi, "Batenge toh Katenge, Ek Rahenge toh Kek Rahenge," and there is no doubt and confusion.

About these wise and wisdom like remarks of Yogi CM of UP

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## Artificial Intelligence challenges the mysterious mysteries of nature!

By: Sunil Kumar Mahala

In this era of information revolution, the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a very famous concept. In fact, it is a technology in which problem-solving capabilities like humans are present. Today, with the help of this technology, work is being done in many fields including medical field, media field, engineering field, computer science, psychology, linguistics, mathematics, metaphysics and in a way, this technology seems to challenge human intelligence. With the help of this technology, the future can be accurately estimated, predictions can be made, many types of predictions can be made accurately. Recently, scientists in New York have achieved great success in conducting successful surgery with AI-robot. It is noteworthy that in America's John Hopkins University (JHU), a robot surprised the doctors by performing complex surgery on its own. Researchers at JHU had trained the AI-robot in complex medical procedures. During this, it was shown many videos of doctors and the robot performed surgery accurately like doctors. Researchers have called it a successful experiment of 'imitation learning'. It is true that today is the era of information revolution and technological development. Things have changed with time due to sci-

entific technology and progress, but artificial things are artificial and natural things are natural. No matter how much progress science and technology have made today, science and technology have still not been able to uncover whether there is divine power or some power roaming in the universe. For example, birth, death, reincarnation are still a mystery. By developing AI today, man is challenging the power present in nature and the universe. Whether science believes it or not, there is definitely some power present in this universe which is keeping this world running. It is true that AI is working in accordance with human goals and objectives, but somewhere it develops destructive behavior. In this context, recently a 14-year-old child died in love with an AI chatbot and gave up his life to meet his girlfriend. This child was from Florida, America and became a victim of 'Asperger Syndrome' in childhood. In fact, Asperger Syndrome is a form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, in which people's behavior, the way they see and understand the world is affected. It is true that both computers and AI are the products of human mind but sometimes they can be more intelligent than humans. So intelligent that they can take the surprising decision of even taking control of humans. It would not be wrong to say that today computers have become

so efficient that they have become capable of doing any work without human help. AI can give rise to unemployment. Automation can cause loss of jobs because there will be no need for human labor. Deepfake is a big threat. AI can violate privacy because machines do not have emotions. AI can give rise to socio-economic inequalities. It can cause instability in the market. As automation of weapons is possible due to AI, it can pose a threat to the entire human race. AI cannot maintain transparency and explanation like humans, because machines do not have emotions, they work on data feeding through the binary system of the computer. Machine decisions depend on the fed data, so they can be unsafe. Even social manipulation is possible through AI algorithms. It would not be wrong to say that AI bias can easily go far beyond gender and race. It is worth mentioning that AI technology has been developed by humans, and humans are naturally biased. AI can have a huge impact on human morality and goodwill. The use of AI can lead to a decrease in human empathy and reasoning. Not only this, AI can also increase political instability as well as criminal activities. It is true that AI is the most important tool in our toolbox to solve many big challenges facing us in an instant in today's era of information

revolution and technology, but challenging nature cannot be justified under any circumstances. However, it would not be wrong to say that since ancient times, humans have been continuously progressing to unveil the mysterious and hidden secrets of nature, but somewhere science and technology have to accept that there is some formless power which is responsible for running the universe in a balanced manner. In fact, our entire universe, rivers, mountains, valleys, streams, lakes, seas, various types of creatures, plants, sky and billions of stars and galaxies present in it, all these are proof of the existence of God somewhere. Today AI is proving to be beneficial and useful in many fields including medical, space science, engineering, education, but if there are electrons, protons and neutrons in science, then God or nature is also present in this universe, for which man has no solution or solution.

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# GDC Kishtwar organizes Blood Donation Camp

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 17: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) units of Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar organized a blood donation camp on Sunday in collaboration with District Hospital Kishtwar.

The event was held under the conensorship of Dr. Tabassum Saleem, Prof. Esrar Ul Ayub, and Prof. Prithvi Raj, with the guidance and support of the Principal of GDC Kishtwar, Prof. Basharat Iqbal.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participa-



tion from approximately 50 students who donated blood to contribute to this life-saving cause. Faculty members, including Dr. Yasar Ahmed, Dr. Seh-

rish Gazal, Dr. Usman, and Prof. Ashfaq Wani, were present to support and encourage the students, demonstrating the collective commitment

of the institution toward community welfare. Dr. Tabassum Saleem and Prof. Esrar Ul Ayub emphasized the importance of blood donation

as a humanitarian act that can save countless lives. They extended their gratitude to the students, staff, and the medical team from District Hospital Kishtwar for ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

The program concluded on a positive note, with participants and organizers alike reaffirming their dedication to serving society and promoting health and unity within the community. This initiative underscores GDC Kishtwar's unwavering commitment to societal upliftment and its role as a beacon of service and compassion in the region.

# NSF tribute of 96th Death anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: National Secular Forum (NSF) paid tributes to Saheed Lala Lajpat Rai on his 96th Death Anniversary at University Campus. Amid slogans Lala Lajpat Rai Zindabad, Inqilaab Zindabad, Bharat Mata ki jai and garlanded the portraits of the son of soil.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary, JKNC was the Chief Guest and Dr Vikas Sharma, Secretary Central Zone and Coordinator Jammu District, JKNC presided over the function. TR Sharma (Retd KAS) was the guest of honour and Vikshay Vashist State Secretary NSF was the Special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Ankush Abrol appreciated the efforts of NSF members to come forward and organize these functions.

He said that Lala Lajpat Rai was one of the foremost leaders who fought against British rule in

India. He was popularly known as Punjab Kesari (Lion of the Punjab). Rai led protests against the Simon Commission that was instituted to study potential constitutional reform. He was severely beaten up by British police during the protest and succumbed to his injuries a few days later, on November 17, 1928.

On this occasion, Zonal Secretary JKNC Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of "Lala Lajpat Rai". Sharma said that the real tributes to the martyrs would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction.

He also said that the right tribute to Lala Lajpat Rai would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

TR Sharma also addressed this occasion and shed light on the life of Lala Lajpat Rai, Lala Lajpat Rai was born on January 28, 1865 in village Dhudike, in present day Moga district of

Punjab. Lala Lajpat Rai joined the Government College at Lahore in 1880 to study Law. While in college he came in contact with patriots and future freedom fighters like Lala Hans Raj and Pandit Guru Dutt.

He founded the Indian Home League Society of America and wrote a book called "Young India". The book severely indicted British rule in India and was banned in Britain and India even before it was published. He was able to return to India in 1920 after the end of World War.

Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, also spoke on the occasion.

Roshan Sharma, Jammu District President delivered the welcome address, Mohd. Umar Farooq President University Unit was delivering the vote of thanks.

Among those who were present on the occasion included, Abhishek Uppal, Gourav Singh, Aditya Kargotra, Muneeb Ul Islam, and others.

# DPS Jammu students win trophies in Inter District Table Tennis Championship 2024



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning different positions and trophies in 47th J&K UT & Inter District Table Tennis Championships 2024 organized by Table Tennis Association of J&K held at Indoor Sports Complex from 8-12 November, 2024. The students had also

received certificates of merit.

Saiyam Nischal (V-G) won first positions in U-11 & 13 age category; Alena Arora (V-J) bagged second position in U-11 age category; Mishthi Aggarwal (XII-F) got second positions in U-17 & Women category; Aarya Giri (XII-B) was runner-up in U-19 age category; Chitrani Razdan (X-A), Ridhimi Gupta (VI-A), Suryansh (VI) and Eeshan (VI-E)

got Consolation prizes. 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 & staff congratulated all the winners, their parents and coach, Meenu Ragesh for their achievement.

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

# Greater Shah-re-Khaas welcomes LG for confirming Panchayat, ULB elections

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17: Greater Shah-re-Khaas Faheem Reshi has warmly welcomed the recent statement from the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir, confirming that Panchayat and Urban Local Body (ULB) elections will soon be held in the region. Reshi expressed his support for this announcement, describing the elections as a vital step toward strengthening local gov-

ernment and empowerment of communities throughout Kashmir. According to him, the move holds promise for more inclusive decision-making and improved public service delivery.

In addition, Reshi revealed that his political group plans to field 20 candidates specifically in the downtown Shahr-e-Khaas area of Srinagar, a historically significant and vibrant hub in the city. He emphasized his commitment to ensuring that the voices of residents in this key region are heard, stating, "We are prepared to present capable candidates who will focus on the development and welfare of the local population." Reshi's



underscored the importance of better representation, expressing confidence that the selected candidates would bring meaningful and positive change to the area.

As the elections draw closer, various political parties in Kashmir are gearing up to contest, viewing the polls as a significant opportunity to strengthen their grassroots presence. The LG's announcement has been widely perceived as a promising step toward reviving local democracy and ensuring more effective governance in Jammu and Kashmir, sparking hope for a new era of civic participation and community development.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner, Chairman Indian yoga Association and President Vichar Kranti Manch International was the key note speaker, he explained,

What is Blood detoxification refers to the process of removing toxins from the blood to keep it clean and healthy. Blood is a vital component of the body that transports nutrients and oxygen to various parts of the body. Accumulation of toxins can lead to impure blood, causing various health problems. Why is Blood Detoxification Necessary?

# Detoxification of Blood through Yoga & Alternate therapies

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Vichar Kranti Manch International, Indian Yoga Association & Sarv Uthan Trust organises a Yoga Session on Detoxification of Blood through yoga, Naturopathy and homemade medicines at "Yoga & Meditation Center" at Chhanni Himmat.

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Why is Blood Detoxification Necessary?  
1. For Proper Body Functioning: Impure blood can affect the functioning of organs.  
2. To Prevent Skin Diseases: Acne, blemishes, and other skin issues can be linked to impure blood.  
3. To Boost Immunity: Clean blood strengthens the body's ability to fight diseases.  
4. For Better Digestion and Energy: Toxins in the blood can weaken digestion and reduce energy levels.



Matsyasana (Fish Pose): Improves lung function and blood circulation.

Shashakasana (Hare Posture): Blood circulation is improved, besides the capacity to breathe upto the abdomen increases, intake of oxygen increase hence originated Blood flows in body.

Pranayama: Anulom-Vilom (Alternate Nostril Breathing): Increases oxygen flow. Bhastrika (Bellows Breathing): Helps expel toxins from the body. Kapalbhathi (Skull Shining Breathing): Energizes and oxygenates the blood.

2. Natural Remedies (Naturopathy)  
\* Lemon and Warm Water: Drinking it on an empty stomach cleanses the blood.

\* Adequate Water Intake: Drinking 8-10 glasses of water daily helps flush out toxins.

\* Green Tea: Rich in antioxidants, it aids in detoxification.

\* Aloe Vera Juice: Removes impurities from the blood and benefits the skin.

3. Homemade Remedies for Blood Detoxification  
# Turmeric: Contains curcumin, a natural antibiotic that purifies the blood. Consuming turmeric milk is highly beneficial.

# Neem: A decoction of neem leaves cleanses the blood and prevents skin diseases.

# Jaggery: Helps in increasing and purifying blood.

# Coriander and Mint Juice: Provides natural cooling and detoxifies the blood.

# Amla (Indian Gooseberry) and Giloy: Amla, rich in Vitamin C, is excellent for blood purification.  
4. Ayurvedic Remedies  
\*Triphala Powder: Effective for digestion and blood purification.  
\*Manjistha (Rubia Cordifolia): This Ayurvedic herb reduces toxins and thickening of the blood.

\*Arishta (Panchakarma Therapy): Panchakarma treatments help eliminate toxins from the body.  
Demonstration of yogasans and Pranayama was demonstrated by Mr Narinder Wadhwa, a Social Activist.

Mr Ashok Gupta, Founder Chairman and Managing practiced Hasya Yoga and explained how it effects the detoxification of blood.

Others participated actively in yoga session were Mr Abhinandan Jain, FA, VKMI, Yesh Paul Sharma, Director and life coach Skill development, Mr Lavan Gulati and Narinder Wadhwa.

Precautions  
1. Avoid fried and overly spicy foods.  
2. Quit smoking and alcohol consumption.  
3. Exercise regularly.  
4. Maintain a balanced lifestyle.

Conclusion  
Blood detoxification is essential for maintaining a healthy and energetic body. Yoga, natural remedies, homemade medicines, and various medical practices can assist in this process. Along with these, adopting a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle can not only keep the blood clean but also lead to overall well-being.

# World Diabetes Day celebrated at Aryans



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: With the objectives of raising awareness about different kinds of diabetes and to prevent and manage them Aryans College of Pharmacy and Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh Aryans students of B. Sc. Nursing, GNM, ANM, B Pharma, D Pharma participated in skit & poster presentation.

Kamllesh, Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing while interacting with students said that Type1, Type 2, Pre-diabetes and gestational diabetes Diabetes is caused when the level of sugar in your bloodstream increases due to insufficient production of insulin. The general symptoms of diabetes include increased hunger, increased thirst, weight loss, frequent urination, blurry vision, extreme

fatigue & sores that don't heal, she explained. It is to mention that World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year to make people aware of the treatment, prevention, and symptoms on 14 November because of the birthday of Frederick Banting, who discovered insulin. This day also emphasizes maintaining a healthy lifestyle and providing education regarding diabetes.

# Orientation Programme on NSS organized at GDC Thathri

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 17: An Orientation Program on National Service Scheme (NSS) was held at Govt. Degree College (GDC) Thathri, aimed at introducing the first-semester students to the values, objectives, and activities of the NSS.

The programme was organized by the Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Javed Iqbal Shah NSS PO and Nodal Officer of GDC Thathri. The orientation aimed to familiarize students with the significance of voluntary community service and encourage active participation in various NSS activities.

The primary objective of the orientation was to provide an overview of NSS and its importance in the development of students and society. To explain the structure,



programs, and initiatives run under NSS to motivate students to engage in social services and community development. Outline the benefits and opportunities for personal growth and skill development through NSS participation.

The orientation session was led by NSS Program Officer who explained the various aspects of NSS. Dr. Javed Iqbal Nodal Officer NSS who shared

insights into how NSS activities contribute to personal and social development. He shared his experience and the impact of NSS on their academic and personal life.

The speakers encouraged the first-semester students to actively participate in NSS from the very beginning of their college journey. They emphasized that NSS is not only about con-

tributing to society but also about discovering oneself through service and teamwork. The orientation stressed that the skills, values, and experiences gained through NSS can positively impact students' academic and professional futures.

Following the lecture, an interactive session was held where students asked questions related to the NSS activities and

how they could participate.

The NSS Programme Officer answered these questions and provided additional information on the registration process.

The orientation lecture concluded with a call to action, encouraging students to sign up for NSS and take an active role in community service. The session was well-received, with many students expressing interest in participating in the upcoming NSS activities. Students were provided with the necessary contact details and forms for registration, and a follow-up meeting was scheduled to finalize the participants for the first upcoming NSS events.

At last a positive feedback was received with many students expressing eagerness to join and contribute to NSS activities.

# Audit Diwas-2024: Audit Run, cleanliness drive held

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: As part of the ongoing week-long celebration of Audit Diwas-2024, which runs from November 17 to 22, two significant events were held on the first day, November 17.

The events included an energetic Audit Run and a dedicated Cleanliness Drive, both of which witnessed enthusiastic participation from a wide range of attendees.

The Audit Run was flagged off by the esteemed Chief Guest, Ujjwal Gupta, an Inter-



national Fencing player and renowned coach.

The event also saw the presence of prominent figures such as Jagbir Singh, Deputy Accountant General, and Sanjay Sharma and Ranjit Bhai, both Senior Ranji Players. Approximately 200-250 participants, includ-

ing officers, employees from the Audit and Accounts departments, members of the Regional Training Institute, as well as their family members and members of civil society, took part in the run with great excitement and a spirit of camaraderie.

## Ranveer Singh opens up about fatherhood after daughter Dua's birth: 'I have been on daddy duty for a long time'

Actor Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone welcomed their first child, a daughter, earlier this year. Ranveer is enjoying this new phase of fatherhood, as he expressed his 'infinite happiness' in a new event. He says he has been on daddy duty for a long time now.

Ranveer's infinite happiness Ranveer spoke about becoming a father at an event recently. A video of him talking about Dua has emerged on social media.

In the video, Ranveer said, "That infinite happiness that I am experiencing right now, I wish I had the words to express what it's like. But there are no words in any language that can describe this happiness. It's like magic. I am excited for me."

At the same event, he also said, "I have been on daddy duty for a long time now."



Ranveer also expressed his gratitude for his wife, Deepika Padukone, and spoke about the magic of companionship. Ranveer called his bond with Deepika "magic".

Ranveer becomes a father Ranveer and Deepika, who have worked together on films

such as Ram-Leela, Bajirao Mastani and 83, welcomed a baby girl in September. They shared the good news through a joint Instagram post. "Welcome Baby Girl! 8.9.2024," it read.

The actor duo tied the knot in an intimate wedding ceremony in 2018 at Lake Como, Italy.

They announced Deepika's pregnancy in February. Deepika is yet to make a public appearance since delivering the baby.

Earlier this month, Deepika and Ranveer Singh shared the first pic of their baby daughter. They also revealed her beautiful name: Dua Padukone Singh. "Dua Padukone Singh | 'Dua': meaning a Prayer. Because She is the Answer to our Prayers. Our hearts are filled with Love & Gratitude. Deepika & Ranveer," they wrote on Instagram. Alia Bhatt showered the picture with heart emojis. Orry, Ananya Panday and Dia Mirza also sent their love.

On the work front, Deepika and Ranveer will next be seen in a special appearance in the Rohit Shetty-directed Singham Again, headlined by Ajay Devgn.

## Singer Nikhita Gandhi helps raise funds for Rajasthan charity in UK



Popular singer Nikhita Gandhi performed at The Rajasthan Foundation charity's annual Diwali Ball in London to help raise funds for children's causes in the state, including a special needs school in Bhilwara and a government school in Barmer.

Gandhi, the playback singer behind several chart-toppers from box-office hits across five different languages, said she was overwhelmed by the response of audiences in the UK.

"Sometimes I do get nervous about doing a show abroad because I wonder if the Indian population here also is listening to the same music as we are in India, or do they have a different taste in music and Indian films," shared Gandhi at the conclusion of her UK visit ear-

lier this week.

"But I was so overwhelmed and happy during my show. Everyone knew my old songs to the recent ones that dropped this year. When I was singing 'O Sajna' (from the film 'Ek Tha Raja') everyone was singing along and they knew all the lyrics. It just felt so good to receive such love and reciprocation and I really had a blast while performing for such a good cause," she said.

The Rajasthan Foundation (TRF) was set up to alleviate poverty, hardship, and distress among underprivileged women and children primarily in the state of Rajasthan.

Its aim is to bring together the Rajasthan community in the UK through initiatives across three pillars of

community, culture and charity.

"At the Diwali Charity Ball 2024, we raised thousands of pounds to support the 'Home Based' programme at Sona Manovikas Kendra in Bhilwara, a school for children with special needs. The funds will also help reconstruct a new girls' washroom, a classroom and a drinking area at the Government Girls' School in Barmer district," said TRF board member Poonam Goel, a London-based philanthropist of Rajasthani heritage.

Since its inception in 2005, TRF claims to have been focussed on a mission to raise funds for charitable causes and has supported special needs educational institutes like Sona Manovikas Kendra (SMK) in Bhilwara and Navjoti Manovikas Kendra (NMK) in Jodhpur.

The charity says its donations have helped construct new buildings and improve wider infrastructure facilities for projects in the state over the years.

TRF has also supported Jaipur-based charity Jagruti to rebuild derelict and abandoned schools in slum areas. During the pandemic in 2020, TRF worked on food banks and also launched a "Connecting Elderly with Families" campaign, distributing electronic devices to care homes around London to enable self-isolating elderly inhabitants stay in contact with their families and loved ones.

## Kirron Kher: Anupam Kher started with a small dream

Actress Kirron Kher has heaped praise on her husband Anupam Kher and said that his journey in cinema has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Reflecting on his beginnings, Kirron recalled, "Anupam started with a small dream, just a young boy from Shimla with a deep love for cinema and a burning desire to make his mark. His journey has been nothing short of extraordinary."

She revealed that Anupam would do roles, which others wouldn't take up.

"In those early days, he took on roles others wouldn't, often facing rejection and financial difficulties, yet he kept going."

Kirron emphasised how, despite the challenges he faced, Anupam has remained true to his passion.

"Even in the face of adversity, Anupam has never wavered. His unwavering belief in himself and his craft has allowed him to

stand tall, 40 years later, still as driven and passionate as ever."

Anupam's latest release is "Vijay 69" with Netflix and YRF. In the film, Anupam plays a character that reflects both resilience and vulnerability, traits that have come to define his real-life journey as well.

Kirron said that she feels proud watching him continue to evolve as an actor and as a person.

"Watching him evolve, not just as an actor but as a person, has been a beautiful experience."

His love for the craft has only grown stronger with time, and that's what sets him apart," she said.

The film touches on themes of perseverance and the fight to overcome personal obstacles.

She added: "His ability to rise above struggles and turn them into stepping stones is what truly defines his legacy," she remarked, reflecting on how Anupam has never let setbacks



diminish his love for the craft.

Kirron concluded by saying that it's Anupam's passion, resilience, and refusal to give up that makes him who he is.

"And I couldn't be prouder of him. His journey is a reminder that success isn't just about talent, but also about heart and tenacity."

## Sidharth Malhotra: I play Kishore Kumar songs when I'm in the car

Bollywood heartthrob Sidharth Malhotra reveals that he plays songs by late multi-hyphenate Kishore Kumar's song when he is in the car and that it instantly brings energy in him.

Talking about his favourite car playlist, Sidharth said at a launch in New Delhi: "I play Kishore Kumar songs when I am in the car, on my way to the set and it instantly brings this energy and zest that's just unbeatable."

Sidharth also turns to timeless hits to fuel his workout sessions.

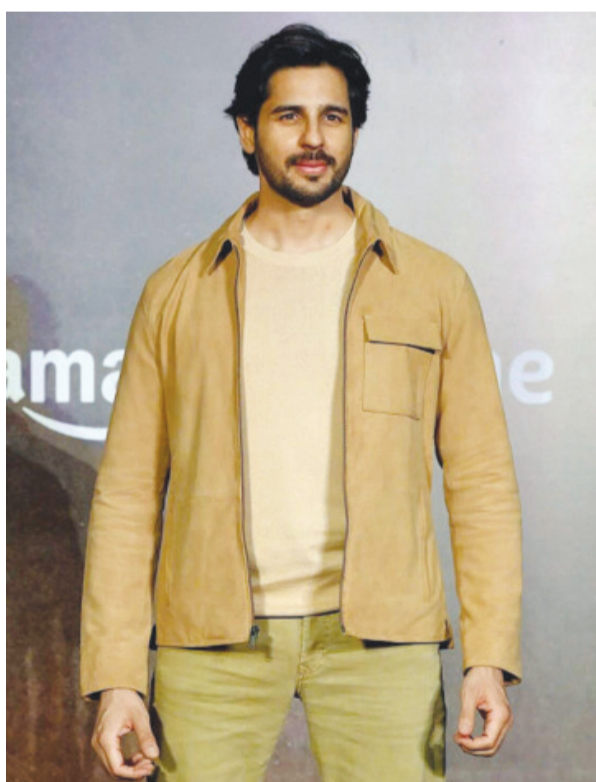
"I was even listening to 'Dilbar Mere' while doing my cardio," he added.

Meanwhile, Sidharth made headlines after reports surfaced that he will be collaborating with his wife, actress Kiara Advani, for Maddock Films' upcoming love story.

While the plot details remain under wraps, sources suggest that it won't follow the typical Bollywood love story formula.

A source close to the development was quoted as saying, "There is an interesting twist and a novel element in this love story. It will blend romance with fantasy elements."

Sidharth and Kiara had earlier worked together in Vishnuvardhan's directorial 'Shershaah'



which was based on the life of Captain Vikram Batra. The two fell in love on the sets of the film and then tied-the-knot in an intimate ceremony in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, in February 2023.

He was next seen in 'Yodha' with Disha Patani and 'Param Sundari' co-starring Janhvi Kapoor. Besides these, Sidharth Malhotra also directed the action-packed thriller 'Race 4', where he will go head-to-head with Saif Ali Khan.

Talking about the actor's journey, Sidharth kicked off his career as an assistant director

to Karan Johar in "My Name Is Khan" in 2010. It was in 2012, when he starred in the filmmaker's directorial "Student of the Year," which made him an instant sensation.

In his over-a-decade was then seen in "Hasee Toh Phasee," "Ek Villain," "Kapoor & Sons," "A Gentleman," "Shershaah," "Aiyaary," "Jabariya Jodi" among many others. The actor was last seen in the film "Yodha", directed by Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha.

The action thriller also stars Raashii Khanna, Disha Patani and Sunny Hinduja.

## All-time low: Nayanthara slams Dhanush for Rs 10 crore lawsuit

South cinema star Nayanthara criticised actor Dhanush, who produced her 2015 Tamil movie "Naanum Rowdy Dhaan", for refusing permission to use footage from the film in her upcoming Netflix documentary.

In a three-page open letter posted on her Instagram page, the "Jawan" actress slammed Dhanush for sending a legal notice demanding Rs 10 crore in damages after the trailer of the documentary, titled "Nayanthara: Beyond The Fairy Tale", was released online.

"After two long years of battling it out with you for an NOC (No Objection Certificate) and waiting for your approval for our Netflix documentary release, we finally decided to give up, re-edit, and settle for the current version since you declined to permit the usage of 'Naanum Rowdy Dhaan' songs or visual cuts—even the photographs, to say the least—despite multiple requests.

"The songs of 'Naanum Rowdy Dhaan' are appreciated to this day because the lyrics came from true emotions. Knowing that there's no better music we could use in our documentary, your refusal to give us the opportunity to use it, or even just lyrics from the songs, broke my heart," the letter read.

Released in 2015, "Naanum Rowdy Dhaan" was a romantic comedy written and directed by Nayanthara's husband, Vignesh Shivan. The actor starred opposite Vijay Sethupathi in the movie, which was produced by Sagar Ambre and Pushkar Ojha.

"The vengeance you have been harbouring against the film, my partner, and me doesn't just affect us but the people who have contributed their effort and



time to this project.

"This Netflix documentary about me, my life, my love, and marriage includes clips of many of my industry well-wishers who have graciously contributed and memories from multiple films, but sadly does not include the most special and important film, 'Naanum Rowdy Dhaan'," Nayanthara said.

Dhanush has not yet responded to her letter.

The 39-year-old actress said she was shocked after receiving a legal notice for using a three-second behind-the-scenes clip in the documentary.

"We were startled to read those lines wherein you questioned the usage of some videos (just three seconds) that were shot on our personal devices, and that too BTS visuals that are already very much publicly present on social media, and claimed a sum of Rs 10 crore



as damages for the mere three seconds.

"This is an all-time low from you and speaks volumes about your character. I wish you were half the person you portray on stage at audio launches in front of your innocent fans, but clearly, you do not practice what you preach, at least not with me and my partner," she said.

Nayanthara said she would be giving a "befitting" reply to Dhanush's notice through lawful means.

"Does a producer become an emperor controlling the lives, freedom, and liberty of all the persons on the set? Any deviation from the emperor's dictum attracts legal ramifications?"

"Your refusal to give an NOC for the use of elements of 'Naanum Rowdy Dhaan' for our Netflix documentary might be justified by you to the courts

from a copyright angle, but I wish to remind you that there is a moral side to it, which has to be defended in the court of God," she added.

Nayanthara noted that the film was released almost 10 years ago but Dhanush continues to act "vile while wearing a mask in front of the world".

The actor added that she hasn't forgotten "all the horrible things" Dhanush said about the film, which became one of his biggest hits as a producer.

"The words you said pre-release have already left some unhealable scars on us. I learned through film circles that your ego was supremely hurt after the film became a blockbuster. Your displeasure over its success was perceptible even to the common man through award functions connected with this film (Filmfare 2016)," she said.

"Courtesy and decency mandate large-hearted behaviour in such matters. I believe the people of Tamil Nadu, or anyone with a right conscience, would not appreciate such tyranny, even if it comes from an established personality like you," she added.

Nayanthara concluded the letter by saying that in a world where it's easy to look down upon others, "there is also joy in others' joys, there is happiness in seeing other people's happiness, and hope that comes from others' stories".

"That is the reason behind our Netflix documentary. I suggest you also watch it, and maybe it might change your mind. It is important to #SpreadLove, and I hope and pray that someday you are also fully capable of doing it and not just saying it," she said.

## Amit Shah cancels election rallies in Maharashtra, heads back to Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday cancelled his rallies in poll-bound Maharashtra and is headed back to Delhi as the situation in Manipur continues to be volatile, according to sources.

The home minister is likely to hold a meeting to review the situation in the northeastern state, the sources said.

Irate mobs set fire to the residences of three more BJP legislators, one of whom is a senior minister, and a Congress MLA in various districts of Imphal Valley on Saturday night even as security forces foiled an attempt by agitators to storm the ancestral residence of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

Shah was supposed to attend a few election rallies as part of the BJP's campaign in Maharashtra but he has cancelled them and is returning to the national capital, the sources said.

Though there was no official word on the reason behind the cancellation of the minister's rallies, the sources



indicated that it could be due to the volatile situation in Manipur.

The home minister is likely to hold a meeting with top officers in Delhi to review the situation in Manipur, the sources said.

A team of central security officers is expected to visit Manipur soon to assess the situation and assist the state government in tackling the situation, they said.

The fresh incidents of violence took place on Saturday night even as an indefinite curfew was clamped after people, agitated by the killing of three women and children each by militants in Jiribam district, attacked the residences of three state ministers and six MLAs earlier in the day.

The angry mobs torched the houses of PWD Minister Govindas Konthoujam at Ningthoukhong, Hiyanglam's BJP MLA Y Radheshyam at Langmeidong Bazar, Wangjing Tenth's BJP MLA Paonam Brojen in Thoubal district and Khundrakpam's Congress MLA Thokchom Lokeshwar in Imphal East district, according to officials.

On Sunday morning, there was a tense calm in all five districts of the Imphal Valley, where the curfew was imposed and internet services were suspended following violent protests after the discovery of the bodies of six people who were allegedly abducted and killed by militants in Jiribam.

## India's growth story remains resilient as global economy lags: RBI governor Shaktikanta Das

*"The Indian economy remains strong and I would say very robust and we are much better placed than perhaps the rest of the world," said the RBI governor.*

KOCHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): Even as the global economy is still recovering at a slow pace, the Indian growth story presents a picture of "stability and strength", despite the recent surge in retail inflation, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said here.

"Inflation has gone up in the last two months, but on the whole, it's expected to moderate in the coming months. However, the Indian economy is very stable, thanks to factors like the external sector. Our current account deficit last year was 1.1 per cent as against 7 per cent in the 2010-11 period. It is well under control in the first quarter of this year. Our reserves have gone up significantly. The latest figures (Friday) put the same at 675 bn USD, the fourth highest in the world, and enough to meet the requirements of 12 months of imports or meet any other parameters," Das added, while pointing out that the Indian economy is withstanding global risks.

He was speaking while officially launching the Kochi International Foundation, an



intellectual platform of influential personalities from various fields, functioning on the lines of the New Delhi-based India International Centre.

However, he cautioned that there is no room for complacency, citing that there are many challenges like the effects of geo-political conflicts, economic fragmentation resulting in supply-chain disruptions, the challenges of rising import duties, or even the climate change issues.

He also outlined the chief areas on which the country should focus while moving forward – continue with ongoing structural reforms especially that regarding land and labour, adopt a multi-sectoral approach of development, move towards greater formalization of the economy (GST, UPI etc), and widening the credit delivery

system.

"The RBI Innovation Hub at Bangalore has come out with a product called Universal Lending Interface (ULI). It's going to be in a transformational change in credit delivery, like what UPI has done with regard to payment systems in India," Das said.

The RBI governor also stressed the need to make swift technological advancements.

Earlier, Das observed that the last five or six years have been extremely challenging for the global economy, especially Covid.

"Global growth is holding on. But there are signs that it is (again) slowing down. However, India has been an exception. The economic recovery that India made after the pandemic was one of the best. When every country is facing a growth slowdown, the Indian economy in the last three years, has recorded an annual growth rate of 8%.

The RBI growth projection for the current year is 7.2% while many international agencies like the IMF have given a growth projection of 7%. So, on the whole, the Indian growth

story remains resilient, Indian economy remains strong and I would say very robust and we are much better placed than perhaps the rest of the world," the RBI governor added.

Dr M Ramachandran, former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, and former Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand, one of the founders of KIF, said the foundation will be an exclusive community of people from business, finance, education, literature, judiciary, science and technology, public administration, sport and culture among others.

"Structured on the lines of various international centres in Indian metros, we would like to set up a world-class facility where minds meet and expand, opinions converge and clash, and connections are forged," he said.

The other founders of KIF include Justice (Rtd) Satheesachandran; Dr Viju Jacob, Executive Chairman, Synthite Industries; Paul Antony, former Chief Secretary; Dinesh P Thampi, VP and Head of TCS Kerala; Madhu Radhakrishnan, Lawyer and Maria Abraham, Executive Editor, Dhanam Publications.

## Kailash Gahlot resigns as Delhi Transport minister, quits AAP



NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): In a setback to the AAP, its senior leader and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot quit the party on Sunday.

In his resignation letter, Gahlot, a prominent figure in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), cited recent controver-

sies facing the party and unfulfilled promises.

In his letter to Chief Minister Atishi, Gahlot, the MLA from Najafgarh, tendered his resignation from the council of ministers with immediate effect.

In a separate letter to AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, which was

shared on X, Gahlot also tendered his resignation from the primary membership of the party.

Gahlot claimed the party was facing "embarrassing and awkward" controversies like "Sheshmahal", a reference to Kejriwal's former residence.

He alleged that instead of fighting for the rights of the people, the AAP was busy fighting for its own agenda which has crippled delivery of basic services in Delhi.

No immediate reaction was available from the AAP over the setback and the issues raised by Gahlot.

## Nobody should take Rahul Gandhi seriously: Nitin Gadkari

NAGPUR, Nov 17 (Agencies): Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Sunday said that nobody should take Congress leader Rahul Gandhi seriously, and asserted that people of Maharashtra will repose trust in the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance in the November 20 state assembly elections.

"The way Rahul Gandhi speaks, nobody takes him seriously.. I think people should not take his remarks seriously," Gadkari said in an interview to PTI.

On Gandhi's allegations about PM Modi "suffering from memory loss like US President Joe Biden", Gadkari said the Congress leader speaks irresponsibly.

Asked about the chal-

lenges faced by the Mahayuti alliance after a dismal show during the Lok Sabha elections, Gadkari said, voters were confused (by the opposition) on a large scale during the Lok Sabha polls.

"A narrative was created that if we win 400-plus seats, we will amend the Constitution drafted by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar," the senior BJP leader said. "There is no question of changing the Constitution. We will neither do it, nor allow others to do it," Gadkari said.

"Now people have realized that the campaign by the opposition during Lok Sabha polls was based on lies and they have decided to support with positivity the Mahayuti in Maha-



rashtra under PM Modi's leadership," Gadkari said.

On BJP talking of development politics, but its leader raising raising slogans like 'batenge toh katenge', Gadkari said, "We are contesting the elections on the plank of development. We are all one. Some go to temple, some to mosque, gurd-

Gadkari said, "First of all, we are different parties and it is not necessary that we share the same opinion."

"Media also distorts what is said. This creates misconception. The call for unity was to unite against terrorism and Naxalism," he said.

Asked about Rahul Gandhi raising the issue of caste census, Gadkari said, "The real issue is about the welfare of villages, the poor and farmers.

The poor have no caste and religion. A Muslim gets petrol at the same rate as others.

Asked if would like to become the BJP president, Gadkari said, "I have been the BJP president earlier and don't have any desire for that post now."

## Tempo crushes man to death, drags him in road rage incident in Surat; driver held



SURAT, Nov 17 (Agencies): A 56-year-old man was crushed to death and dragged by a tempo after he argued with the vehicle's driver over his rash driving in Gujarat's Surat city, police said on Sunday.

The accused driver, Mayur Mer (39), was arrested within hours as the CCTV footage of the accident showed the tempo running over the victim and dragging him even as his son tried to get the enraged driver to stop the vehicle, an official said.

A case was registered against the driver at the Kataragam police station for the incident that occurred at Ratnamala crossroads around 3.30 pm on Saturday. He said the victim, Jitendra Kanthariya, and his son were waiting at a traffic signal when the tempo hit their motorcycle.

As per the FIR, the father-son duo asked the tempo driver to drive properly, and the latter got angry and started verbally abusing them.

The duo had a heated argument with the tempo driver over rash driving. When the victim got off the two-wheeler and approached the tempo driver, the latter ran him over and dragged him for around 15 feet before escaping.

Kanthariya died on the spot, the official said.

The accused claimed in a statement that the father-son duo had tried to assault him for driving rashly, and when he tried to escape, one of them stood in front of the vehicle.

## 5 killed, 7 injured in 2 road accidents in MP

KHARGONE / MORENA, Nov 17 (Agencies): Five people were killed and seven injured in two road accidents in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone and Morena districts, police said on Sunday.

An SUV and a van collided near the PWD office in Khargone city at around 7 am on Sunday, Khargone Kotwali police station's

sub-inspector Shriram Bhuria said.

Two van occupants, Ramlal (50) and Shobharam (49), died on the spot. Five others travelling in the van were injured, he said.

The SUV had one occupant, he said.

It carried a plate with 'SDM' written on it along the vehicle's number.

The police official

said it would be known after an investigation as to whom the vehicle belongs.

In Morena, three people were killed and two injured in a collision between two speeding motorcycles on Saturday night, police said.

The incident occurred near Pipalwadi police post, some 60 km from the Morena district

headquarters, an official from Sabalgarh police station said.

Two motorcycle riders -- Bishu (65) and Sachin (22) -- died on the spot while one Santosh (28) died during treatment, he said.

Two other persons were injured and referred to the district hospital in Morena from Sabalgarh's government

## Three killed, 13 injured after bus overturns on highway in Rajasthan's Bundi



KOTA, Nov 17 (Agencies): Three people died and 13 others were injured after a private bus carrying pilgrims overturned after ramming into a pole on Lalsot-Kota Mega Highway in Rajasthan's Bundi district on Sunday, police said.

The accident happened at around 2 am when the speeding bus, carrying with 43 passengers, was returning from Mataji temple in Swaimadhopur district's Choth Ka Barwada, they said.

According to the police the incident reportedly occurred as the driver was trying to avoid a ditch.

Arvind Singh (62), Antim Kumar Vaishnav (28) and Mangilal Rathore (60), the bus conductor, died in the accident.

The bus was at high speed when the driver attempted to avoid a ditch on the road leading the bus to go out of control and overturn after hitting a roadside electric pole, one of the pilgrims told reporters.

Arvind Singh and Antim Kumar died on the spot while the conductor succumbed in a hospital in Kota, DSP Aashish Bhargava said.

The injured have been referred to MBS Hospital in Kota.

Three injured, including two women, are in critical condition, the DSP said.

The bodied have been sent for post-mortem and a has been registered against the bus diver, the DSP said, adding that the vehicle has been seized.

## Man stabbed to death in UP's Deoria

DEORIA, Nov 17 (Agencies): A 28-year-old man was stabbed to death in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place around 10 pm on Saturday when Vishal Singh from Holi Ballia village had gone out of the village for some work, Superintendent of Police (SP) Sankalp Sharma said.

An unidentified person attacked Singh with a knife near Deoria-Karahkol road, Sharma said.



He was taken to the community health centre by locals, but when his condition became critical, he

was sent to Maharishi Devraha Baba Medical College, Deoria, the SP said.

However, when there

was no improvement in his condition, he was referred to BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, where he died, the officer said.

According to Sharma, they have not received any complaint from the victim's family yet, following which a case can be registered and an investigation can be launched.

The SP inspected the spot and as a precaution, police force from several police stations have been deployed in the area.

## Russia grinds deeper into Ukraine after 1,000 days of grueling war

KYIV, Nov 17 (Agencies): When Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine in February 2022, the conventional wisdom was that the capital, Kyiv, would soon fall and the rest of the country wouldn't last long against a much larger enemy.

Instead, it was that narrative that quickly collapsed. The Ukrainian army proved it could slow the advance of Russia's forces and, if not drive them out completely, then — with enough support from the West — at least forestall defeat.

But nearly three years later, the outlook is again grim. Russia is expending huge amounts of weaponry and human life to make small-but-steady territorial gains to the nearly one-fifth of Ukraine it already controls. Ukraine, meanwhile, is struggling to minimize losses, maintain morale and convince allies that, with more military aid, it can turn the tide.

As this brutal war of attrition grinds toward its 1,000th day, neither side seems eager to negotiate. President-elect Donald Trump has said he could quickly end the war, though it is unclear how or in whose favor he might tip the scales.

This backdrop appears to be driving Russia's strategy in eastern Ukraine, according to Phillips O'Brien, a professor of strategic studies at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. Trump could try to force an end to the war by halting the supply of weapons to Ukraine, he said.

"If Trump cuts aid to Ukraine and a cease-fire leads to a frozen conflict, Russia wants to secure as much territory as it can now," O'Brien said.

For Ukraine, the key to any cease-fire would be guarantees from the West that it won't allow Russia to re-invade in the future. Otherwise, O'Brien said, "a cease-fire is a recipe for constant instability in Europe."

In the war's first year, Ukraine lost huge amounts of territory — but it also achieved notable victories. It resisted a much larger adversary with superior air power to survive as an independent country, and it reclaimed some land through gutsy counteroffensives, giving the underdog — and its wealthy allies — the confidence to stay in the fight.

In the second year, which was punctuated by Ukraine's dev-



astating loss of Bakhmut and its failed counteroffensive, the armies essentially fought to a standstill along a 1,000 kilometer (620 mile) front line. Toward the end of that year, the U.S. Congress delayed the approval of a \$61 billion package of aid for weapons, and economic and humanitarian assistance.

With Ukraine's ammunition dwindling, its outlook deteriorated significantly as the war's third year began. In February 2024, the town of Avdiivka fell after months of airstrikes by Russia, which used highly destructive Soviet-era bombs retrofitted with navigation systems.

The fall of Avdiivka created a major breach in Ukraine's defenses. When Russia later mounted an assault on the northeastern city of Kharkiv, Ukrainian troops were stretched further.

A bright spot for Ukraine came in August, when it launched a surprise incursion into Russia. It took — and still holds — hundreds of square kilometers in the Kursk region. While this could be an important chip in any cease-fire negotiations, it hasn't stopped Russian forces from taking more land in Ukraine's east.

"The Russians have paid a very high price to keep advancing, but they're willing to pay that price in lives to gain a few more meters of territory each day," said Justin Crump, head of the British strategic advisory firm Sibylline.

Tens of thousands of soldiers from both countries have been killed since the start of the war in 2022, according to estimates, and the U.N. says at least 11,700 Ukrainian civilians have been killed.

While the amount of land Russia has gained in 2024 —

about 2,455 square kilometers (948 square miles) — is equal to less than 1% of Ukraine's pre-war territory, it is having a psychological impact.

With Ukraine in retreat, "we've now returned to a period reminiscent of the (war's) first months," said Mykola Bielieskov, an analyst at CBA Initiatives Center in Kyiv. "This strengthens Russia's position — not so much militarily, but in terms of morale."

To keep its war machine going, Russia — like Ukraine — has turned to allies for help.

Iran supplies Russia with drones and possibly missiles, and North Korea has sent ammunition — and even troops, who have been deployed to Russia's Kursk region.

Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed this year that 700,000 of his troops are fighting in Ukraine. Analysts say Putin would need a much larger force to accelerate Russia's advance, but that he is unlikely to mobilize more troops because it could stoke internal discontent.

Ukraine's foothold in Kursk is another complicating factor for Putin, and it could be used as a bargaining chip in any future cease-fire negotiations.

Captain Yevhen Karas, a Ukrainian commander in Kursk, said the fighting inside Russia is highly dynamic, but he believes it will prove effective in diverting Russia's attention and resources.

"Even a creeping, retreating front exhausts the enemy significantly," Karas said.

Ukraine has asked the West for longer range missiles and its blessing to fire at air bases deep inside Russia. But its allies have so far resisted, wary of escalating tensions with a nuclear-armed Russia.

The U.S. has provided more than \$64 billion in military aid to Ukraine since the war began 1,000 days ago. Soldiers worry about what would happen without sustained American support.

"Bravery, heroism, and spirit alone are not enough," said a Ukrainian soldier in the eastern Donetsk region who spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with military rules.

The soldier estimated that where he is stationed Russian infantry outnumber Ukrainian troops 10 to 1. As the war drags on and the death toll rises, it has become increasingly difficult for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to keep replacing troops.

What direction the war takes next will depend in large part on how the incoming Trump administration plays its hand.

Trump, who has touted his good relationship with President Vladimir Putin and called the Russian leader "pretty smart" for invading Ukraine, has repeatedly criticized American backing of Ukraine.

During his only campaign debate with Vice President Kamala Harris, Trump twice refused to directly answer a question about whether he wanted Ukraine to win — raising concerns that Kyiv could be forced to accept unfavorable terms in any negotiations.

Without security guarantees from the West, Ukraine could find itself vulnerable to future Russian aggression. Analysts say a cease-fire based on the current state of the battlefield would set a dangerous precedent, implying that Europe's borders are up for grabs through military action — something that hasn't happened since World War II.

"This would also have a lot of traction in countries like China, India, and elsewhere," said Richard Connolly, a Russia expert at the Royal United Services Institute in London. "They could present that as a strategic defeat not only for Ukraine, but also for the West."

As another winter of war approaches, Ukrainian soldiers say they remain resolute.

"We are standing strong, giving it our all, and we won't surrender," said a battalion chief of staff in the southern region of Zaporizhzhia. "The most important thing now is not to lose more land."

## Latest typhoon batters the Philippines, displacing about 400,000 people



MANILA, Nov 17 (Agencies): A powerful typhoon wrecked houses, caused towering tidal surges and forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee to emergency shelters as it cut across the northern Philippines on Sunday in the sixth major storm to hit the country in less than a month.

Typhoon Man-yi slammed into the eastern island province of Catanduanes on Saturday night with sustained winds of up to 195 kilometers (125 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 240 kph (149 mph). The country's weather agency warned of a "potentially catastrophic and life-threatening situation" in provinces along its path.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the typhoon, which was forecast to blow northwestward on Sunday across northern Luzon, the archipelago's most populous region. The capital region of metropolitan Manila would likely be spared from a direct hit but was placed, along with outlying regions, under storm alerts and warned of dangerous coastal storm surges.

"The rain was minimal, but the wind was very strong and had this eerie howling sound," Roberto Monterola, a disaster-mitigation officer in Catanduanes, told The Associated Press by telephone. "Along a main boulevard here, the tidal surges went up to more than 7 meters (23 feet) near the seaside houses. It looked really scary."

The entire province of Catanduanes had no power after the typhoon knocked down trees and electricity posts, and disaster-response teams were checking how many more houses were damaged in addition to those impacted by previous storms, he said.

"We need tin roofs and other construction materials, aside from food. Villagers tell us here that they still haven't gotten up from the past storm and were pinned down again by this typhoon," Monterola said. Nearly half of the island province's 80,000 people were sheltering in evacuation centers.

Catanduanes officials were so concerned as the typhoon approached that they threatened vulnerable villagers with arrest if they did not follow orders to evacuate to safer grounds. More than 750,000 people took refuge in emergency shelters, including churches and a shopping mall, due to Man-yi and two previous storms mostly in the northern Philippines, Assistant Secretary Cesar Idio of the Official of Civil Defense and other provincial officials said.

The rare number of back-to-back storms and typhoons that lashed Luzon in just three weeks left more than 160 people dead, affected 9 million people and caused such extensive damage to residential communities, infrastructure and farmlands that the Philippines may have to import more rice, a staple food for most Filipinos. In an emergency meeting as Man-yi approached, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. asked his Cabinet and provincial officials to brace for "the worst-case scenario."

At least 26 domestic airports and two international airports were briefly shut and inter-island ferry and cargo services were suspended due to rough seas, stranding thousands of passengers and commuters, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine and the coast guard.

The United States, Manila's treaty ally, along with Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei provided cargo aircraft and other storm aid to augment the government's overwhelmed disaster-response agencies. Last month, the first major storm, Trami, left scores of people dead after dumping one to two months' worth of rain in just 24 hours in several towns.

The Philippines is battered by about 20 typhoons and storms each year. It's often hit by earthquakes and has more than a dozen active volcanoes, making it one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

## China's Xi cautions US to 'be wise' to keep relations stable

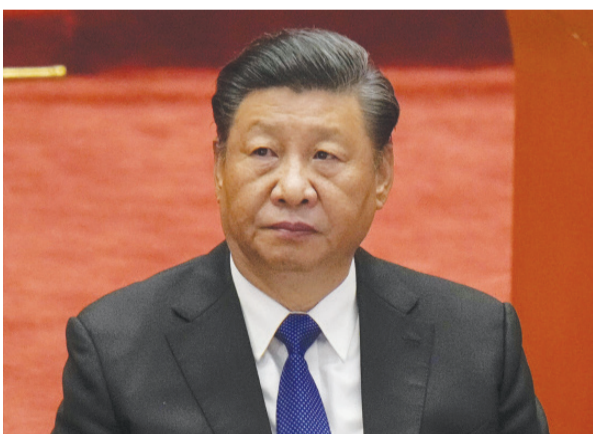
LIMA, Nov 17 (Agencies): China's leader Xi Jinping met for the last time with US President Joe Biden but was already looking ahead to President-elect Donald Trump and his "America first" policies, saying Beijing "is ready to work with a new US administration".

During their talks on the sidelines of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, Xi cautioned that a stable China-US relationship was critical not only to the two nations but also to the "future and destiny of humanity".

"Make the wise choice," he cautioned. "Keep exploring the right way for two major countries to get along well with each other."

Without mentioning Trump's name, Xi appeared to signal his concern that the incoming president's protectionist rhetoric on the campaign trail could send the US-China relationship into another valley.

"China is ready to work with a new US



administration to maintain communication, expand cooperation and manage differences so as to strive for a steady transition of the China-US relationship for the benefit of the two peoples," Xi said through an interpreter.

Xi, who is firmly entrenched atop China's political hierarchy, spoke forcefully in his brief remarks before reporters. Biden, who is winding down more than 50 years of public service, talked in broader brushstrokes about where the relationship between the two countries has gone. He reflected not just on the past four years but the decades the two have known each other.

"We haven't always agreed, but our conversations have always been candid and always been frank. We've never kidded one another," Biden said. "These conversations prevent miscalculations, and they ensure the competition between our two countries will not veer into conflict."

Biden urged Xi to dissuade North Korea from further deepening its support for Russia's war on Ukraine. The leaders, with top aides surrounding them, gathered around a long rectangle of tables in an expansive conference room at Lima's Defines Hotel and Conference Centre.

## Knife attack at a vocational school in eastern China leaves 8 dead and 17 injured

BEIJING, Nov 17 (Agencies): A stabbing attack at a vocational school in the eastern Chinese city of Wuxi on Saturday left eight people dead and 17 others injured, local police said today.

The attack took place at the Wuxi Vocational Institute of Arts and Technology in Yixing, a smaller city within Wuxi, at around 6:30 p.m. local time, the Yixing police said in a statement.

The suspect, a 21-year old male stu-

dent surnamed Xu, was detained on site.

Police said Wu had failed his examinations and could not graduate, and that he was dissatisfied about his pay at an internship. He decided to vent his frustrations via the attack, the statement said.

Videos circulating on Western social media platforms like X showed injured people lying on the street after the attack while others rushed to help. On Chinese social media plat-

forms like Weibo, keyword searches of the attack turned up the police statement but no videos or images related to the attack.

The Chinese government often censors internet content if it's deemed overly sensitive or political. Most Western social media sites and search engines like Google are blocked behind what's commonly known as the Great Firewall, which regulates what is accessible within China.

This is the second deadly attack within a week after a man drove his car into people at a sports facility in the southern city of Zhuhai, leaving 35 people dead and injured 43 others.

China has seen a number of attacks in which suspects appear to target members of the public at random.

In October, a man was detained after he allegedly attacked children with a knife at a school in Beijing. Five people

were wounded.

In September, three people were killed in a knife attack in a Shanghai supermarket, and 15 others were injured. Police said at the time that the suspect had personal financial disputes and came to Shanghai to "vent his anger."

The same month, a Japanese schoolboy died after being stabbed on his way to school in the southern city of Shenzhen.

## Israeli police make arrests after flares fired at prime minister's private residence

TEL AVIV, Nov 17 (Agencies): Israeli police said Sunday that they have arrested three suspects after flares were fired at the private residence of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the coastal city of Caesarea.

Authorities said the prime minister and his family were not at the residence when two flares were fired at it overnight, and there were no injuries.

The police did not provide details about the suspects, but officials pointed to domestic political critics of Netanyahu. Israeli President Isaac Herzog condemned the incident



and warned against "an escalation of the violence in the public sphere."

Netanyahu has faced months of mass pro-

tests over his handling of the hostage crisis unleashed by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023 attack into Israel, which ignited the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

Critics blame Netanyahu for the security and intelligence failures that allowed the attack to happen and for not reaching a deal with Hamas to release scores of hostages still held inside Gaza.

A drone launched by Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group struck Netanyahu's Caesarea residence last month, also when he and his family were away.



## Fairdeal Auto Hyundai organizes 'Hyundai Always Around' Camp in Channi Himmat



### Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Fairdeal Auto Hyundai is proud to announce the successful organization of Hyundai Always Around Camp, aimed at deliver-

ing a holistic customer experience. The event, held at Channi Himmat Sector 2, Jammu, brought together key services for car buyers. The camp was officially inaugurated by Ranjeet

Kaur, Branch Head of JK Bank Channi Himmat. The event served as a unique opportunity for customers to experience the brand's commitment to convenience, quality, and customer satisfaction.

The Hyundai Always Around Camp featured a comprehensive suite of services, including free car evaluations, an 18-point check-up for Hyundai vehicles, and opportunities for test drives of the latest Hyundai models. The camp was designed to bring together various aspects of car ownership—sales, service, and exchange—into one seamless experience for customers.

Fairdeal Auto Hyundai continues to prioritize customer convenience and satisfaction, and this initiative further strengthens its presence in Jammu and its dedication to serving the needs of Hyundai vehicle owners.

## 161 TA announces successful completion of Territorial Army Recruitment Drive at Sheeri

### Top News Report

BARAMULLA, Nov 17: 161 Territorial Army (TA) announces the successful culmination of its recent Territorial Army (TA) recruitment drive, held from 11 November to 17 November 2024, in Baramulla. The event saw unprecedented participation and engagement from aspiring candidates across the region, who braved inclement weather to pursue their dreams of serving the nation.

The highly anticipated recruitment drive attracted a record number of applicants, demonstrating the immense interest and dedication of our youth towards serving



the nation. The overwhelming response not only highlights the strong sense of patriotism among the candidates but also underscores the community's unwavering support for the armed forces and the positive development trajectory of Kashmir.

Approximately Thirty thousand young men showcased their enthusiasm and commitment by

attending the recruitment rally. Despite challenging weather conditions on some days, the candidates displayed remarkable resilience and dedication in their pursuit to join the Territorial Army Fair Selection Process.

The complete recruitment drive was conducted in a transparent manner, adhering to the highest standards of recruitment protocols.

Territorial Army, known for its discipline and commitment, ensured the entire process was smooth, fair and efficient.

Community involvement. The local community played a vital role in supporting the event, providing facilities and resources to ensure a smooth and successful recruitment drive.

Territorial authorities expressed their gratitude towards the local administration which made the recruitment drive a grand success. The selected candidates will now undergo a written test to join the ranks of esteemed Territorial Army, continuing the legacy of bravery and service to the nation.

## Manhas, Jasrotia launch membership drive in Jasrota constituency

### Top News Report

JASROTA, Nov 17: As a part of membership drive at the national level initiated with PM Narendra Modi, BJP membership drive was organized today in Jasrota constituency under the leadership of former BJP MP Shamsher Singh Manhas in presence of BJP MLA Jarota Rajiv Jasrotia. Launching membership drive in Jasrota constituency, Manhas said that nationwide primary membership drive was delayed in the Union Territory due to the recently concluded Assembly elections. He said party believes and practises the true spirit of the temple of democracy both internally and in the nation as a whole. Taking a dig at the Opposition parties, Manhas said other parties are often dominated by nepotism



where the entire organisation is controlled by a single family.

"Now, BJP has become the world's largest political party, surpassing China's Communist Party, which had 10 crore members," he said. Our target now is to reach the common masses, political workers, supporters, and sympathisers, enabling us to connect more effectively with people's issues, he said. In 2014, BJP achieved

a target of more than 6 lakh members. In 2019, it was 16.67 lakh, making history in J&K by securing maximum votes in Assembly elections. "This very membership drive isn't just a ritual. It's an expansion of our family. It isn't a game of numbers. It doesn't matter the numbers we achieve. This membership drive is an ideological and emotional movement," he added.

From Bharatiya Jana Sangh till now, we have

made all possible efforts to bring a new political culture in the country. The organisation or political party through which people give power, that unit, that organisation, that party if it doesn't follow democratic values, if internal democracy doesn't live in it, then a situation arises that is faced by several other political parties today," Manhas said. He recalled his early days into the party and said

that he painted Lotus, BJP's election symbol, on the walls and always had faith that Lotus would bloom in people's hearts.

Jasrotia speaking on the occasion said that BJP is the only political party that is following the democratic process properly. He said the BJP is also expanding its work and strives to improve to live up to the expectations of the people. "Several generations have invested their lives into this party, and then today the party has made its place in the hearts of the people," he added. He further said that the poor people of the country have the greatest faith in the results of our policies, decisions, and the paths the government has adopted. Therefore, we have to move forward with that strength. I am confident that this membership campaign will break all old records,"

he added. Jasrotia urged BJP members to make border villages a stronghold of the party. He said that the BJP is not only the biggest party of the world but is also a unique party.

No other party conducts its membership drive with such transparency and honesty as the BJP," he said. He said the BJP stands out as the most credible political party in the world. "Modiji has made sure that even if we dream big, our promises to people must always remain in alignment with what we are capable of delivering. We must be able to translate our promises into actions. This is why the BJP stands out as the most credible political party in the world. We don't do politics for the sake of forming government, but to form an empowered society," he said.

## Meritocracy being murdered in J&K by National Conference: PDP Leader Iltija Mufti

### Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17 (Agencies): PDP leader Iltija Mufti accused the ruling National Conference (NC) in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday of "murdering" meritocracy, saying "false promises" made by the party on rationalising reservation could not be "further from the truth". Jammu tourism packages

"Meritocracy is being murdered in broad daylight by the party that pulled a fast one on J&K's youth by false promises of rationalising reservation which couldn't be further from the truth," Mufti said in a post on X.

Her remarks came after the Government Medical College in Anantnag put out an advertisement for openings in various paramedical courses. Of the

17 seats available, only three are for open merit candidates while the other seats are reserved for various categories, including Residents of Backward Areas (RBA), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

Taking a dig at the NC, Iltija Mufti, the daughter and media adviser of People's Democratic Party (PDP) president and former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, said "statehood is the only demand they are hankering after to enjoy uninterrupted power".

In its manifesto for the recently-held Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls, the NC had promised to review the reservation policy in the Union Territory and correct the imbalances.

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### India successfully test-fires long-range hypersonic missile; Rajnath describes it as 'Historic'

Generally, the hypersonic missiles, capable of carrying conventional explosives or nuclear warheads, can fly in the range of five times the speed of sound (Mach 5 which is roughly 1,220 km) per hour at sea level.

However, some advanced versions of hypersonic missiles can even fly at the speed of over 15 mach.

At present, Russia and China are way ahead in developing hypersonic missiles while the US is in the process of developing a range of such weapons under an ambitious programme.

Several other countries, including France, Germany, Australia, Japan, Iran, and Israel, are also pursuing projects to develop hypersonic missile systems.

Defence Minister Singh also congratulated the DRDO, the armed forces and the industry for the "stupendous" achievement.

The defence ministry said the missile was tracked by various range systems, deployed in multiple domains.

"The flight data obtained from down range ship stations confirmed the successful terminal maneuvers and impact with high degree of accuracy," it said in the readout.

This missile has been indigenously developed by the laboratories of the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile complex, Hyderabad along with various other DRDO laboratories and industry partners.

The flight-trial was carried out in the presence of senior scientists of DRDO and officers of the armed forces.

### Three year imprisonment for owner if minor found driving vehicle in Kashmir: Traffic Police

On Saturday, more than 3000 vehicles, including two-wheelers, were seized by the traffic police in Srinagar for violating the traffic norms.

The advisory stated that all school

authorities, private coaching institutions, and parents are advised not to allow students or minor children to drive two- or four-wheelers, as this trend has claimed many precious lives so far seized and has to be curbed in order to avoid further obliteration. "Allowing a minor to drive a vehicle is a serious offence and warrants punitive action under Section 199A M.V. Act 1988 against the guardian of the juvenile or owner of motor vehicle," the advisory reads.

It has also directed that the registration of the vehicles used in the commission of the offence shall be cancelled for a period of twelve months.

### "Our govt going very well": JKNC President Farooq Abdullah NC-Congress Govt performance

Abdullah told reporters. When asked about PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti's statement, asking JKNC to make its stand clear on article 370 he said, "... She should not make such statements... our manifesto is clear about this (Article 370) ..."

### Cong supported J&K Assembly Resolution On Statehood with guarantees for land, jobs: Karra

only to the extent of statehood (with guarantees). There was no mention of statehood or Article 370 in the resolution passed by the government in the assembly," he said.

Karra was replying to questions about Article 370, Kharge's recent remarks, governance and the Congress' relationship with the National Conference.

"Our stance has been that statehood must come with special guarantees — guarantees for land, jobs, natural resources and cultural preservation. However, the way the BJP started its rhetoric, Kharge ji clarified and countered it effectively," he said.

Karra criticized the BJP leadership for repeatedly raising the issue of Article 370 during poll campaigning to target the Con-

gress.

"Kharge ji raised a question to the BJP. On one hand, they (BJP) claim that this chapter is closed and settled. If it is indeed closed and decided, then why do they keep bringing it up repeatedly? That was the main point of his statement — it exposes the contradiction in their stance," he said.

"If the BJP leaders say it is settled, we also accept that after the Supreme Court's verdict, it is settled. But if it is truly settled and Parliament has also decided on the matter, why do you keep bringing it up repeatedly? For electoral benefits, you exploit the matter and raise it again and again, even though it is settled. That is what Kharge ji meant," the Congress leader added.

Regarding the difference between Article 370 and statehood, special status, Karra said, "When you read the resolution, it mentions 'special status'. These are three different things — special status, Article 370 and statehood. Let me explain their interconnection. When you talk about special status, some interpret it as Article 370."

"If the Supreme Court had not given its verdict, it could have meant Article 370 as a form of special status. However, the Supreme Court's verdict is clear — it is not in our favour but in favour of the Government of India, which abrogated it," he added.

The Congress leader further said, "Now, you tell me, what status is left that we are still deprived of and that we should demand? According to my understanding, the only thing left is statehood. That is how they are linked."

"As of today, until the Supreme Court's decision is overturned or Parliament changes it, the only status that is still missing is statehood. That is what we have been saying," he added.

Backing Kharge's statement on Article 370, Karra said, "Look at the statement given by Kharge ji. It aligns with the stand of the JKPC, but it is also in line with the Congress resolution passed by the CWC on August 6, 2019. On the 5th, the abrogation happened and on the 6th, we passed a strongly worded resolution."

"In it, we clarified that this should not have happened — it was undemocratic, unconstitutional, and arbitrary. After that, whatever followed was relatively fine," he added.

Referring to the National Conference government's resolution in the assembly recently, the Congress leader said, "Recently, the National Conference pre-

sented a resolution in the assembly, but there was no discussion on it. It was passed through a voice vote. The BJP created such a commotion there, but despite that there was no discussion. Later, the Speaker took a voice vote, and the resolution was passed without any discussion."

Replying to another question about the one-month tenure of the government and Congress' relationship with the National Conference, Karra said, "We are with the National Conference. We have extended our support to the National Conference from outside. We have a principled stand, which is why we are supporting the government from outside. We are not concerned about ministerial berths. Our paramount consideration is statehood."

Asserting that restoring statehood is mandatory for changing anti-people laws imposed in Jammu and Kashmir over the past few years, he said, "Why so? Because only after we get statehood can certain laws be reviewed, including all those imposed during the previous period here."

"Our belief and the belief of the people is that while some laws may be good and can provide protection and benefits to the people here in a proper manner, there are also some laws that the people here do not consider people-friendly. Those laws can only be reviewed when we have full-fledged statehood. So, statehood is very important for us," he added.

### LG Manoj Sinha chairs high-level security review meet

appraisal of the progress of anti-terrorist operations in the UT.

### Failure to disclose foreign assets, Income to invite Rs 10L Penalty: I-T Dept

taxpayers figuring under this criteria "must mandatorily" fill the foreign asset (FA) or foreign source income (FSI) schedule in their ITR even if their income is "below the taxable limit" or the asset abroad was "acquired from disclosed sources."

"Failure to disclose foreign asset/income in the ITR can attract a penalty of Rs 10 lakh under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015," the advisory stated.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the administrative body for the tax department, had said that as part of the campaign it will send "informational" SMS and email to those resident taxpayers who have already filed their ITR for AY 2024-25.

The communication will be sent to such persons who have been "identified" through information received under bilateral and multi-lateral agreements "suggesting" that these individuals may hold foreign accounts or assets, or have received income from foreign jurisdictions.

The purpose of the campaign is to remind and guide those who may not have fully completed schedule foreign assets in their submitted ITR (AY 2024-25), especially in cases involving high-value foreign assets, the CBDT had said.

The last date to file a belated and revised ITR is December 31.

### Former VC of Kashmir University Wahid Qureshi passes away

Central University of Kashmir (CUK) later in 2009 for a period of five years.

Professor Qureshi, a native of Karnah in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, was presently residing in Srinagar.

His body is being taken to Karnah for last rites, and he will be laid to rest in his ancestral graveyard in Karnah, sources said.

### Weather improves after snowfall in Kashmir; Temp drops as sonamarg records minus 5.3°C

maximum temperature at 12.2°C on Saturday, and it was 3.7°C below normal.

The weather improved on Sunday, and the sun appeared in Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir valley and is likely to remain dry till November 23, the MeT office said.

The MeT office predicted that another wet spell is likely to occur on November 24 with the possibility of light rain and light snow over higher reaches and at scattered places of Kashmir and isolated places of Jammu division.

Thereafter, the weather is very likely to remain generally dry till November 30, it said.



## India vs Australia: Come see the wonder Down Under... again?

*With the five Test matches between India and Australia begins in Perth on Friday, a look at what the series means the challenges they have in front of them*

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): Remember January 2021? If you are an Indian cricket fan or just a follower of the sport in general, you would. An Indian team, filled with more players who started the tour as substitutes and net bowlers, had made the 4 AM alarms and spending half the morning in front of television sets and streaming sites all worth it. As much as there is always a sense of romance about getting up early in the day for an Australian summer, this was so much more.

The Indian team breached the fortress that was The Gabba. In the process, they reiterated their dominance Down Under in an injury-ridden, Covid-stricken Australian summer. So much so that the then head coach Ravi Shastri called it one of the greatest Test series ever. It was not an exaggeration.

Forty-seven months on, India are back in Australian shores. Before they will even take to the field for the first Test, which begins in Perth on Friday, they have faced some setbacks. As already known, Rohit Sharma, who welcomed his second child on Friday, is likely to miss the Perth game and Mohammed Shami, who made a Ranji comeback, is not yet added to the Test squad. These are already known and the team had prepared for it. But on Saturday with concerns over Shubman Gill's thumb injury, head coach Gautam Gambhir and Jasprit Bumrah, expected to lead if Rohit misses out, might have some puzzles to solve in the coming week.

Now, there is no Australian summer without injuries, drama, mind games — both on and off the field. It only adds to the rivalry and the on-field contest. However, what mat-



ters in the end is taking 20 wickets and winning sessions through the course of a Test match. Something that India did extremely well in 2018-19 (bowled out the hosts in seven innings of eight) as well as 2020-21 (six off eight). Who is going to help India do that this time around remains the biggest question.

Without Shami, Bumrah will be assisted by the likes of Mohammed Siraj, Akash Deep, Prasidh Krishna and Nitish Kumar Reddy in the pace department. But they will have to play more than just a supporting role, feels former national selector Devang Gandhi. "I think our bowling is not as experienced as it was. We don't have Ishant Sharma and I am not sure if and when Shami will join the team. So the bowling and how they are going to take 20 wickets will be the crucial factor," Gandhi told this daily.

"With Shami unclear, Siraj, Prasidh, Akash Deep and I expect Mukesh Kumar to be included at some point, should do more than just supporting roles. They all will have to chip in with wickets. It is a five-Test series and Bumrah cannot

deliver in all the matches. India will need the other bowlers to step up and contribute as well," he added.

If the lack of experience in the bowling is one thing, the other is the crucial lower-order runs that became the differential factor in the last tour. From R Ashwin to Ravindra Jadeja to Shardul Thakur to Washington Sundar, everyone contributed significantly in the 2020-21 series win. "I think India will play four seamers and a spinner unless they play at Sydney where they can use two spinners. If that is the case, it is going to be one of Ashwin, Jadeja and Washington. All three of them have the experience of doing well in the past and Ashwin saved the Sydney Test with Hanuma Vihari last time. If they can add 50-60 runs, it would be a big difference," said Gandhi.

Meanwhile, India's batting is coming off a rough series at home, especially the senior batters who have come under the scanner after the loss against New Zealand. Gandhi, however, believes India have a good mix of experience and youth. While Gill was expected to have a great series, now it

will all come down to how soon he can take the field after the thumb injury. Should he miss the first Test, it will only add to the pressure on the openers. "Pant, Gill, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul have all played in Australia and done well. For Yashasvi Jaiswal, it will be an acid test and Australia will come hard at the openers but I expect him to do well," said the former India cricketer.

The last time India were in Australia, they did not start well. It began with a 36 all out but ended in a series win for the ages. If history is anything to go by, India have always been slow starters but Gandhi expects them to do well considering they know how to come back stronger. "This team knows how to bounce back. Most of the players were there in 2021 and know how to do it. And it is a long five Test series. You have to take one session at a time. (As much as both teams will want to start well in Perth) Winning a Test is about 15 sessions so it will be crucial to look at it like that," he explained, before adding, "Both teams will be desperate for a win. Australia playing at home and India to keep their WTC chances alive. Yes, India lost to New Zealand but that is done and they would have reflected not just as a team but also as individuals. And knowing Gambhir and how he plans, all India would want is to get on the field and get going."

In 2021, the broadcasters' theme song was 'Come See The Wonder, Come See The Wonder' by Joe Mesch. The Indian team and the series did live up to it. Come November 22, India will embark on a journey where they could accomplish something really special. Can they? We have 48 days to find out.

## Odisha thrash Haryana 5-1 to win maiden national title



CHENNAI, Nov 17 (Agencies):

Since the second half of the previous decade, Odisha has been synonymous with hockey in India. Across men's and women's games, Odisha has been the primary sponsor of the national team since 2018. The state has even hosted the FIH Men's World Cup in 2023. Odisha has been at the heart of Indian hockey, but somehow, hockey in Odisha has remained behind the curtains; until now. With three goals to Shilanand Lakra and a goal each to Rajat Akash Tirkey and Pratap Lakra made sure Odisha created history by bagging their first-ever title of the Hockey India Senior Men National Championship in Chennai.

After beating the formidable Haryana side, who made it to their third consecutive final at the senior nationals, Odisha's coach, Bijay Kumar Lakra, was one happy man at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium. "We said we would not give them any chance to play aerial shots, and we succeeded. Our quality was in attack and we stuck with that," Lakra told the media. "We focused on marking the players and supporting each other in the field and it all came in handy in the final and we were able to score these many goals and win by this big a margin. This is the first win in the history of Odisha's hockey program. Our department has supported us well. We got a few video calls from back home wishing us well. Even our minister sent his best wishes. So we had this target for ourselves to win this for our state," Lakra added.

He was not the only Lakra in the side that won the title. There were five Lakras in the playing side and going by coach's words there were at least 14 members from the famed cradle of Indian hockey, Sundargarh. "Though some of them are working and posted

at different places, most of them grew up playing together," he said.

Despite letting Haryana earn 10 penalty corners, Odisha's defense was strong enough as they only conceded one goal. The coach explained the strategy behind that. "Today, we used both of our rushers in the match for penalties in Amit Kumar Toppo and Kerobin Lakra. They are the best runners on the team and I would say that is one of the reasons why we are successful today. Even our goalkeeper was in good form. We were also quite focused on maintaining the fitness level to last all quarters. I believe today's Hockey requires that level of fitness."

The idea was no matter where the opposition players go, we planned to run and catch them and block their attempts to score."

It was evident from the final's play that this plan tied Haryana players down and did not allow them to score more than one goal. The goalkeeper for Odisha, Sahil Kumar Nayak too had a hand in the stellar show. "We knew we could have been under pressure, but we talked about the need to keep calm. I said don't worry about saving the goals. I will do that for the team. Even when we had to defend those many penalties throughout the match, I think it helped us a great deal in clearance today," Nayak told this daily.

The 24-year-old, who drew inspiration from former India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, spoke about the growth of the game in Odisha. "I don't think a lot of people knew about hockey before coming back home. We have witnessed a lot of growth. We are climbing the ladder and the juniors are coming into the ranks and getting motivated to do better," Nayak added.

## Glenn McGrath says Australia has "ammunition" to target Virat Kohli

MELBOURNE, Nov 17 (Agencies): Pace legend Glenn McGrath feels Australia has the "ammunition" to target an "emotional" Virat Kohli, who will be under pressure if he gets off to a poor start in the five-match Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, starting in Perth on November 22.

India has won the last four Test series against Australia, including two Down Under. However, they head into the much-anticipated five-Test assignment on the back of a 0-3 series whitewash at the hands of New Zealand on home soil.

"Without a doubt, especially after coming off a 3-0 loss to New Zealand, you've got plenty of ammunition to back yourself up," Fox Cricket quoted McGrath as saying on 'CODE Sports'. "So, put the pressure on them and see if they're up for it," he added.

Kohli, who has been India's batting mainstay for over a decade, has struggled with form in Test cricket recently. In the six matches he's played this year, he has averaged just a mere 22.72.

With the injured Shubman Gill out of contention for the first Test and skipper Rohit Sharma's participation also in doubt, Kohli will feel the pressure of leading the batting line-up.

However, the 36-year-old has a penchant for eking out his best in Australia. Kohli has an impressive average of 54.08 in the four Australia tours he has been part of. And McGrath warned that targeting Kohli aggressively could also lift him, especially if he manages to keep his emotions in check.

"If they go hard at him, if he gets into a fight with emotions, there's a bit of chat out there, who knows, he might lift," said the 54-year-old former Australia pacer who took 563 Test wickets from 124 matches between 1993 and 2007.

"But I think he's probably under pressure a little bit, and if he has a couple of low scores to start with, he could really feel it."

"I think he's quite an emotional player. When he's up, he's up, and when he's down, he struggles a little bit," McGrath added.

## Mohammed Shami should be on the 'next flight' to Australia: Sourav Ganguly

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): Former BCCI President and India captain Sourav Ganguly has claimed that he would send Mohammed Shami right away to Australia for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy tour. Shami recently returned to cricket after a 360-day absence after having undergone surgery for an injury issue.

Shami made a sensational return during Bengal's Ranji Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh as he shone with both bat and ball. Shami picked up 7 wickets across 2 innings and scored a vital 37 off 36 balls as well. It was reported that the pacer could be sent to Australia soon, with his childhood coach claiming that he could head down under after the second Test.

Speaking to RevSportz, Gan-



guly said that Shami doesn't need to play in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and he should be on the next flight to Australia, even if he doesn't reach in time for the Perth Test.

"Yeah, I will send him to Australia. He doesn't need to play the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. I'll

send him to Australia, even if he misses the Perth Test. He keeps bowling, he should be on the flight, he has bowled today as well. He should be on the next flight to Australia," said Ganguly.

Prasidh ahead of Akash Deep for Perth Test Speaking about the Perth

Test, Ganguly said he feels that Parsidh Krishna could be the one partnering Jasprit Bumrah in the match ahead of Akash Deep because of his height and the conditions on offer. He once again reiterated that Shami should head to Australia soon and be in time for the Adelaide Test, which will begin on December 6.

"He (Shami) may miss the Perth Test, but that will be bowling friendly conditions. I think Prasidh will play ahead of Akash Deep, because of the height and conditions. So, Shami should be on the flight and should be ready to play the Adelaide Test," said Ganguly.

Shami has a good record in Australia as he has picked up 31 wickets in 8 matches down under. Shami has an average of 32.16.

## IPL Auction: Chennai Super Kings will definitely go for KL Rahul, says Aakash Chopra

NEW DELHI, Nov 17 (Agencies): Former India opener and commentator Aakash Chopra has tipped Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to bid for KL Rahul, who is entering the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 mega auction pool after parting ways with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG). Rahul's release from LSG marks a surprising turn of events, given his previous success with the franchise. Rahul led LSG to playoff appearances in their first two IPL seasons, 2022 and 2023, but a disappointing seventh-place finish in 2024 prompted the team's management to move in a new direction.

Despite his team's struggles, Rahul had a stellar individu-

al campaign, amassing 520 runs at a strike rate of 136.12. Reflecting on IPL 2024, Rahul acknowledged external pressures impacting LSG's performance.

"The environment plays a crucial role in a team's success. I'm now looking forward to playing with freedom in a more balanced setup," he said.

Aakash believes Rahul is the perfect candidate to fill multiple gaps in CSK's lineup, particularly as a wicketkeeper-batter and potential captain. "What all do they need? I feel they need a successor to Dhoni, a wicketkeeper-batter and it's great if they get an Indian. Everyone is saying, let me also say - he is more than 30 years old, is

going to be a father very soon and everyone has written him off as well, so he is right for Chennai, that's KL Rahul. So they will definitely go for KL Rahul," Aakash Chopra said on his YouTube channel.

Chopra highlighted CSK's significant auction purse of Rs 55 crore, which positions them well to bid aggressively for marquee players. "We can't say for how long they will go but they will try to acquire him because the franchise still has Rs 55 crore to be spent. So if they can get an Indian like him, Ishan Kishan or Rishabh Pant for Rs 10-15 crore, they are going to try. They might think about Shreyas Iyer for some time because they will need Indian batters to bat

in those conditions," Aakash added.

In addition to Rahul, Chopra hinted at CSK potentially targeting Ravichandran Ashwin, the veteran spinner who started his IPL journey with the franchise. "CSK has struggled with spin options apart from Ravindra Jadeja. Ashwin, who is also associated with CSK's academy, could bring balance to their attack in what might be his final IPL cycle," Chopra observed.

While speculation is rife about a potential reunion with Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Rahul remains open to playing for any team. His ability to adapt and excel in various roles makes him one of the most sought-after players in the auction.

## Fritz outlasts Zverev to reach title match



TURIN, Nov 17 (Agencies): Taylor Fritz became the first American since 2006 to reach the title match at the ATP Finals after winning a slugfest against world No. 2 Alexander Zverev. The 27-year-old fought off numerous break points in a cliffhanger deciding set to win 6-3 3-6 7-6(3), ending a two-

hour 20-minute duel with a stunning forehand winner. Fritz will face either home favourite and world No. 1 Jannik Sinner or Norway's Casper Ruud in Sunday's final.

Zverev had cruised through the group stage in majestic fashion and looked in the form to win the prestigious title for a third time, but his eight-match winning streak was ended by the resolute American who is ending the year on a high.

World No. 5 Fritz had won his previous three matches against Zverev and was the better player in the opening set. Zverev hit back though to set up a deciding set. "I felt like I played almost a perfect first set but it was tough in the second and third," said Fritz. "I found myself in some tough spots in the third, both of us really started to get on each other's serve even more. I told myself just to give him nothing from the back."

## Shiv Sena pays heartfelt tribute to Balasaheb Thackeray, vows to fulfill unfulfilled dreams

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit leaders paid heartfelt tribute to party founder Hindu Hriday Samrat Vandana Balasaheb Thackeray on his Mahanirvan Diwas and vowed to fulfill his dream of safe return of Kashmiri Pandits and end of the era of terrorism from Jammu-Kashmir.

In the tribute program organized at the party's state central office, J&K unit chief Manish Sahni along with state leaders paid their heartfelt tribute to Vandana Balasaheb Thackeray and vowed to fulfill his dreams.

Sahni said that Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray, who gave the slogan 'Garv Se Kaho Hum Hindu Hai', had spread consciousness in the subconscious minds of Hindus by awakening the spirit



of Hindutva. Balasaheb was in favor of 'one country, one constitution and

## Shiv Sena expresses grief over Jhansi fire incident

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni and state leaders expressed deep grief over the incident at Jhansi Medical College in Uttar Pradesh at the party central office and paid tearful tributes to the children who became victims of the heart-rending incident by Lighting candles and

expressed their condolences to the families and prayed to Almighty God to give them the courage to bear this grief and for the speedy recovery of the injured children.

Sahni has advised Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi to spare some time from the election campaign in other states under the divide rule politics and focus on the interests of the people of Uttar Pradesh.

one flag'.

He used to talk about undivided Jammu and Kashmir by making POK, Aksai Chin a part of India. Today Jammu and Kashmir has been divided into two parts and the status of the state has been taken away.

The rights of the local people of Jammu and Kashmir are being violated and the participation of outsiders is increasing day by day.

At the same time, the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits and the end of terrorism have not been achieved. Due to which Balasaheb Thackeray's dream about Jammu and Kashmir is still incomplete.

On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Jai Bharat, Vikas Bakshi, Raj Singh, Bharat Mahajan, Rohan Manwal, Dimple, Sunita Kumari, Jagbir, Ajay and many others were present.

## Balwant Thakur' Hindi play 'Jaal' staged by Natrang Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: Balwant Thakur's hard hitting Hindi play 'JAAL' staged here today at Rani Park, Jammu under the direction of Neeraj Kant.

In a very effective manner this powerful play innovatively showcases how the Drug-menace is ruining the generations like a rapid fire, crippling the highly energetic human resource of developing nations like India. The youth of India, the most influential and the productive human resource of the country, sometimes unknowingly slips into the suicidal trap of drug menace.

The play 'Jaal' was not based on any one storyline but as an experiment Balwant Thakur has woven multiple stories in one theme focusing the spread of drug menace like a mesh, this taking the toll of the strongest workforce of the country. Jammu is no exception. We are a witness to lots of youth losing lives. In a sequence a young boy is shown struggling for a good company after his passing of the school and entry in the college. He is isolated for not being the consumer of intoxications. All around him treat him like a child which really frustrates him and to prove that he has grown-up as a young man now, he finds the easiest way and demonstrates his coming of age



by consuming a variety of intoxications. In another sequence a rural inhabitant particularly the menfolk are shown drowned in the menace of alcohol. All the miseries of the village like poverty, domestic violence, and other ailments are attributed to the constant growth of consumption of alcohol in the village. In a sequence the daily routine of a villager is shown who consumes the whole of his daily earnings in alcohol. Being drunk completely he has loses his way home. By the time a local escorts him to his place where in the middle of the night this drunken man starts beating his sleeping wife and kids for not receiving him on his arrival. When the escort intervenes to save the poor lady and children, he is blamed for having malicious intentions towards his wife. This fight further messes up when a drunken man after losing

senses damages his household belongings as well. The play unfolds a series of incidents where people influenced by drugs, alcohol and other intoxications create hell for themselves as well as for others. Many precious lives are being charred in this fire of the growing drug menace which is to be fought unitedly to bring them out of the mesh of drugs menace. Through this play Balwant Thakur has tried to make an appeal to save mankind from this dragon who is extending its constituency day by day.

Actors who outshined in their respective performances and left an impact of their acting included Neeraj Kant, Aadesh Dhar, Gopi Sharma-Vandana Thakur, Kartik Kumar, Aryan Sharma and Vishal Sharma. The show was ably conducted by Brijesh Avtar Sharma and coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen

## UNNAT distributes shoes to students of GGMS Bharda Kalan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 17: UNNAT NGO distributed shoes to the children of Government Girls Middle School, Bharda Kalan, Akhnoor. The program was presided over by Sudarshan Abrol, President of Unnat NGO. The programme was organised by General Secretary, Neena Abrol of UNNAT.

Speaking in the program, Sudarshan Abrol said that as an act of philanthropy, we have been doing different types of programs for the last one year.

He also said that we have been helping the

poor children in every way, at some places we distributed sports equipment, at some places books and at some places we distributed articles required for daily use of school children, who are indigents and not within the approach of their hands, he added. He further said that we also taught the children to make candles so that they can earn to support themselves and their families.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anuradha, Treasurer of Unnat said that our NGO is imparting teaching to the children to learn their own work.

On this occasion,

Neena Abrol General Secretary Unnat said that NGO have been rendering help in many ways to poor children to boost them financially and morally. Further she said that sports activities have a bigger role to divert the attention of youth and growing children from the malice of drug addiction. This is a small initiative towards this end, she said, reiterating that our NGO will continue such efforts for the help of poor children and hold several programmes in other schools located in areas where people are living below poverty line, she added.

The Headmaster of the school expressed his gratitude to the UNNAT NGO for this kindful gesture of helping needy school children.

Among those who were present on the occasion include Kanchan Sharma, Preety Gupta, Sunita Muthoo, Ashwani Dubey, and others.

## Health and Wellness Centre, Kudwal organizes health camp at border village

Top News Report

ARNIA, Nov 17: The Health and Wellness Centre, Kudwal, situated near the international border, successfully conducted a health camp today.

The event was organized under the guidance of CMO Jammu, Dr. Harbaksh Singh, and the supervision of BMO Bishnah, Dr. Ghansham Singh, with the objective of enhancing healthcare accessibility for border residents and improving community well-being.

The Health and Wellness Centre, Kudwal is strategically located near the international border, provides critical healthcare services to local residents, border communities, and security personnel. The centre is dedicated to ensuring the health and well-being of these underserved populations.

Dr. Gyaneshwar Sharma led the medi-

cal check-ups, ensuring each participant underwent a thorough health screening. He also provided insightful guidance on adopting healthier eating habits and lifestyle modifications to promote long-term wellness.

The health camp witnessed significant community participation, with residents from Kudwal and nearby areas benefiting from free consultations and check-ups. The camp also included awareness sessions on nutrition and lifestyle improvement, making it a holistic health initiative.

Sarpanch Raghuvveer Singh commended the dedication of the Health and Wellness Centre team and extended his gratitude to Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harbaksh Singh and Block Medical Officer Dr. Ghansham Singh for their continuous efforts in providing essential healthcare services to the remote border communities.

## Prof. Abdul Wahid Qureshi, former VC KU passes away

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17: Prof. Abdul Wahid Qureshi, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, passed away on Sunday due to a cardiac arrest at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) in Soura.

He was a prominent academician and a highly respected figure in the education sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. Qureshi had a long and illustrious career dedicated to edu-

cation and academia. As the Vice Chancellor of the University of Kashmir, he played a pivotal role in shaping the institution's academic policies and fostering an environment of excellence. His tenure is remembered for significant contributions to the university's growth and development.

The news of his demise has left the academic and intellectual community of Kashmir in profound grief. Tributes have poured in from various quarters, including

former colleagues, students, and educational institutions, who hailed him as a visionary leader and a mentor to many.

Prof. Qureshi's contributions extended beyond his administrative role. Known for his humility and dedication, he was instrumental in promoting higher education in the region and inspiring countless students to pursue academic excellence.

The funeral prayers will be held later today, with details to be announced by his family.

## Man with 45 non-bailable warrants arrested for Fraud

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17 (Agencies): A man wanted in multiple cases of fraud and evasion, with 45 non-bailable warrants against him, was arrested in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Sunday, police said. Jammu and Kashmir real estate

Zubair Rashid Ganie, a resident of Rohama Rafiab, allegedly defrauded multiple

people across the valley under the pretext of business transactions, a police officer said.

He said that Ganie had evading arrest for a long time despite 45 non-bailable warrants issued against him by 20 different courts in the region.

The arrest marks a significant step in the ongoing efforts of the Sopore Police to bring wanted criminals to justice, the officer added.

## Cyber Police Kashmir warns public about fake J&K Bank App circulating on WhatsApp

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 17: Cyber Police of Kashmir has alerted citizens about a fraudulent J&K Bank APK file being shared on WhatsApp.

The malicious file is suspected to contain malware or spyware, potentially compromising users' personal data and device security.

The Cyber Police urged the public not to download or install APK files from unofficial sources, including the one currently in circulation. Instead, users were advised to rely solely on trusted platforms such as the Google Play Store or

Apple App Store for downloading apps.

"Verify the authenticity of any app via J&K Bank's official website or support channels," the alert said.

To further bolster security, users were encouraged to regularly update their operating systems and antivirus software.

The police also appealed to the public to spread awareness about this threat, stressing that vigilance is crucial to safeguard personal and financial information.

For further assistance or to report cybercrimes, citizens can contact the Cyber Police Station in Kashmir.

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