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BRIEFLY

Fresh Snow in Higher Reaches of Kashmir, Met Forecasts Wet Weather in Valley

SRINAGAR, Nov 23 (Agencies): Some places in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Saturday, with the Met office forecasting a spell of wet weather in the Valley amid an increase in the minimum temperature, officials said.

The tourist resort town of Sonamarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district and the upper areas of Gulmarg received light snow, the officials said.

They said there were reports of light snowfall at some other areas in the higher reaches, including Zojila, and Sahnna Top in Kupwara.

Some places in the Valley also received light rain.

Owing to the cloud cover, the minimum temperature at most places in Kashmir, including Srinagar — which had experienced the coldest night of the season on Friday — settled above freezing point, the officials said.

The city recorded a low of 2.5 degrees Celsius, rising from minus 1.2 degrees on Friday.

Qazigund recorded a low of 0.8 degrees Celsius while Pahalgam registered 3.2 degrees.

Gulmarg, a tourist destination famous for skiing, recorded a low of minus 0.5 degrees Celsius while Kupwara registered 2.1 degrees.

In Kokernag in south Kashmir, the night temperature settled at 2.4 degrees Celsius.

The Met office has forecast light rain or snow at scattered to fairly widespread places in the higher reaches of Kashmir on Saturday.

On Sunday, there is a possibility of light rain or snow at isolated places in the higher reaches while the weather will remain mainly dry afterwards till the end of the month, it added.

While there are chances of light rain or snow at scattered to fairly widespread places in the higher reaches on December 1, the weather is likely to stay dry during December 2-5, it said.

BJP-Led Mahayuti sweeps Maharashtra, Oppn INDIA to bag Jharkhand

MUMBAI/RANCHI, Nov 23 (Agencies): Maharashtra was coloured a vivid saffron on Saturday with voters giving the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance a landslide win over a tottering MVA while the opposition INDIA bloc looked set to return to power in Jharkhand.

As votes were counted for the assembly elections in the two states, it was time for celebration in the BJP with the party poised to win 125 of the 149 seats it contested in

the powerhouse state of Maharashtra. Together with its partners Shiv Sena and NCP, the ruling Mahayuti alliance could win 219 of the 288 seats in the state, leaving the Congress-Shiv Sena(UBT)-NCP(SP) tie-up with just 51 seats.

As the opposition reeled under the impact of the decisive mandate against it in Maharashtra, Jharkhand offered some consolation with voters in both states going for continuity rather than change.

In the 81-seat Jharkhand assembly, the BJP was ahead in 27 seats, while the Chief Minister Hemant Soren-led JMM was leading in 30 seats, the Congress in 14, the RJD in four and the CPI-ML in one, according to the Election Commission website.

"We are going to get the reward for the work we did... and also for the manner in which we remained connected to the public. What can be seen in trends, we can say that we are going to

form the govt again and the fulfil the promises we made," Congress leader Rajesh Thakur told PTI Videos as the INDIA bloc neared victory in Jharkhand.

"I thank everybody for this victory. We have such a big victory because of the work Mahayuti did. Very grateful," Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde told reporters while his alliance colleagues attributed the stunning win to welfare

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Punjab bypolls: AAP wins three Congress strongholds, loses own Barnala

CHANDIGARH, Nov 23 (Agencies): It's a definite win for the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) at three of the four assembly seats in Punjab where bypolls were held on November 20.

As the counting entered its final stage, the ruling party were already celebrating the leads in Dera Baba Nanak, Chabbewal and Gidderbaha, with Congress candidates in these former Congress strongholds trailing behind.



The open support extended by Akali workers to the AAP candidates in both Dera Baba Nanak and Gidderbaha has helped the

candidates lead in both places. However, the party seems set to lose its own

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LG Ladakh attends inaugural session of 2-day Ladakh education conclave 2024

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LEH, Nov 23: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) attended the inaugural session of the Ladakh Education Conclave 2024 as the chief guest in the presence of Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoun and Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk. The two-day Ladakh Education Conclave 2024, a joint initiative by the Higher Education Department, School Education Department and Ladakh Skill Development Mission, aims



to unite policymakers, institutions, industries, experts, teachers, students and communities to collaborate on a holistic approach to education by aligning school education, vocational skilling and higher edu-

cation as per the National Education Policy 2020 and current trends.

Speaking at the event, the LG expressed his happiness seeing dedicated panelists from across the country

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7 people injured after bus turns turtle in Katra

JAMMU, Nov 23 (Agencies): At least seven people were injured in a road accident at Myari bridge in Katra area of J-K's Udhampur district on Saturday, reports said.

Quoting officials, that a bus bearing registration number JK-02BB-2577 on its way from Katra towards Jammu turned turtle at Myari bridge resulting injuries to seven people.

All the injured were

immediately shifted to CHC Katra for treatment.

The injured persons have been identified as Darshana Devi wife of Bansi Lal (45) resident of Serli Katra, Kanta Devi(62) wife of Krishan Chand resident of Serli Katra, Sudesh Kumari (62) w/o Gyan Chand resident of Serli Katra, Manisha Devi(27) daughter of Balbir Singh

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Decision on winter vacation to be taken after annual exams: Director

SRINAGAR, Nov 23 (Agencies): Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) Saturday said that it will take a call on winter vacation after the culmination of annual exams of classes 1st to 9th.

Speaking with reporters, director school education Kashmir Tasduq Hussain Mir, said that the first priority for the government will be to conduct free and smooth examinations starting from coming Monday under the uniform date sheet for all classes upto 9th standard.

He said that the government will only declare winter vacations after the culmination of exams of classes 1st to 9th standard. "There will no winter vacations before the exams."

About admission and capitation charges by some private schools, he said that they have a fee fixation committee that is regulating the fee and other charges of private

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Properties worth Rs 1.72 crore belonging to drug peddler attached: Police



BARAMULLA, Nov 23 (Agencies): J-K police on Saturday said they attached multiple properties worth Rs 1.72 crore, belonging to a drug peddler, Rafiq Ahmad Khan alias Rafi

Rafa, son of Gh Hassan, resident of Trikanjan Boniyar, Baramulla.

The properties include double storied residential houses at Chowadhi

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Strike against Vaishno Devi ropeway project enters second day, pilgrims face hardships

JAMMU, Nov 23 (Agencies): Hundreds of pilgrims visiting the Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district faced hardships as a 72-hour strike by local stakeholders against a proposed ropeway project entered the second day on Saturday.



The strike by shopkeepers, and pony and palanquin owners started on Friday amid apprehension that the ropeway project would render them jobless, officials said.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board recently decided to

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Gupshup

Restaurant & Homestay / Guest House

Air-Conditioner Rooms with attach Bathroom

Location like Dalhousie

Room No: 1

RESTAURANT

Room No: 2

Room No: 3

Room No: 4

Situated at Ban, Bantalaab, Old National Highway Road Nagrota, Jammu.

Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties

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10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Late Smt Leela Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Bishambar Dass Kohli R/o H. No. 98, Fattu Chowk Jammu. **Tenth Day** will be performed on Sunday, 24th November 2024 at our residence at 11 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
(Sons and Daughter-in-law)
Ashok Kumar Kohli, JKAS and Rita Kohli
Bansi Lal Kohli and Jyoti Kohli
(Son-in-Law and Daughters)
Lt. Sh. Devinder Heera and Smt. Vaishno Heera
Sh. Satish Anand and Smt. Vijay Anand
Ms. Veena Kohli

Grand Sons and Grand Daughters:
Kapil Kohli and Komal Kohli
Rahul Kohli and Sunali Kohli
Vikas Arora and Priyanka
Kapish Kohli
Manik Kohli

Great Grand Sons and Grand Daughters: Ashvika, Aadvik, Vedant, Adityakash, Anaya
9419148565, 9419138736, 6096149510



LATE SMT LEELA DEVI

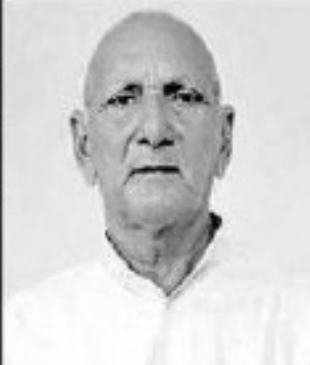
TENTH DAY / KRIYA

With profound sorrow, we would like to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Onkar Singh** S/o Lt. Sh. Bashi Ram Langeh who left heavenly abode on 14/11/2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Saturday (23/11/2024) at 11:00 am at their residence Akhnor Road Bathera.

KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday (26/11/2024) at our own residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Pushpa Devi - Wife
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Sukhdev Singh & Smt. Rita Devi
Sh. Swarandev Singh & Smt. Meenu Devi
Mobile: 9419155873




Sh. Onkar Singh

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow it is to inform the sad demise of our beloved **S. Ajeet Singh** S/o Late S. Makhan Singh R/o Chatha Mill Jammu, who left for heavenly abode on 17 November 2024.

Bhog and Antim Ardhas will be as per programme given below-
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib ji on 24 November 2024, 9:00 am at home and **Antim Ardhas** from 10.00 am to 12 Noon at Gurdwara Singh Sabha Chatha Mill, Jammu

Grief Stricken
(Son and Daughter in law)
Karandeep Singh and Tanvinder Kour
Jagdeep Kaur and Pritpal Singh (Daughter and Son in law)
M.No. 9419226202, 9682679696



S. Ajeet Singh

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rakesh Gandotra (Babbi)** S/o Late Sh. Hem Raj Gandotra R/o Ward no 5, Reasi.

Tenth Day shall be performed at Saran Dharam Sabha, Reasi on Sunday 24th Nov, 2024 at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Uthala shall be performed at Saran Dharam Sabha, Reasi on Wednesday , 27th Nov, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

Grief Stricken:
Rita Gandotra - Wife
Son and Daughter-in-law
Sumit Gandotra and Serthi Gandotra
Daughter and Son in law
Sonia Pandohar Tarun Pandoh
Prabha Kohli - Sister
Brother and Bhabhi
Ramesh Gandotra and Shashi Gandotra
Naresh Gandotra and Sunita Gandotra
Grand Children's: Seha, Myra, Chickoo



Sh. Rakesh Gandotra (Babbi)

Contact No.
Sumit - 9469606200,
9419168080, 9419187733

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Prem Nath Langoo** S/o Late Sh. Niranjan Nath Langoo originally resident of Natipora Srinagar, at present H.No. 7, Extension Sector 4, Marble Enclave Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 16th November, 2024.

The **10th Day Kriya** will be held on 24th of November, 2024 (Sunday) at Muthi Ghat at 9.15 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Vinod Langoo & Smt. Rajni Langoo - Son & Daughter-in-law
Vijay Langoo & Smt. Kiran Langoo - Son & Daughter-in-law
Sandeep Langoo & Smt. Priya Langoo - Son & Daughter-in-law
Grand Sons & Daughters
Sandhya Langoo
Himanshu Langoo
Zeni Roman Langoo
Priyanka Langoo (Koul) & Gaurav Koul - Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Souabsh Langoo & Sonali - Grand Son & Grand Daughter-in-law
And **Samast Langoo, Tak, Mattoo, Bachu Parivaar**
Contact : 7051006606, 9419 19 1163




Sh. Prem Nath Langoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Both Raj** S/o Late Sh. Jagger Nath originally resident of Rawanpora District Baramulla presently at Lane No. 4, H.No. 406 Laxmi Vihar Tomal Colony, Bohri who left for heavenly abode on 16-11-2024.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnor Ghat and assembly will be held at our residence Bohri on 25-11-2024 (Monday) at 11:00 AM.

Grief Stricken:
Smt. Raj Kaur - Wife
Sh. Kiran Lal & Smt. Santosh Devi - Brother & Bhabhi
Sh. Ravi Kaur & Smt. Jyoti Kaur - Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Rishi Kaur & Smt. Monica Raj - Son-in-law & Daughter
Sh. Mohi Lal & Smt. Sharda Devi - Brother-in-law & Sister
Sh. Ashok Bhasin & Smt. Pooni Jyoti - Brother-in-law & Sister
In-Laws
Sh. Madan Lal Bhasin & Smt. Veena Bhasin
Sh. Tej Kishan Bhasin & Smt. Rozy Bhasin
Sh. Satish Badwan & Hanchala Badwan
Sh. Harish Badwan & Susha Badwan
Grand Children : Aashana, Mayank, Tiji
Contact No. 9815442512, 9149827178, 7890339352



Sh. Both Raj

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Makhan Lal Khosa (Ex-DGM J&K Bank)**, S/o Late Sh. Lakshman Joo Khosa, on 15th November 2024. Originally a resident of Sona Masjid, Fatah Kadal, Srinagar, presently residing at Flat No. 402, Block D, Dream Home Apartments, Greater Kailash, Jammu. (Near Overhead bridge).

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on Sunday, 24th November 2024, at Akhnor Ghat at 8:00 AM.

DEEPLY MOURNED BY:
Smt. Grija Baine & Sh. Kuldip Rana (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Reeta Rani & Sh. Satish Rana (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Daisy Khosa (Sapru) & Sh. Yoginder Sapru (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Shanta Ganjoo (Sister)
Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren:
All Khosa's, Gigo's, Dhar's, Kaul's, and Mehakia's
CONTACT NUMBERS: 9419142743 | 9149450206



Sh. Makhan Lal Khosa (Ex-DGM J&K Bank)

TENTH DAY/RASAM UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Reeta Rani** W/o Sh. Satish Kumar who left us for heavenly abode on Friday, 15th Nov 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed at our residence H.No. 135 at 11 AM on Sunday 24th Nov 2024 Main Bazar Shakti Nagar, Jammu.

Rasam Uthala will be performed on Monday 25th Nov 2024 at Vishwakarma Mandir Gurha Bakshi Nagar from 4 PM to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Satish Kumar - Husband - 9796228434
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Amrishi and Sakshi - 9419189632
Akshit and Nikita - 9697336470
Daughter & Son-in-law
Parul & Ashwin Verma
Grand Children :
Aarav, Avika, Avyukt, Avisha
All Chahotra Family



Smt. Reeta Rani

M/S HEM RAJ & SONS
TRANSPORT NAGAR, JAMMU
MADHUR PAINTS AND MADHUR TRADERS
TRANSPORT NAGAR, JAMMU

Obituary/Tenth Day Kriya

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Sh. Jawahir Lal Langer** S/o Late Karthi Joo Langer originally resident of Rose Enclave Ram Munshi Bagh Srinagar Kashmir at present Plot No. 37 Flat No. UG4, Shalimar Garden Extn. 1 Sahiabad (UP). He left for heavenly abode on November 17th 2024 (Sunday).

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be performed on November 26th 2024 (Tuesday) at Murad Nagar Ghat, Distt. Ghaziabad (UP) at 8.30 am.

Grief Stricken
Ameet Langer and Rekha Langer - Son & Daughter-in-Law
Namrita Raina & Ramesh Raina - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Binu Tutu and Sudhir Ji Tutu - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Grand Children:
Shivam Pithore, Priyanka Raina, Akshita, Pranav, Vidhita, Nirisha, Shivin
In Grief: Koul's, Babu's, Tikoo's, Raina's, Tutu's, Sapru's
MOB.: 9818499988, 7006855151, 7011001815



Sh. Jawahir Lal Langer

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/ UTHALA


With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Banarsi Lal** S/o Late Sh. Mehanga Ram R/o 153/6, Shakti Nagar, Jammu

10th Day will be performed at our residence on 23.11.2024 at 10 AM.

Kriya will be performed at our residence on 24.11.2024 at 12:30 Noon.

Uthala will be performed on 25.11.2024 at Om Palace near (AG Office) Jai Hind Chowk, Shakti Nagar, Jammu from 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Son and Daughter-in-law
Raja Ram and Shashi Bala Sharma
Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt. Ram Shakti and Rakesh Sharma
Smt. Rupa & Naresh Sharma
Grand Son and Daughter
Vinayak and Vanshika Sharma




SH. BANARSI LAL

TENTH DAY KRIYA

It is with profound grief and deep sorry that we announce the passing of **Shri Autar Krishen Miskeen**, son of Shri Shambhoo Nath Miskeen, originally from Ganpatyar, Srinagar (Kashmir) in Bangalore on 17/11/24.

The **Tenth-Day Kriya** will be held on 26th November 2024 at Srirangapatna, Bangalore. May his soul rest in eternal peace. The family requests your prayers and support during this difficult time.

FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:-
Miskeens
Rajesh - 9426585769, 7990435665
Lovely - 9902985078; Sahil - 9574309017




Shri Autar Krishen Miskeen
16-12-1939 - 17-11-2024

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Phoola Bhat** (originally from Kulgam, Kmr) presently at D 66, Senior Citizen Home Complex, Sector Phi-2, Pocket P4 Greater Noida, who left for heavenly abode on 15/11/2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 24th November at 08.00 AM at Murad Nagar Ghat Gaziabad UP and assembly at 11.30 AM at home Greater Noida

GRIEF STRICKEN
Pandit Parivara, Bhat Parivara, Dhar Parivara
Sushil Pandit - 9818509635
Meenakshi Bhat - 9818030954
Purnima Bhat - 8146334446
Sunita Dhar - 9818666142



SMT PHOOLA BHAT


10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that **10th Day** of our beloved **Smt Tripta Kumari** W/o Sh. Dwarka Nath Soodan R/o Ward No. 5 Soodan Mohalla Baran Jammu will be performed on Sunday 24th November, 2024 at our residence at 11 AM.

The **Kriya** will be performed on 25th November 2024 at Ward No. 5 Soodan Mohalla Upper Baran Jammu at our residence at 12 Noon.

Uthala will be performed at 4 pm on 25 Nov 2024

Grief-Stricken:
Dwarka Nath [Husband]
Son & Daughter in Law
D.P Soodan [Deepi] & Nisha Soodan
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Indu Raina & Sh. Rajnish Raina
Neelam Sharma & Sh. Pardeep Sharma
Anju & Late Sh. Ram Paul Sharma
Manju & Sh. Raj Kumar Sharma
Sheetal & Sh. Daleep Sharma
Grand Sons & Daughter
Ritisha, Sonakshi, Ruhani, Ridhima, Kenu, Jyoti, Bhavani, Sahil, Rajul
Mobile Number: 9419178678, 9596185987



Smt Tripta Kumari

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

"Your life was blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure..."


With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Major Dalip Singh**.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Saturday 23 Nov 2024@ 10 AM

THIRTEENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Tuesday 26 Nov 2024@10 AM.

RASAM PAGRI will be performed on Wednesday 27 Nov 2024 at our residence, Mandi Sangwali @ 2:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Shakuntla Devi - Wife
Smt. Neela Sambhal - Daughter-in-law
Colonel Sunil Singh - Son
Smt. Asha Sambhal - Daughter-in-law
Smt. Sanita Bhandral & Asstt. Comdt Pramod Bhandral - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children & Great Grand Children



MAJOR DALIP SINGH
BORN ON 16TH DEC 1921
EXP. ON 14TH NOV 2024

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Raj Kumar Raina** S/o Late Mohisher Nath Raina erstwhile of Gairco Noorpara (Awantipora), Kashmir presently at Jammu on 19th November 2024.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director Education Jammu on 28th November 2024 at 10.00 am.

The Mourning is being observed at Durga Nagar Sector 1, near JMC Park, Lane F (Migrant Zonal Office Lane).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Haminder Raina (Son) 9611471525
Diksha / Shallu Raina & Mohit Baru - Daughter & Son-in-law
Samast Raina, Bhat, Koul Parivar (7889621956)




Shri Raj Kumar Raina

TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved father **Shri Muna Ji Kaul**, S/O Late Sh. Madhusudan Kaul (Of Nishat Wines), erstwhile resident of Lal Nagar, Chanapora, Srinagar and presently residing at Dwarka Mor, New Delhi on 17th Nov'24.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Gauri Shankar Temple, New Palm Vihar, Gurugram on 26th Nov' 24 (Tuesday) at 10 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Nirmala Kaul - Wife
Subhir & Neeta Kaul (Son & Daughter in law)
MOB: 9818871242
Sudhir & Pranali Kaul (Son & Daughter in law)
Kavita & Deepu Kaul (Daughter and Son in law)
Giga & Vijay Tikoo (Sister & Brother in law)
Pratiksha (Niece)
Kaushik (Nephew)
Hemanti, Jaadava, Jyestha, Varnika (Grand children)



Shri Muna Ji Kaul

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Chand Rani** W/o Late Sh. Sri Nath Pandit resident of Sagam, Anantnag, Kashmir at present Lower Barnai, Shankar Vihar, near Bhagwati Haqiqat School Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at 8:30AM at Muthi Ghat (DSE) Jammu on 25th November 2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Sons and Daughter-in-laws
Sh. Surinder Pandit & Smt. Neetu Pandit
Sh. Sanjeev Pandit & Smt. Komal Pandit
Grandson and Grand Daughter-in-law
Sh. Venus Pandit & Smt. Suchetra Pandit
Miss Simran Pandit (Grand Daughter)
Miss Janvi Pandit (Grand Daughter)
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Smt. Vijay & Sh. C.L. Raina
Smt. Ranjini & Sh. M.L. Tikoo
Smt. Santosh & Sh. C.L. Pandita
Smt. Basanti & Sh. A.K. Bhat
Smt. Khemlata & Sh. Chand Ji Koul



Smt. Chand Rani

Contact Numbers:
9596722260, 8492809832,
7006977430

TENTH DAY- KRIYA- RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief we wish to inform you the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Chanchala Devi** W/o Lt. Sh. Jai Krishan Verma (Ramu Waley) left for heavenly abode on 15th Nov. 2024.

10th Day will be performed on Sunday 24th Nov 2024 at Shanti Ghat Bhagwati Nagar at 10 am.

Kriya will be held at home H.No. 50 Bhagwati Nagar Jammu 12 after noon 27th Nov 2024

Rasam Pagri will be held at Shiv Mandir (Peela Mandir) near Care Well Chemist Bhagwati Nagar on Wednesday 27th Nov. 5 PM

Grief Stricken :-
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Anil Verma & Nisha Verma
Rajnish Verma & Anil Verma
Shashi Kapoor & Kewal Krishna Kapoor - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sunita Verma & Lt. Ashok Verma - Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Son & Daughter
Rohan, Pranav, Muskan, Raghi
M/S CARE WELL CHEMIST
LIFE AND MEDICATE
LIFE CARE MEDICATE
MOB : 9419226956, 8803016203



Smt Chanchala Devi

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rajesh Raina** S/o Late Sh. Hari Krishan Raina. **10th Day** will be performed at Paloura Chowk, Shiv Mandir, Jammu on 25/11/2024, at 11:30 am (Monday)

Kriya Karam will be performed at our residence H.No. 48-A Lane No. 4, Basant Nagar, Paloura on 26/11/2024 at 12:00 Noon (Tuesday)

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Suman Lata : Wife
Mr. Mehul Raina : Son
Sh. Rakesh Raina & Sunita : Brother & Bhabhi
Sh. Nand Kishore Raina : Chachaji
Brother in Law & Sister
Sh. Ashwani Kumar & Smt. Anita Sharma
Sh. Chander Shekhar, Sh. Dinesh Raina, Sh. Deepak Raina : Brothers
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Sh. Rajesh Raina

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Union Minister Manohar Lal reviews working of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs sectors in Leh

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LEH, Nov 23: Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal today reviewed the working of the power and housing departments of the Union Territory of Ladakh at Leh. The Union minister is on a three-day visit to the UT.

During the meeting, the Minister was given a detailed overview of the working of the concerned departments and was appraised of their achievements by concerned officials. The Minister expressed satisfaction at the working of the departments and assured of all possible help in overcoming shortcomings and difficulties being faced by the departments here owing to the tough terrain of the region.

Talking to media after the meeting, the Minister



said that Ladakh aims to achieve 100 percent processing of waste material and a detailed report of the project was presented to him today. He added that the Ministry is keen to improve the working conditions of Safai Mitras so that they do not face any occupational hazards while performing their duties. The Minister has instructed that under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for water supply

and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) projects in the regions of Leh and Kargil should be finalized at the earliest. The timely preparation and approval of the DPRs will ensure the smooth implementation of these vital projects, which will contribute to the overall development and quality of life in both Leh and Kargil.

Manohar Lal said that a survey of all homeless people would be conducted in the UT so that they can avail benefits of PM Awas Yojana. He

said that the Ministry will ensure that no person remains homeless in Ladakh. He added that financial assistance has been provided to all street vendors under the PM Swanidhi scheme and all efforts will be made to ensure that no one is left out.

The Minister said that Ladakh has a huge potential for development of solar power owing to its huge area. He informed the media that work is in progress for setting up of a 13 GW solar power plant in the UT which will not only meet local requirements but also help solve energy needs of other parts of the country.

Referring to challenges faced by the Power department during winter season, the Minister said that additional demands of power from the UT are being met from Govern-

ment of India's excess quota to ensure that there is uninterrupted supply of power during the harsh winter months. He added that all efforts will be made to address manpower issues of the Power department at the earliest.

Talking about the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme of the UT, the Minister said that works to the tune of Rs. 1,080 crore has already been awarded and the activities have started.

Manohar Lal said that power supply and distribution lines up to Nubra valley and Zaskar valley will be set up expeditiously, which will prove to be of great help in meeting the energy requirements of the two regions. He added that all efforts are being made on war footing to remove the bottlenecks associated with the projects.

MP Khatana applauds Modi's inclusive approach to empower J&K youth through sports

Says Cricket Tournament showcases PM's impact on youth empowerment

Top News Report

KATHUA, Nov 23: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament Er Gulam Ali Khatana has lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives in enhancing sports infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting its role in curbing gun culture, drug abuse, and militancy among the region's youth.

Speaking at a cricket tournament organized by the J&K Gujjar Youth Forum and District Gujjar Cricket Committee Kathua, Khatana emphasized the transformative impact of sports on young lives. He commended the Prime Minister's inclusive approach, stating, "PM Modi takes care of all sections of society. The creation of sports infrastructure



has enabled youths to focus on sports activities, utilizing cricket bats to build their futures on playgrounds rather than indulging in negative pursuits."

Khatana attributed the reduction in social issues such as drug abuse and militancy to increased government efforts in channeling youth energy towards constructive pursuits. He stressed that the emphasis on sports and youth

development programs provides an opportunity for young people to realize their potential, paving the way for a prosperous future in the region.

The cricket tournament, attended by local leaders and community members, highlighted the growing enthusiasm for sports among J&K's youth, a trend credited to the government's sustained investment in sports facilities and programs.

Manjit Singh demands regularization of daily wagers, recruitment on vacant Govt posts in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 23: Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has demanded regularization of all the daily wagers.

He also expressed serious concern over the unprecedented rise in unemployment among the educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per a press release, a meeting was organized here at the Party Office, Gandhi Nagar to discuss organisational structure and take a review of the political scenario.

Besides, the Party leaders expressed their concern over the plight of the educated, who are still unemployed in J&K and the job prospects for the



youth have reduced to almost nil.

"The unemployed youth have become overaged in absence of the Govt jobs as the J&K Govt has yet to advertise the vacant posts to the recruitment agencies," said S. Manjit Singh, following the concern raised by the leaders.

He said that it appears that the Govt is unaware about the growing unemployment among the youth in J&K.

"The Party believes that a comprehensive employment policy for the unemployed youth can be framed to redress the issues," he said, extending support to the protesting JKPSI aspirants.

Oposing employment to the outsider in the Govt sector, he said that the local unemployed youth should be provided employment in Jammu and Kashmir. Meanwhile, he also discussed the

issues of daily wagers, demanding their regularization.

"These daily wagers have become the backbone of every department, and they do work 24/7, during peak hours. However, the Govt has not decided anything about their fate. The Party believes that they shall be regularized, and minimum wage act should be implemented in J&K," he said.

He further stated that more than 61000 daily wagers have been working in various Govt Departments since the last 20-25 years. However, their salaries are being irregularly released. He demanded that the wages of the daily wagers should be streamlined and released regularly.

Trikuta Nagar Welfare Council solemnizes marriage of poor girl, provides free laptops to needy

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 23: In a heartwarming display of social responsibility, Trikuta Nagar Welfare Council President Shubchander Verma, Vice President Sunee Mahajan, Chairman Ashok Gupta, District President BIP Jammu South Rekha Mahajan arranged and solemnized the marriage of a poor girl at Trikuta Palace in Jammu. This noble initiative was undertaken under the aegis of the Trikuta Council of Development, a organization dedicated to upliftment of the underprivileged.

The marriage ceremony, attended by Senior Citizen Rejuvenation centre President Baldev Raj Gupta, their team and prominent citizens and general public was a testament to



Councils commitment to empowering marginalized communities.

TNWC ensured that the wedding was celebrated with dignity and fanfare, providing a joyful experience for the bride, groom, and their families. In addition to the marriage ceremony, the Trikuta Council of Development also distributed free laptops to deserving students from underprivileged backgrounds.

Shubchander Verma said that this initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and provide equal

opportunities for education to all. He emphasized the importance of education in empowering individuals and communities. Rekha Mahajan said that We are committed to ensuring that every deserving student has access to quality education and the tools necessary to succeed.

As BJP District President Jammu South, she has consistently worked towards promoting inclusive growth and development in the region, by providing support to those in need.

Dimple leads protest against Adani bribery issue

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, spearheaded a massive protest at Janipur High Court Chowk, where effigies of Gautam Adani were burned to condemn alleged bribery involving Jammu and Kashmir. Accompanied by a large gathering of traders and supporters, Dimple demanded immediate action, calling for NIA, CBI, and ACB inquiries to determine how J&K's name appeared in the Adani bribery distribution list.

Addressing the crowd, Dimple insisted on the arrest and prosecution of those involved, urging LG Manoj Sinha and former CM Omar Abdullah to take urgent measures, including a



cabinet meeting and issuing a white paper on the case. He also demanded a statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament on November 25 regarding the scandal, restoration of statehood, special status, and the revival of the Darbar Move system.

Dimple accused BJP-led governance over the last decade of fostering corruption and resource exploitation in J&K. He

alleged privatization of the power sector, unfair imposition of prepaid smart meters, and awarding sand, bazzari, and smart city contracts to outsiders. He also criticized the government's failure to address unemployment, asserting that J&K ranks highest in joblessness, with daily wagers, SPOs, and contractual workers struggling without wages.

Further, Dimple high-

lighted alleged corruption in Adani's power projects in the region, calling for transparency regarding privatization deals. He demanded immediate relief measures, including 200 units of free electricity, 12 LPG cylinders, and double rations for all citizens of J&K.

Dimple warned of indefinite mass agitation if no action is taken, accusing Adani of defaming J&K's name nationally and internationally. He emphasized the need for swift justice and accountability to restore the region's integrity.

Prominent figures joining the protest included Surinder Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Vicky, Charan Das, Bablu Singh, Neeraj Kumar, Azaz Khan, Sitaram, Chaman Lal, and others.

Five-day refresher course for PET, ReK teachers concludes

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 23: A five-day refresher course for Physical Education Teachers (PETs) and Rehbar-e-Khel (REK) teachers successfully concluded at Subash Stadium Udhampur, focusing on advancing the skills and knowledge of physical education professionals across the district in which 56 PETs/ReKs were imparted training to enhance instructional techniques, introduce them to modern training methodologies, and equip them to better nurture young talent in various sports disciplines concluded under the patronage-ship of



Rajinder Singh Tara JKAS, Director General Youth Services & Sports UT of J&K, under the chairmanship of Saloni Rai Deputy Commissioner Udhampur with the meticulous guidance of DYSSO Udhampur Romesh Chander Mishra and overall supervision of

Pushpinder Kour ZPEO Tikri.

While speaking, Kour expressed gratitude to the resource persons, Ravinder Manhas PEL, Ajit Singh PEM, Anita Goswami PEM, Som Dev Khajuria PEM, Rakesh Kumar PEM, Raj Kumar Dogra PEM, Sanjeev

Kumar PEM, Raman Kumar PEM, Sanjeev Khajuria REK, for their invaluable contributions to the course.

The program was coordinated by Radha, Surjeet Singh, Madan Lal, Abhishek Raina, Arjun Singh, Ganesh Sharma & Meenakshi.

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FRESH SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Short e-NIT No. DGN/59 of 2024-25 Dated 08-11-2024 and
Fresh Short e-NIT No. DGN/68 of 2024-25 Dated 21-11-2024 (2nd Call)

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

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertised Cost (' in Lacs)	Cost of document (in ')	Earnest Money (in ')	Time Allowed for complete-on	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of Chowkidar Quarter at 1st Floor at Paryavaran Bhawan Gladni Jammu (Under Major Head 5425) (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar	9.65	600	19300 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	01 Month	(1200 Hrs) on or after 27-11-2024	"A", "B" "C" & "D" Class

Position of AAA :- **Recorded by Director Ecology Environment & Remote Sensing Jammu's vide order No. 85 DEERS of 2024 dated 04-07-2024.**

Position of TS :- **Sanctioned by this office vide Order No. 43/PWD Div. Gandhi Nagar/2024-25 dated 10-08-2024.**

Project Authority :- **Director Ecology Environment & Remote Sensing Jammu**

Major Head of Account :- **Under M.H-5425-2153**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule :

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-11-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 21-11-2024 to 26-11-2024, 1800 Hrs
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	23-11-2024 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu
4	Bid submission Start Date	21-11-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-11-2024 upto 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27-11-2024 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

I. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu and

upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar Jammu at the time of allotment.

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EDITORIAL

US-India Defence
Industrial Roadmap

The US-India Defence Industrial Roadmap represents a transformative phase in bilateral ties, marking a robust collaboration in defense and technology. As two of the world's leading democracies, the United States and India share a mutual vision of ensuring global peace, security, and stability. This roadmap, established within the broader framework of the US-India strategic partnership, is aimed at enhancing defense capabilities, boosting co-production, and facilitating technology transfers, thus fostering long-term defense cooperation.

The US-India defense partnership has evolved significantly since the signing of the foundational agreements like the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) and the Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA). Both nations recognize the growing complexity of global threats, such as cyber warfare, regional instability, and military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific region, necessitating enhanced cooperation.

The Defence Industrial Roadmap builds on this momentum, integrating the shared goals of the US's National Security Strategy and India's vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India). It focuses on fostering innovation, reducing dependency on third-party suppliers, and creating a sustainable defense ecosystem by enabling joint production and advanced technology sharing.

A cornerstone of the roadmap is technology transfer, which enables India to access critical defense technologies. Advanced systems, such as drones, jet engines, and naval platforms, are part of the collaboration. The roadmap seeks to establish mechanisms for co-development, allowing Indian defense firms to work alongside US companies in producing state-of-the-art systems. This partnership is not only intended to enhance India's domestic manufacturing but also to integrate Indian firms into global defense supply chains.

Recognizing the importance of modern warfare, the roadmap prioritizes collaboration in cutting-edge domains like artificial intelligence (AI), quantum computing, space technologies, and cybersecurity. By pooling resources and expertise, the two nations aim to develop systems that provide strategic advantages in both conventional and hybrid warfare.

The roadmap aims to deepen industrial collaboration by connecting US defense giants with Indian public and private sector companies. By leveraging India's large and skilled workforce and competitive manufacturing base, the roadmap facilitates the production of cost-effective defense solutions. This collaboration is also intended to address supply chain vulnerabilities by ensuring diversification and reducing reliance on any single source.

One of the roadmap's crucial objectives is the harmonization of regulatory frameworks. By simplifying export controls and licensing processes, both countries seek to ensure smooth technology transfer and joint development. The establishment of joint task forces and regular dialogues between defense officials further aids in resolving bureaucratic hurdles.

For India, the roadmap aligns with its goal of achieving self-reliance in defense production. Collaborative projects, such as the manufacturing of military aircraft, armored vehicles, and naval ships, aim to elevate India's domestic capabilities. Simultaneously, the United States benefits from expanding its defense exports and accessing India's vast market.

The roadmap reinforces both nations' commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. The integration of advanced defense systems and increased military interoperability enhances the security architecture, particularly in countering assertive actions in the South China Sea and beyond.

The defense partnership under this roadmap sends a strong message to adversarial forces in the region, notably China and Pakistan. By bolstering India's military capabilities, it enables India to play a more assertive role in maintaining regional stability, thereby complementing US strategic objectives.

As India emerges as a defense manufacturing hub, it can cater to the needs of smaller nations in the region, promoting stability and reducing dependency on aggressive powers. This aligns with the US vision of supporting allies and partners to ensure a balanced global defense order.

The roadmap is expected to generate significant economic benefits. For India, it means increased employment, technological advancement, and a boost to its industrial base. US defense companies gain access to one of the largest defense markets, creating new business opportunities.

The focus on co-production also stimulates research and development, fostering innovation that can spill over into civilian applications. Moreover, the enhanced defense trade between the nations contributes to narrowing trade imbalances, a critical aspect of bilateral economic relations.

Chump returns! Democracy sets off nightmares across the globe

By: Farrukh Dhondy

Yes, 2024 has been the super year for global elections. People in 70 countries, half the world's population, went to the polls. If you discount the populations of Russia, China and North Korea, whose "democracies" have infinite quotation marks around them, then the voting nations exceed that 50 per cent. The trumping of Donald Trump and his MAGA (Make America Gaga Again) campaign is only the latest example of the overthrow of incumbent governments. Forty out of 54 voting nations kicked their incumbents out. Very many surveys and analysts attribute Chump's victory (and this applies to other triumphant Oppositions) to his constant refrain during the campaign asking voters if they had more money in their pockets when he was POTUS or when Joe Biden and Vice-POTUS Kamala Harris had their term.

Certainly, the scare stories of immigrants making nations poorer, spreading crime and eating pets, and consequently the promise to deport millions of illegal immigrants from the United States, was a determining factor in the devastating reversal. Analysis of the other elections attribute this tendency to dismiss incumbent governments and parties to precisely the same two factors -- the rise in inflation and prices

caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the fuel crisis after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the fear of an immigrant "invasion".

But is that the whole picture? Certainly, the UK voted in Keir Starmer's Labour Party with a huge majority, humiliating Hedgie Sunak and the Tories by presenting them with their greatest electoral defeat since 1832 in their long and nasty history. Keir Starmer's Labour is very centre-left with more crowd-and-capitalist-pleasing-centre than left. His government's chancellor of the exchequer, Rachel Reeves, presented her first Budget in October. The theme of the Budget was economic restraint. She said Labour was not raising taxes on working people, but only on employers. Economic commentary concludes that the rise in National Insurance she imposed on employers will be passed on, in one way or another, to employees and consumers. In the wake of the Budget after Rachel Reeves' pronouncements and Keir Starmer's follow-up support for the Budget, they were asked to define whom they meant by the word "worker". Answer came there none.

At the Labour Party conference, as Ms Reeves was speaking, a heckler interrupted saying that Labour was continuing to sell arms to Israel and contributing to the genocide in Palestine. He was promptly

dragged out of the hall. Ms Reeves responded by telling the audience that Labour was not any more a party of "protest" but one that sided with the working class. Not much of answer or even excuse for the continued support to the billionaires of the British arms industry? Across the Channel, in France and Germany (tragically "isolated" now, through Brexit), the voters didn't quite overthrow the governments but gave a very favourable vote to extreme right-wing parties. Italy voted in a party formerly associated with fascism. Hungary and Turkey (though the latter has not yet been admitted into the European Union but is in Nato) have elected right-wing governments, apologists for Russia's invasion and bombing of civilians in Ukraine. Democracy, with its traceable origins in Athens -- though undoubtedly there must have been other societies which pioneered government through majority franchise of allowed personnel which didn't have a recorded influence on subsequent history -- was supposed to reflect the material concerns of the classes that voted. If one believes the analysts who say that the Covid crisis and the wars which the West expends funds on are responsible for high prices, welfare cuts, etc, then yes, the majority who feel a pinch in their pockets voted in the hope that the opposing right-wing parties would

loosen the pinching fingers. But then, there are the other elements that distort the democratic ideal of classes voting for their material and social benefit. They vote for religious prejudice, they vote to keep foreigners out of their country, they vote out of fear that some current ideology is distorting their culture... Gentle reader, I confess I voted for the losing side in the Brexit vote. Some of my left-wing friends voted for Britain to leave the EU on the grounds that Polish plumbers, for instance, were coming to the UK and undercutting the wages of British plumbers. I am using "plumbers" here as one category of craftsperson, though of course it applies to a myriad other trades. Yes, Brexit kept the Polish plumbers out. British plumbers could now charge what they wanted to. Millions of working-class families who needed some plumbing in their homes had to pay their price. British plumbers and their unions were served and happy. The working-class families who needed their drains unclogged or taps refitted were not. This "best of all worst systems", as Winston Churchill said, is not free from the distorting influence of irrational nationalism, religious loyalty or bigotry, racism, xenophobia, conspiracy theories, plausible deceit, the lure of demagoguery and even superstition. These, as we now witness, make for demockracy.

Health at risk from adulterated milk

By: Vijay Garg

Children, elderly, pregnant women and sick people across the country consume milk and its products every day. But adulteration of milk has long-term effects on health, resulting in fatal diseases. Adulteration of water, synthetic chemicals, urea and other harmful elements has been found in most of the milk products available in the market. It is necessary to analyze this problem scientifically, so that the serious consequences on health can be avoided. To be aware about it. It is important to understand what substances are used to adulterate milk and how they affect health. • Usually water is added to milk to increase its quantity, but it is harmful for health in some ways. The real danger arises when urea, detergent, synthetic milk, starch and some chemicals are added to it. These chemicals destroy the natural nutrition of milk and prove to be hazardous to health. For example Urea is a chemical compound commonly used as a fertilizer in agriculture, but when it is mixed with milk, it not only affects the quality of the milk but also causes serious damage to the kidneys, liver and other organs. Delivers. Nitrogen content is measured in some protein tests of milk. Due to the high nitrogen content of urea, the protein content of milk mixed with urea appears artificially high in tests. This adulteration not only confuses consumers but also it also becomes very dangerous for health. According to the report of the World Health Organization (WHO), every year about 60 crore people fall ill due to food adulteration, including. Many cases involve consumption of adulterated milk. Similarly, a report by the Food Safety and

Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) stated that in a study conducted in 2018, 68 percent of milk samples were not up to the standard quality. The authority warned that those consuming adulterated milk would be at risk. There may be a 30 percent increase in cancer cases among people. This condition becomes especially serious when the adulteration contains chemicals, such as formaldehyde and urea, which cause cancer and can cause gene changes. Formaldehyde increases the risk of cancer by altering genes in body cells, while adulteration with urea artificially increases the quality of milk. Consumption of these chemicals not only poses a risk of cancer, but can also cause serious diseases like kidney and liver failure. It is also clear from the research it is said that due to adulteration, the cases of kidney failure can increase by forty percent and the cases of heart diseases can increase by twenty-five percent. It has also been made clear in WHO's 'Cancer Risk Assessment' report that cases of breast and prostate cancer are increasing in people affected by chemical adulteration. In such a situation, development and implementation of reliable testing systems becomes extremely important. At present many methods are used to test the purity of milk in India, but many of these tests are based on technical means. A are proving to be old and ineffective. We should use state-of-the-art technologies, which are capable of quickly and accurately detecting adulteration in milk, so that the problem of adulteration can be effectively controlled. For example, HPLC is a highly sensitive technique used to identify milk urea, detergents and synthetic substances. Adulteration can be detected

using this technique. According to research published in 'Journal of Dairy Science', adulteration of milk was detected using HPLC technology. The accuracy of identification was up to ninety-seven percent. Gas chromatography (GC) is also an effective technique used to identify volatile organic compounds and other chemicals in milk. This method is considered highly accurate for identifying adulterated elements in milk. The use of these technologies will not only help in ensuring the quality of milk, but will also reduce the cases of adulteration. Therefore, it is necessary to take concrete steps, so that the purity of milk is maintained and the safety of people's health is ensured. Could get. These should be tested and implemented to effectively enforce strict food laws and penal provisions to deal with this crisis. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has made strict safety rules, but ensuring their effective compliance and proper implementation of the rules remains a big challenge. Even when adulteration is found in most of the milk products sold in the market, sometimes appropriate action is not taken against the culprits. This boosts the morale of criminals and the business of adulteration continues unhindered. for this It is necessary that strict legal action is taken against such milk producers, distributors and sellers. Food adulteration should be considered a serious crime and provisions should be made to impose heavy fines and harsh imprisonment on the culprits, so that such crime can be stopped. Apart from this, it is necessary to run public awareness campaigns so that consumers can check the milk they purchase themselves and be aware of adulteration. Through technological innova-

tions in milk products, consumers' awareness and alertness will increase, thereby making them better informed about their purchases. Take decisions and ensure availability of pure and safe milk products. It will be possible. Producers should understand that adulteration for short-term profits is playing with the health of the society. A research also proves that when adulterated sellers are identified, there is a decline of about forty percent in the sales of their products. Therefore, consumers should also prefer to buy milk from local sources to ensure purity. Milk from reliable sources Milk which causes cancer Adulteration is having a serious impact on the health system of our country, increasing the risk of cancer, heart, kidney and liver diseases. It is not the job of the government alone to control adulteration, but milk producers, traders and consumers also have to fulfill their moral responsibilities. There is a need for a joint effort against adulteration, in which the government, milk industry and consumers should work together. For this, it is necessary to promote strict laws, better testing systems and ethical awareness, so that its serious consequences can be avoided in future. Can be avoided.

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555th Birth Anniversary celebration of Guru Nanak Dev organized by SMVDUNH

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KATRA, Nov 23: The 555th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated with great reverence by the Sangat at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) and Narayana Hospital, Kakryal. The event began with the Akhand Path Sahib at the residence of Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean, Academic Affairs, SMVDU, where students, faculty, and their families gathered to seek blessings in the presence of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The Akhand Path lasted for three days, allowing the participants to immerse themselves in the divine teachings. During the event, the Sangat from the SMVDU and Narayana Hospital,



and SMVDIME, were blessed with the soulful recitations of Kirtan and Gurbani Vichar, performed by eminent Kirtan Jathas from Jammu, Punjab, and Udhampur in the residential park of Narayana Hospital. Guru Ka Langar was served to all attendees, alongside the recitation of Shabad. The assistance of media channels like Hond, Ik Bani, and Virsa Digital Media

was greatly appreciated, as they made the entire event accessible to devotees worldwide. The Sikh Sangat wholeheartedly honored several key individuals for their contributions to the event: Professor Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director of SMVDIME, Prof. Rakesh Ranyal, Medical Superintendent, SMVDIME, Ajay Kumar

Sharma, JKAS, Registrar of SMVDU, Neeraj Gupta, JKAS, Finance Officer, SMVDU, Dr. M.M Madhavan, Facility Director of Narayana Hospital, Aseem Chada DGM SMVDNSH and Dr. J.P Singh, Clinical Director of Narayana Hospital, Dr. Rajpal Singh, NH, Inspector, Jarnail Singh, Incharge police chowki Kakryal and Inspector, Manveer Singh, Incharge Police chowki

Tikri. The teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji were emphasized throughout the event, particularly the core principles of Sikhism: Naam Japna (remembering God's name), Kirat Karna (earning an honest living), and Vand Chakna (sharing with others). These principles, integral to the philosophy of Sikhism, were reiterated as part of the spiritual discourse. The joint efforts of the Sangat of SMVDU and Narayana Hospital, especially Opinder Singh Sidhu, Jaswinder Singh, Dr. Rajpal Singh, and the students of SMVDU, were highly appreciated for their meticulous organization of the event, which spread a message of brotherhood, community harmony, and unity among the attendees.

2 J&K BN NCC organizes three blood donation camps on the eve of 76th NCC Day



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JAMMU, Nov 23: On the eve of the 76th NCC Day, 2 J&K Battalion NCC, Jammu, in collaboration with key local organizations, organized blood donation camps across three districts—Jammu, Udhampur, and Reasi. The camps witnessed enthusiastic participation from NCC cadets, students, and staff members, who came together to contribute to this noble cause.

The initiative was supported by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal, Government Medical College, Jammu, Dr. Meena Sidhu, Head of the Department of Blood Transfusion Medicine at GMC Jammu, the Red Cross Society, Jammu, and the J&K Thalassemia Welfare Society. A total of 129 units of blood were collected during the camps, showcasing the generosity and community spirit of the donors.

This event not only commemorated NCC Day but also reinforced the NCC's commitment to social responsibility and community service under the motto "Rakt Daan Maha Daan." The programme culminated with the distribution of participation certificates and Soil Sample collection Kits by the dignitaries present in the valedictory function.

Ananya Sharma of GDC Neeli Nallah wins gold medal in Boxing Championship 2024

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 23: Ananya Sharma, student of BA Sem 1st, of Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah won gold medal in Boxing Championship 2024 held at Jammu University, Sports Stadium, from Nov 21 to 22, 2024.



the gold medal by defeating three players in the below 50 kg weight category in Women category.

This Inter-Collegiate Tournament was organised by Directorate of Sports and Physical Education Jammu. The Championship was coordinated by the Boxing Association J&K under the banner of J&K Sports Council.

The organizer of the event was Harvinder Singh. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams representing Jammu divisions, showcasing the sportsmanship and talent of young athletes from across the different colleges of Jammu division.

Around 200 students from different colleges and schools participated in the championship. Ananya Sharma won

Principal of the College, Dr.(Prof.)Seema Arora congratulated Ananya Sharma on her achievements and dedication, thereby, reflecting hard-work and discipline which she has put into training and this has brought ultimate laurels to our college in the field of sports.

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GCW Bhagwati Nagar celebrates gold medal victory at Inter-Collegiate Boxing Tournament

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Govt. College for Women, Bhagwati Nagar is proud to announce that one of its talented students, Jaspreet Kour Semester V has brought laurels to the institution by winning the Gold Medal at the Inter-Collegiate Boxing Tournament held in the University of Jammu. The event, held from Nov 21 to 22, 2024, witnessed fierce competition among participants from colleges across the region.

Jaspreet Kour, student, Department of Commerce, displayed exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Competing in the semi-final against GDC Basohli and in finals against Dogra Law Col-

lege, Bari Brahmna, she outperformed her opponents with remarkable technique and strategy, culminating in a resounding victory in the final bout.

The principal of College, Dr. Meeru Abrol, congratulated the winner on this outstanding achievement, stating, "We are incredibly proud of Jaspreet Kour's hard work and dedication. This victory not only showcases her talent but also reflects the excellent training and support provided by college PTI Dr. Goyal Giri. His guidance and encouragement was instrumental in achieving this milestone.

The entire college community celebrates this success and wishes the winner student continued success in her future endeavours.

NSS unit of GDC Mahanpur organises Plantation Drive

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MAHANPUR, Nov 23: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur organised a Plantation Drive on The programme was organised by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS P.O. under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College.

While speaking on the Occasion, Principal of the College, raised awareness among the NSS Volunteers about the afforestation and also motivated them to plant more and more trees to conserve nature.

Such kinds of programmes emphasize the need of involvement of young generation in the preservation of Environment and Ecosystem.

The Plantation Drive emphasis on conservation of nature and natu-



ral resources in order to ensure transformation of legacy to future generations. On this occasion a large no. of plants were planted by the faculty members as well as NSS Volunteers. The Principal of the College planted a sapling of Marigold and initiated the Plantation Drive.

A total of 30 saplings of Marigold (Tagetes Erecta) and Scarlet Sage (Salvia Splendens) were planted in the College campus. More than 40

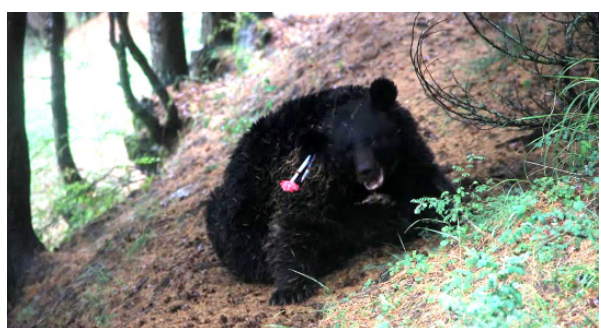
NSS Volunteers participated in the Drive.

Moreover the faculty members who also participated in the Plantation Drive were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Nisha, Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Babil, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Yograj, Divya, Pooja, Anuradha, Shivani Panoch and Monika. Everyone participated in the Drive with enthusiasm and successfully planted all the saplings.

Wildlife Department captures black bear in Nowbugh village

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KULGAM, Nov 23: A black bear was captured alive by the wildlife department in Nowbugh kund area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district. As per reports, on receiving information about the black bear along human habitation, a team of experts from Dooru control room was sent to the area to tranquilize the black bear.



Warden Bijbehara Suhail Ahmad headed by Range officer Fayaz Ahmad the bear was finally captured without causing any injury to anyone.

Incharge wildlife Control room Range Officer Mushtaq Ahmad Mir said that the captured animal will be released later in its natural habitat.

NSS Camp enters 5th day with awareness rally and nukkad natak

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JAMMU, Nov 23: The ongoing NSS camp organized by K.C. College of Education at Govt. School Pounichak entered its fourth day with an awareness rally and a thought-provoking Nukkad Natak on global rights.

The day began with an awareness rally, where participants held placards and banners highlighting the importance of global rights. The rally aimed to sensitize the local community about the need to protect and promote human right. The rally was followed by a Nukkad Natak performance on global rights. The play was thought-

provoking and highlighted the struggles and challenges faced by individuals in exercising their rights. The performance was well-received by the audience and sparked a meaningful discussion on the topic.

Priya Gupta, NSS Program Officer, emphasized the significance of global rights and the need for collective action to protect and promote them. "It is essential for us to recognize and respect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their background, culture, or nationality," she said.

The NSS camp aims to foster social responsibility, national integration, and community service among youth.

Ladakh Education Conclave 2024 kicks off with vision for brighter future

Top News Report

LEH, Nov 23: The much-anticipated Ladakh Education Conclave 2024 has officially commenced, offering a transformative platform designed to bring together the brightest minds and key stakeholders in the education sector. This event is a powerful convergence of policymakers, educators, industry leaders, students, and community members, all united in their mission to shape the future of education in Ladakh. The conclave aims to create a robust, integrated approach to education that aligns with the National Education Policy 2020, while also addressing the unique challenges and opportunities of this vibrant region.

The inaugural session of the conclave was graced by the esteemed presence of Lieutenant Governor Dr. BD Mishra, whose leadership and commitment to the development of Ladakh have been pivotal.

The second session of the education conclave was marked by a compelling presentation from the Director of Education, Ladakh Tsering Paldan. He provided an overview of the conclave's context, emphasizing the progress, challenges, and achievements of the School Education Department in the region. He highlighted the strides made in improving the quality of education, infrastructure development, and student performance



metrics. The Director also shared key statistics and initiatives undertaken to enhance learning outcomes, teacher training programs, and community participation in education.

Following this, Abid Hussain, Superintendent of Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kargil, presented on behalf of the Ladakh Skill Development Mission. His presentation focused on vocational education and skill development in Ladakh, outlining significant changes and achievements in the sector. Abid Hussain emphasized the importance of equipping students with practical and industry-relevant skills to prepare them for the evolving job market.

At last Director Tashi Ldawa delivered an insightful presentation. He provided an overview of the various themes of the event. In his presentation, Tashi Ldawa also highlighted the current educational scenario in Ladakh, addressing key challenges, opportunities, and ongoing efforts to improve the quality of education in the region. In the post-lunch or

final session, a dynamic panel discussion took place, where participants were divided into different groups. Each group consisted of both external resource persons and local experts from Leh and Kargil. The themes for the discussions were one focusing on Higher Education and the other on Vocational Education. The expertise of the participants aligned with the respective themes, ensuring targeted and insightful discussions.

The discussions revolved around a range of pressing issues and challenges pertinent to the assigned themes. Participants actively engaged in identifying effective strategies and practical solutions tailored to the unique contexts of each theme.

This collaborative approach allowed for a diverse exchange of ideas and fostered a deeper understanding of how to address the challenges faced in the region. The session proved to be an excellent platform for brainstorming innovative ways to drive progress and development across Ladakh.

GDC Ramgarh takes out awareness rally on 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'

Top News Report

RAMGARH, Nov 23: NSS unit 'Prabha' in collaboration with NCORD (National Coordination Committee for Drug-Free India) cell of GDC Ramgarh organized an awareness rally on Nasha Mukht Bharat.

The rally aimed to raise awareness among students and the general public about the dangers and detrimental effects of drug abuse.

The event was organized under the guidance of Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetan-



jali Andotra. She emphasized that the purpose of the rally was to raise awareness among the students and general masses about the

serious issues and hazardous impacts caused due to drug abuse.

The rally saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students,

who actively raised slogans highlighting the importance of unity in the fight against substance abuse. Students also interacted with general

masses around to aware them regarding the health issues related to drug misuse.

The faculty members including Prof. Sandeep Kumari, Ashok Kumar (PTI), Dr. Shivail Panigotra, Dr. Neeraj Bargotra and Vikas Malmotra also accompanied the rally.

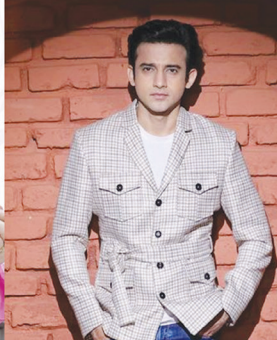
This initiative was part of a broader effort to contribute to the ongoing nationwide campaign for a drug-free India, encouraging individuals to make informed choices and take a stand against the harmful effects of drug addiction.

Celebrities recall the special moments when they earned their first paycheck

For every actor or performer, the journey towards success is marked by memorable milestones. One of the most cherished moments is often their first earning — whether it's through a TV show, a theatre gig or even a simple entrepreneurial venture. These first steps are not only financial, but also deeply personal. From heartfelt gifts to cherished purchases, here's how some well-known faces recall spending their first paychecks and the emotional connections that made them unforgettable.

Dear mom
Romiit Raaj
"My first earnings from Shakalaka Boom Boom on Star Plus went towards buying a ring for my mother. She was so happy, but she also said, 'You should have bought something for yourself.' That's how my mother was — she always put others first."

Phone call
Anupama Solanki
"My first earning came from my debut Star Plus TV show Yeh Hai Mohabbatein, in 2017. I was new to Mumbai and luckily landed that role quickly. I played Shweta in the show, and with my first paycheck I bought my first Vivo phone. It was such a memorable



time for me."
Dance teacher
Bhawana Aneja
"My first earning experience was at 17 or 18 when I started teaching dance at a school. I later opened a small dance school in my flat, teaching Bollywood dance to kids. My first paycheck was Rs 5,000 and it all happened thanks to a friend who encouraged me to join a school

as a dance instructor. People in the 90s were crazy about Bollywood dance, and that helped me begin my career."
Huge moment
Rinku Ghosh
"I earned Rs 30,000 for two days of work in an advertisement for Kelvinator refrigerators by Lintas when I was 17. It was a huge amount for someone my age! I gave the entire sum to

my mother, who always offered a portion to God first. I continued this tradition until she passed away, and I still do it to this day."
Counting her blessings
Ekta Tiwari
"It wasn't about earning, but blessings when I received Rs 200 from my school principal in Class 10. I helped my teachers with exam sheets and activity

classes during summer. I spent the money buying gifts for my parents — a photo-frame and a pen for my father, and a jewelry set for my mother. Their pride in me and their upbringing made it all so special, and I still have the jewelry set I gifted to my mother."

Theatre love
Delnaaz Irani
"I've always loved theatre and my first earnings came from working backstage with Alec Padamsee's group. In 1989, I earned Rs 200 per show and learnt the basics of theatre — lighting, stage set-up, costumes and more. In 1990, I did my first play with Dinyar Contractor and earned Rs 400 per show. With two shows every weekend, I was making Rs 800 a week, which was my first professional earning."

Biker boy
Rohit Choudhary
"When I was in college, I borrowed Rs 40,000 from my sister to buy fireworks at wholesale rates. I sold them for around Rs 78,000, paid back the money and used the profit to buy my first bike — an RX100. I still have that bike today, and I remember being so excited that I couldn't sleep the night before taking it to college."

Punjabi singer Shubh roped in as global climate brand ambassador for UN



Renowned Punjabi musician Shubh has been named as the Global Ambassador for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Digital Climate Library.

The announcement was made by the UNFCCC at the UN climate conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, a press release said.

As the Global Ambassador, the Canada-based rapper and singer-songwriter will engage audiences to raise awareness about climate change and promote sustainable solu-

tions. Through his appointment, the 28-year-old artist will empower young people to become agents of change and address the issue of climate change.

"Through this role, I hope to use my platform to bring attention to the issue, share knowledge, and be part of a movement that pushes for a better future, not just for all of us, but for future generations as well.

"I hope our combined efforts create a positive impact in addressing global warming and fostering sustainable living for all species on

our planet," Shubh said.

The artist rose to fame in 2021 with his single 'We Rollin' and has built a discography that include hits like 'Cheques', 'Baller', 'No Love', 'Be Mine' and 'One Love'.

Jingwen Yang, Information Management Officer at the UNFCCC, said Shubh exemplifies the power of art to raise awareness about the importance of preserving endangered archival collections documenting the history and legacy of the climate change process.

"His commitment aligns seamlessly with the mission of the Digital Climate Library, ensuring this invaluable knowledge remains available to inspire and guide global action. We are honoured to have him join us in this vital initiative and look forward to the transformative impact his involvement will bring," he added.

Globally, celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio, David Beckham, Coldplay, BTS, Billie Elish, Don Cheadle, Shailene Woodley, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle work with the UNFCCC on climate change initiatives.

Bhawana Aneja to be seen in the television show Deewaniyat

Bhawana Aneja, known for her roles in films like Kavan, Aarambam, Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas and Chandramukhi 2, as well as the web series Raisinghani vs. Raisinghani and popular TV shows, including Kumkum Bhagya (cameo), Dheere Dheere Se and Shrimad Ramayan, will soon appear in Deewaniyat.

In the series, she plays the female lead's mother, a role she's thrilled to bring to life on screen. Bhawana shared, "My last substantial show was Dheere Dheere Se on Star Bharat, where I played Vidya chachi, a character that



brought me a lot of recognition. Then I did Shrimad Ramayan, portraying Sumitra Rani. Dheere Dheere Se was especially close to my heart, as it truly helped establish me in the industry."

Discussing her role and the show's title, Bhawana added, "Deewaniyat is a term you don't often hear in daily life. I'm excited about the show, where I'll play the heroine's mother, Geeta Malik. She is a traditional Haryanvi woman, a loving mother and a caring wife. I'm thrilled to explore this character and bring her story to the audience."

'Ting' time: Preity Zinta seeks fan recommendations for IPL team

Actress Preity Zinta, who is known for 'Dil Chahta Hai', 'Kal Ho Naa Ho', 'Jhoom Barabar Jhoom' and others, is on her way to the IPL auctions. The actress is currently in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia after her digital detox and is inviting recommendations from her Instagram followers for the players that she could pick in her IPL team.

On Saturday, the actress took to her Instagram and shared a video from the balcony of her hotel room. The video shows the skyline of Jeddah.

She wrote in the caption, "Done with my digital detox! Landed in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for the IPL Auction. Watch this space for some amazing new announcements folks. Till then all recommendations for our new team are welcome. Bring it on #Ting #IPLAuction2025 #Saddasquad @punjabkingsipl."

Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress will be next seen in 'Lahore 1947', a period drama film directed by Rajkumar Santoshi and produced by Aamir Khan.



Tamannaah Bhatia expresses her love for 'malai makhan'

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia has professed her love for 'malai makhan' while she was in Lucknow, the City of Nawabs.

The actress took to her Instagram stories, where she was seen sitting in the backseat of the car and making a very happy face looking at the plate full of 'malai makhan', a sweet snack made from milk cream during the winters.

"Couldn't have left Lucknow without malai Makhan," she wrote as the caption.

Talking about the silky sweet delicacy, it is prepared in many parts of Uttar Pradesh especially in cities of Kanpur, Varanasi and Lucknow. In Delhi, it is known as 'Daulat ki



Chaat'. The actress then shared a string of pictures of herself dressed in a gold and white outfit from the promotions of her upcoming project 'Sikandar Ka Muqaddar'. She wrote, "Dekho heere nahi hai mere paas, I am a golden girl."

Her friend and actress Kajal Aggarwal heaped praise on Tamannaah as she took to the comment section and wrote: "Arre heere toh aap ho."

Tamannaah will next be seen in 'Sikandar Ka Muqaddar', helmed by Neeraj Pandey. It is set to premiere on Netflix on November 29. The film also stars Jimmy Shergill, Avinash Tiwary and Rajiv Mehta in pivotal roles.

Is 'Glicked' the new 'Barbenheimer'? 'Wicked' and 'Gladiator II' collide in theatres



'Barbenheimer' was a phenomenon impossible to manufacture. But, more than a year later, that hasn't stopped people from trying to make 'Glicked' — or even 'Baby-ratu' — happen.

The counter programming of 'Barbie' and 'Oppenheimer' in July 2023 hit a nerve culturally and had the receipts to back it up. Unlike so many things that begin as memes, it transcended its online beginnings.

Instead of an either-or, the two movies ultimately complemented and boosted one another at the box office.

And ever since, movie-goers, marketers and meme makers have been trying to recreate that moment, searching the movie release schedule for odd mashups and sending candidates off into the social media void. Most attempts have fizzled.

This weekend is perhaps the closest approximation yet as the Broadway musical adaptation 'Wicked' opens Friday against the chest-thumping sword-and-sandals epic 'Gladiator II'.

Two big studio releases (Universal and Paramount), with one-name titles, opposite tones and aesthetics and big blockbuster energy — it was already halfway there before the name game began: 'Wickiater', 'Wadiator', 'Gladwick' and even the eyebrow raising 'Glicked' have all been suggested.

"'Glicked' rolls off the tongue a little bit more," actor Fred Hechinger said at the New York screening of 'Gladiator II' this week. "I think we should all band around 'Glicked'. It gets too confusing

if you have four or five different names for it."

As with 'Barbenheimer', as reductive as it might seem, 'Glicked' also has the male/female divide that make the fan art extra silly.

One is pink and bright and awash in sparkles, tulle, Broadway bangers and brand tie-ins; the other is all sweat and sand, blood and bulging muscles.

Both films topped Fandango's most anticipated holiday movie survey, where 65 per cent of respondents said that they were interested in the 'Glicked' double feature.

Theatres big and small are also pulling out the stops with movie-themed tie-ins. B&B Theatres will have Roman guards tearing tickets at some locations and Maximus popcorn tubs.

Marcus Theaters is doing Oz photo ops and friendship bracelet-making. Alamo Drafthouse is leaning into the singalong aspect (beware, though, not all theatres are embracing this) and the punny drinks like 'Defying Gravi-Tea'.

"Rather than it being in competition, I think they're in conversation," 'Gladiator II' star Paul Mescal said. "This industry needs a shot in the arm. Those films gave it last year. We hope to do it this year."

And the hope is that audiences will flock to theatres to be part of this moment as well. It's a sorely needed influx of could-be blockbusters into a marketplace that's still at an 11 per cent deficit from last year and down 27.2 per cent from 2019, according to data from Comscore.

"Competition is good for the marketplace. It's good for consumers,"

said Michael O'Leary, the president and CEO of the National Association of Theatre Owners. "Having two great movies coming out at the same time is simply a multiplier effect."

'Glicked' is currently tracking for a combined North American debut in the USD 165 million range, with 'Wicked' forecast to earn around USD 100 million (up from the USD 80 million estimates a few weeks ago) and 'Gladiator II' pegged for the USD 65 million range.

'Barbenheimer' shattered its projections last July. Going into that weekend, 'Barbie' had been pegged for USD 90 million and 'Oppenheimer' around USD 40 million. Ultimately, they brought in a combined USD 244 million in that first outing, and nearly USD 2.4 billion by the end of their runs.

It's possible 'Glicked' will exceed expectations, too. And it has the advantage of another behemoth coming close behind: 'Moana 2', which opens just five days later on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday. 'Glickedana' triple feature anyone?

"These are 10 important days," O'Leary said. "It's going to show the movie going audience that there's a lot of compelling stuff out there for them to see." There are infinite caveats to the imperfect comparison to 'Barbenheimer', as well. 'Wicked' is a 'Part One'. Musicals carry their own baggage with moviegoers, even those based on wildly successful productions (ahem, 'Cats'). 'Gladiator II' got a head start and opened internationally last weekend.

In fact, in the UK, it played alongside 'Paddington in Peru', where that double was pegged 'Gladdington'. 'Gladiator' reviews, while positive, are a little more divided than the others. And neither directors Ridley Scott nor Jon M Chu has the built-in box office cache that Christopher Nolan's name alone carries at the moment.

The new films also cost more than 'Barbie' (USD 145 million) and 'Oppenheimer' (USD 100 million). According to reports, 'Gladiator II' had a USD 250 million price tag; 'Wicked' reportedly cost USD 150 million to produce (and that does not include the cost of the second film, due next year).

Army to recruit cyber, IT domain experts for advanced warfare capabilities

Lt. General Kapoor said that these initiatives are aimed at transforming the Indian Army into a niche, technology-driven force capable of meeting evolving security challenges.

NEW DELHI, Nov 23 (Agencies): The Indian Army is set to induct domain experts into its regular cadre to ensure a technologically advanced and battle-ready force. This initiative, announced by Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Rakesh Kapoor, marks a significant step in restructuring the Army in line with global military advancement.

Addressing the media, Lieutenant General Kapoor said that the Army is actively monitoring recent global conflicts to adapt its structure, strategy, and operational approach to the challenges of modern warfare.

As part of this transformation, the Army plans to recruit specialists in critical domains such as information warfare, cybersecurity, linguistics, and IT at both officer and non-commissioned officer (NCO) levels.

PILOT SUCCESS AND RECRUITMENT PLANS

A pilot project for the induction of domain specialists has already been conducted and



was successful. The first phase of regular recruitment will feature 17 specialised entries, including five for strategic linguistic experts.

Officers will be recruited at the postgraduate level, while soldiers will be inducted at the graduate level. The selection process will include Service Selection Board (SSB) interviews, with advertisements for the new entries expected to be released soon. The induction of these specialists will be for men and women both to ensure gender neutrality in the armed

forces.

While the Territorial Army (TA) has already begun inducting domain experts, this initiative will now extend to regular Army recruitment.

TECHNOLOGY AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER

Emphasising the critical role of technology, Lieutenant General Kapoor said that the Defence Ministry declared 2024-25 as the 'Years of Technology Absorption' for the Indian Army. To spearhead this vision, the Army is working on 16 technology clusters, focusing on cutting-

edge advancements such as: Cybersecurity and Quantum Computing.

5G/6G Networks and IoT.

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning.

Directed Energy Weapons and Robotics.

RPA (Remotely Piloted Aircraft), Counter-UAS, and Lointering Munitions.

Blockchain Technology and 3D Printing.

TRANSFORMING THE INDIAN ARMY

"The relationship between technology and military strategy is symbiotic," Lieutenant General Kapoor said.

"These initiatives are aimed at transforming the Indian Army into a niche, technology-driven force capable of meeting evolving security challenges," he added.

With these forward-thinking measures, the Indian Army is not only preparing for future wars but also setting the stage for becoming a global leader in defence innovation.

Something is fishy, there's a big conspiracy: Raut on poll trends suggesting Mahayuti's win



MUMBAI, Nov 23 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Saturday alleged that there was a "big conspiracy" and something was "fishy" in the Maharashtra assembly poll results with trends suggesting a landslide victory for the Mahayuti combine.

Talking to reporters, he said the poll results do not reflect people's mandate as the situation was very differ-

ent on the ground and there was palpable anger against the government.

"I see a big conspiracy in this... This is not a mandate of Marathi 'manooos' and farmers," he said.

"We do not accept this as people's mandate. Something is fishy in the election results," Raut added.

There was no doubt that money was used in the polls, he alleged.

"How can all MLAs of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde win? How can Ajit Pawar, whose betrayal angered Maharashtra, win?" the Rajya Sabha MP asked.

The ruling BJP-led Mahayuti alliance appeared set to retain power in the state, and was leading in 204 of the 288 assembly seats, as per the latest figures by the Election Commission.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) was stumbling, with its candidates leading in just 47 seats, as per the early trends.

In the ruling Mahayuti alliance, the BJP contested 149 assembly seats, Shiv Sena 81 seats, and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP fielded candidates in 59 constituencies.

In the MVA combine, the Congress fielded 101 candidates, Shiv Sena (UBT) 95, and NCP (SP) put up 86 candidates.

Mobile internet suspension extended for two days in Manipur

MPHAL, Nov 23 (Agencies): The Manipur Government on Saturday extended suspension of mobile internet services for two days in seven districts of the state, according to an order.

Amid escalating violence, the administration suspended the services on November 16 for two days to prevent anti-social elements from spreading content that might create law and order problems. It has been extended several times since then.

"The state government after reviewing the prevailing law and order situation has decided to



continue suspension of mobile internet services in Imphal West, Imphal East, Kakching, Bishnupur, Thoubal, Chura-chandpur and Kangpokpi for another two days in public interests," the order issued by the home department said.

Internet services were suspended on November 16 after violence

broke out in the state following recovery of bodies of three women and three children. The Manipur Government had lifted the suspension on broadband services on November 19, considering the hardships faced by common people, healthcare facilities, educational institutions and other offices.

Stones thrown at Vande Bharat trains in Bihar's Gaya, two men arrested

GAYA, Nov 23 (Agencies): The Railway Protection Force (RPF) has arrested two people for allegedly throwing stones at Vande Bharat Express trains in Manpur railway division area in Bihar's Gaya, officials said.

The arrested accused, identified as Manpur residents Vikas Kumar and Manish Kumar, admitted during interrogation that they were going to target more trains as well.

However, vigilant RPF personnel averted further stone attacks on the trains by capturing the duo.



As per the information, someone posted a complaint on X that train number 20894 (Patna Tata Vande Bharat Express) and train number 22304 (Gaya Howrah Vande Bharat Express) were stoned by unknown persons

near Manpur railway section after the train left Gaya station.

The glass window panes of the train sustained cracks in the attack.

After getting information about the incident, Gaya RPF formed a

special team and raided the spot, setting up an ambush.

Following the ambush, Manish Kumar (20) and Vikas Kumar (20) were arrested. Both the accused have a long criminal history and both were out on bail, police said.

On the basis of the written complaint given by Assistant Sub Inspector Ramsevak, a case was registered at RPF post Gaya under section 153, 147 Railway Act.

Meanwhile, the railway department has issued a warning that throwing stones at moving or

stationed trains would amount to a criminal act. Strict legal action will be taken against the culprits found throwing stones at trains, it said.

Railway Board Executive Director Information and Publicity Dilip Kumar said that the Indian Railways is a national property and that it is the duty of every citizen to protect trains.

He appealed to the people to identify those who throw stones at moving trains in their respective villages and cities and inform the RPF and local police about it.

Eight killed, three injured in Assam road mishaps

GUWAHATI, Nov 23 (Agencies): Eight persons were killed and three critically injured in two separate road mishaps in Assam's Bajali and Dhubri districts on Saturday, police said.

Five persons were killed and two critically injured when the vehicle in which they were travelling hit a stationary truck in Bajali district.

In another accident, three persons died and another was seri-

ously injured when the vehicle in which they were travelling collided with a stationary truck near Garehat in Agomoni area of Dhubri district.

In the Bajali mishap, the deceased were returning home to Nalbari after witnessing the ongoing 'Ras' festival when their van hit the truck at Bhabanipur, killing five persons on the spot.

The two injured persons have been admitted to Fakhruddin

Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital and their condition was stated to be critical, police added.

The deceased have been identified as Ashish Habib Khan, Mizanur Rahman, Royal Khan, Mizanur Khan and Moinul Haque.

The injured are Amir Khan and Kazi Chakra Ahmed, police said.

In the Dhubri mishap, the victims were on their way from

Gauripur to visit an ongoing 'Ras' fair at Cooch Behar in West Bengal when the accident occurred killing three persons on the spot.

The deceased have been identified as Dhanjay Roy, Bikas Kalita and Ram Roy while the injured, Khanindra Roy, is currently undergoing treatment at Dhubri Medical College Hospital.

Road crash in Uttar Pradesh leaves five members of family dead

BIJNOR, Nov 23 (Agencies): An SUV rammed into a tree leaving four members of a family dead and three injured on the Nahtaur road here on Friday night, police said on Saturday.

Additional Superin-

tendent of Police of Eastern region Dharam Singh Marchhal said the SUV driver lost control of the vehicle

The deceased were identified as Car driver Sultan's wife Gulfsa (28), daughters Anadia (8), Alisha (6) and sister

Chand Bano (35), while Sultan along with his five-year-old son Shad and niece Adiba (14) was seriously injured.

All three have been admitted to the district hospital.

The bodies have been sent for postmortem.

Delhi's air quality slips back to 'severe' with AQI at 420

NEW DELHI, Nov 23 (Agencies): Delhi's air quality slipped back to the 'severe' category on Saturday morning with an AQI of 420 while the minimum temperature was recorded at 11.4 degrees Celsius.

Out of 38 monitoring stations, nine recorded air quality in the 'severe plus' category with AQI exceeding 450.

Nineteen other stations recorded 'severe' air quality with AQI levels between 400 and 450.

The remaining stations recorded AQIs in the 'very poor' category. The humidity level was 97 per cent at 8.30 am. The maximum and minimum temperatures are expected to settle at 25 and 12 degrees Celsius respectively.



Delhi's air quality has remained hazardous for over 20 days. On October 30, it first slipped into the 'very poor' category and stayed there for 15 days.

It worsened further last Sunday as Delhi recorded 'severe' air quality and stayed so on

Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday, the air quality was in the 'severe plus' category.

Favorable wind conditions brought slight relief on Thursday but the air quality began deteriorating again, nearing the 'severe' category, on Friday.

Unscientific: Oncologists after Navjot Sidhu claims diet helped wife beat cancer

Oncologists at Tata Memorial Hospital asserted that there was no evidence to support Navjot Sidhu's remarks that his wife overcame cancer following a strict dietary regimen.

NEW DELHI, Nov 23 (Agencies): After Congress leader Navjot Sidhu revealed that his wife overcame cancer following a strict dietary regimen, oncologists advised patients not to follow "unproven remedies" while asserting that there was no evidence to support the former cricketer's remarks. The director at Tata Memorial Hospital, in a statement, slammed the unscientific and baseless recommendations.

"Parts of the video imply that starving the cancer by not eating dairy products and sugar, consuming haldi (turmeric) and neem helped cure her 'incurable' cancer... These comments have no high quality evidence to support them," Dr CS Pramesh said.

The statement was signed by



262 present and former oncologists of the Tata Memorial Hospital. The statement further said that there was no clinical data to recommend the use of neem and haldi as anti-cancer agents.

In a press conference, Sidhu revealed that his wife, Navjot Kaur, overcame stage 4 cancer

following a simple dietary and lifestyle regimen. He claimed that Kaur, who was given a 5% chance to survive, was discharged from hospital after 40 days.

Sidhu said his wife's diet included turmeric, neem water, apple cider vinegar, lemon

water. This was coupled with strict avoidance of sugar and carbohydrates and intermittent fasting.

The oncologists urged cancer patients not to delay their treatment by following unproven remedies. "Cancer is curable if detected early and proven treatments for cancer include surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy," read the statement.

Dr Pramesh, posting a clip of Sidhu's press conference on X, said one should not get "fooled" by such claims.

"These are unscientific and baseless recommendations. She got surgery and chemotherapy that were evidence based which is what made her cancer-free. Not the haldi, neem etc," he said.

Israeli airstrike hits central Beirut, security sources say

At least four people were killed and 23 wounded

BEIRUT, Nov 23 (Agencies): A powerful Israeli airstrike targeted central Beirut on Saturday, security sources said, shaking the Lebanese capital as Israel pressed its offensive against the Iran-backed Hezbollah group.

At least four people were killed and 23 wounded in the attack in Beirut's Basta neighbourhood, Hezbollah's al-Manar broadcaster reported, citing the health ministry.

Lebanon's National News Agency said early on Saturday that the attack resulted in a large number of fatalities and injuries and destroyed an eight-storey building. Footage broadcast by Lebanon's Al Jadeed station showed at least one destroyed building and several others badly dam-



aged around it.

The blasts shook the capital around 4 a.m. (0200 GMT), agency witnesses said. Security sources said at least four bombs were dropped in the attack.

It marked the fourth Israeli airstrike this week targeting a central area of Beirut, where the bulk of Israel's attacks have tar-

getted the Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs. On Sunday an Israeli airstrike killed a Hezbollah media official in the Ras al-Nabaa district of central Beirut.

Israel has killed several leaders of its long-time foe Hezbollah in air strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs.

Israel launched a major offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon in September, following nearly a year of cross-border hostilities ignited by the Gaza war, pounding wide areas of Lebanon with airstrikes and sending troops into the south.

The conflict began when Hezbollah opened fire in solidarity with its Palestinian ally Hamas after it launched the Oct. 7, 2023 attack on southern Israel.

A U.S. mediator travelled to Lebanon and Israel this week in an effort to secure a ceasefire. The envoy, Amos Hochstein, indicated progress had been made after meetings in Beirut on Tuesday and Wednesday, before going to meet Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz.

At least 33 killed in fighting between armed groups in northwestern Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Nov 23 (Agencies): Fighting between armed Sunni and Shiite groups in northwestern Pakistan killed at least 33 people and injured 25 others, a senior police officer from the region said Saturday. The overnight violence was the latest to rock Kurram, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, and comes days after a deadly gun ambush killed 42 people.

Shiite Muslims make up about 15% of the 240 million people in Sunni-majority Pakistan, which has a history of sectarian animosity between the communities.

Although the two groups generally live together peacefully, ten-

sions remain, especially in Kurram.

The senior police officer said armed men in Bagan and Bacha Kot torched shops, houses and government property.

Intense gunfire was ongoing between the Alzai and Bagan tribes in the Lower Kurram area. "Educational institutions in Kurram are closed due to the severe tension.

Both sides are targeting each other with heavy and automatic weapons," said the officer, who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Videos shared with agency showed a market

engulfed by fire and orange flames piercing the night sky. Gunfire can also be heard.

The location of Thursday's attack was also targeted by armed men, who marched on the area.

Survivors of the gun ambush said assailants emerged from a vehicle and sprayed buses and cars with bullets. Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attack and police have not identified a motive.

Dozens of people from the district's Sunni and Shiite communities have been killed since July, when a land dispute erupted in Kurram that later turned into general sectarian violence.

Bushra Bibi faces non-bailable arrest warrant in GBP 190 million corruption case

RAWALPINDI, Nov 23 (Agencies): A Rawalpindi accountability court has issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Bushra Bibi, the wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, in connection with the GBP 190 million corruption case linked to the Al-Qadir University Trust, agency reported.

The court, presided over by Judge Nasir Javed Rana, issued the arrest warrants following the ongoing investigation into the alleged financial discrepancies involving the former prime minister and his family.

Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan was also presented before the court in connection with the case. Despite the new arrest warrants, both Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi had previously been granted bail by the Islamabad High Court (IHC) in relation to the National Crime Agency (NCA) settlement reference concerning the GBP 190 million.

The IHC's two-member bench, headed by Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, had



reserved its verdict after hearing the case. In a short order, the court had instructed the authorities to release Imran Khan against a surety bond of PKR 1 million, reported agency.

Meanwhile, Bushra Bibi, in a separate development, issued a video message urging PTI supporters to participate in the party's planned protest on November 24. She referred to the protest as a "final or do-or-die" call, urging party workers to rally against the government.

She claimed that negative propaganda against her family started after their visit to Madinah, Saudi Arabia, followed by calls for her character assassination and accusations against her husband, Imran Khan, of being a "Jewish agent." The National Account-

ability Bureau (NAB) had launched an investigation into the alleged gain of hundreds of acres of land under the Al-Qadir University Trust, with the claim that it caused a loss of GBP 190 million to the national treasury.

According to the charges, Imran Khan and others accused in the case allegedly misallocated PKR 50 billion (equivalent to GBP 190 million at the time) that had been sent by the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) to the Pakistani government, agency reported.

In response, NAB filed a corruption reference involving Imran Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi, and six other individuals related to the Al-Qadir University project, which was registered on December 26, 2019.

Philippine vice president publicly threatens to have the president assassinated

MANILA, Nov 23 (Agencies): Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte said Saturday she has contracted an assassin to kill the president, his wife and the House of Representatives speaker if she herself is killed, in a brazen public threat that she warned was not a joke.

Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin referred to the "active threat" against President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to an elite presidential guards force "for immediate proper action." It was not immediately clear what actions would be taken against the vice president.

"Acting on the vice president's clear and unequivocal statement that she had contracted an assassin to kill the president if an alleged plot against her succeeds, the Executive Secretary has referred this active threat to the Presidential Security Command for immediate proper action," a government statement said.

"Any threat to the life of the president must always be taken seriously, more so that this



threat has been publicly revealed in clear and certain terms," it said.

Marcos ran with Duterte as his vice-presidential running mate in the May 2022 elections and both won with landslide victories on a campaign call of national unity.

The two leaders and their camps, however, rapidly had a bitter falling-out over key differences, including in their approaches to China's aggressive actions in the disputed South China Sea. Duterte resigned from the Marcos Cabinet in June as education secretary and head of an anti-insurgency body.

Like her equally outspoken father, former President Rodrigo Duterte, the vice president became a vocal critic of Marcos, his wife

Liza Araneta-Marcos and House Speaker Martin Romualdez, the president's ally and second cousin, accusing them of corruption, incompetence and politically persecuting the Duterte family and its close supporters.

Her latest tirade was set off by the decision by House members allied with Romualdez and Marcos to detain her chief of staff, Zuleika Lopez, who was accused of hampering a congressional inquiry into the possible misuse of her budget as vice president and education secretary. Lopez was later transferred to a hospital after falling ill and wept when she heard of a plan to temporarily lock her up in a women's prison.

In a pre-dawn online news conference, an

angry Sara Duterte accused Marcos of incompetence as a president and of being a liar, along with his wife and the House speaker in expletives-laden remarks.

When asked about concerns over her security, the 46-year-old lawyer suggested there was an unspecified plot to kill her. "Don't worry about my security because I've talked with somebody. I said 'if I'm killed, you'll kill BBM, Liza Araneta and Martin Romualdez. No joke, no joke,'" the vice president said without elaborating and using the initials that many use to call the president.

"I've given my order, 'If I die, don't stop until you've killed them.' And he said, 'yes,'" the vice president said.

Under the Philippine penal code, such public remarks may constitute a crime of threatening to inflict a wrong on a person or his family and is punishable by a jail term and fine.

Amid the political divisions, military chief Gen. Romeo Brawner issued a statement with an assurance that

the 160,000-member Armed Forces of the Philippines would remain nonpartisan "with utmost respect for our democratic institutions and civilian authority."

"We call for calm and resolve," Brawner said. "We reiterate our need to stand together against those who will try to break our bonds as Filipinos."

The vice president is the daughter of Marcos' predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte, whose police-enforced anti-drugs crackdown when he was a city mayor and later as president left thousands of mostly petty drug suspects dead in killings that the International Criminal Court has been investigating as a possible crime against humanity.

The former president denied authorizing extrajudicial killings under his crackdown but has given conflicting statements. He told a public Philippine Senate inquiry last month that he had maintained a "death squad" of gangsters to kill other criminals when he was mayor of southern Davao city.

South Korea will not attend Sado mines memorial event in Japan amid lingering historical tensions

SEOUL, Nov 23 (Agencies): South Korea's government said Saturday it will not attend a memorial service near Japan's Sado Island Gold Mines due to disagreements with Tokyo over the event, which stirred longstanding tensions over the abuse of Korean forced laborers at the site before the end of World War II.

The decision marked a rare display of friction between the countries since the 2022 inauguration of South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol. Yoon has prioritized improving relations with Japan following years of disputes over their bitter history and solidifying three-way security cooperation with Washington to counter North Korean nuclear threats, but has faced accusations at home that he was

neglecting the suffering of Korean survivors.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement it was impossible to settle the disagreements between both governments before the planned event near the mines on Sunday. Japanese officials had no immediate comment.

Some South Koreans had criticized Yoon's government for throwing its support behind an event without securing a clear Japanese commitment to highlight the plight of Korean laborers.

South Korean sentiment over the event worsened after the Japanese government said this week it would send Akiko Ikuina, a parliamentary vice minister, to the event. Ikuina had reportedly visited Tokyo's controversial Yasukuni Shrine

following her election as a lawmaker in 2022. The shrine honors the country's 2.5 million war dead, including convicted war criminals. Japan's neighbors view the shrine as a symbol of the country's past militarism.

In an interview with MBN television, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul acknowledged that Ikuina's Yasukuni visit was an issue of contention between the countries' diplomats.

"That issue and various other disagreements between diplomatic officials remain unresolved, and with only a few hours remaining until the event, we concluded that there wasn't sufficient time to resolve these differences," Cho said. "We notified them of our decision in the afternoon."

There were also complaints over South Korea agreeing to pay for the travel expenses of Korean victims' family members who were invited to attend the ceremony.

Ties between Seoul and Tokyo have long been complicated by grievances related to Japan's brutal rule of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945, when hundreds of thousands of Koreans were mobilized as forced laborers for Japanese companies, or sex slaves at Tokyo's military-run brothels during World War II. Many forced laborers are already dead and survivors are in their 90s.

Historians say hundreds of Koreans were forced to labor at the Sado mines under abusive and brutal condi-

tions during World War II. Japan's government has said Sunday's ceremony will pay tribute to "all workers" who died at the mines, without specifying who they are. Critics saw this as part of a persistent policy of whitewashing Japan's history of sexual and labor exploitation before and during the war.

The 16th-century mines on the island of Sado, off the western coast of Niigata prefecture, operated for nearly 400 years before closing in 1989 and were once the world's largest gold producer. The mines were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site earlier this year after Tokyo and Seoul settled a yearslong dispute. South Korea withdrew its opposition to the listing after Japan agreed

to acknowledge Korean suffering more clearly in the site's exhibition and to include Koreans in a memorial ceremony.

In 2023, Yoon took a major step toward improving ties with Japan that had deteriorated for years over historical grievances and trade disputes, by announcing a plan to compensate Korean forced laborers from the colonial period without requiring contributions from Japanese companies.

Yoon's plan, which relies on money raised in South Korea, drew an immediate backlash at home from former forced laborers and their supporters, who had demanded direct compensation from the Japanese companies and a fresh apology from the Japanese government.

"Profoundly saddened": Laos government after 6 tourists die of contaminated alcohol

BANGKOK, Nov 23 (Agencies): The Laos government said Saturday it was "profoundly saddened" by the deaths of foreign tourists in Vang Vieng, with the toll from a suspected methanol poisoning incident now at six.

Two Danish citizens, an American, a Briton and two Australians have now died after being rushed to hospital following a night out in backpacker hot spot Vang Vieng.

They were among a group of about a dozen foreigners who fell ill and were rushed to hospital shortly after November 12.

In a statement on its website, Laos' Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Saturday it expressed "sincere sympathy and deepest condolences to the families of the deceased", adding an investigation was underway.

Australian Holly Bowles, 19, became the incident's latest fatality on Friday when she died in a Bangkok hospital surrounded by family.

Canberra is pressing Laotian authorities for a full and transparent investigation into what happened.

Vang Vieng has been a fixture on the Southeast Asia backpacker trail since Laos' secretive communist rulers opened the country to tourism decades ago.

The town was once synonymous with backpackers behaving badly at jungle parties but has since rebranded as an eco-tourism destination.

The Vietnamese manager of the Nana Backpackers Hostel where the tourists were staying has been detained for questioning, the Laos tourist police told agency.

No charges have been filed thus far.

Police in Laos could not be reached for comment on Saturday.

IQAC Cell of GDC Ramnagar hosts seminar on "Indian Knowledge System and Environment"

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RAMNAGAR, Nov 23: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Jammu, successfully organized a seminar on the theme "Indian Knowledge System and Environment Protection." The event was held under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal, GDC Ramnagar.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address by the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, who highlighted the rich heritage of the Indian Knowledge System and its profound contributions to environmental conservation. He said that NEP (2020) recognises Indian Knowledge System as a guiding Principle for



the modern Education system.

The event featured a series of speeches delivered by enthusiastic students, showcasing their understanding and perspectives on the theme. The participants included Veenakshi, Indrakshi Sharma, Preeti Sharma, Bhumika Bandral, Simran Devi, Anshika Dogra, Anjali Sharma, Bhumika Thakur and Preeti Devi.

Among them, Preeti Devi, Veenakshi, and Bhumika Bandral were awarded the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions, respectively, for their insightful presentations.

The seminar was enriched by the presence of esteemed resource persons—Prof. Lalit Magotra, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, and Dr. Arvinder Singh Aman. They shared their scholarly insights on how tra-

ditional Indian knowledge aligns with modern environmental practices and its significance in addressing contemporary ecological challenges. Prof. Lalit Magotra described how our heritage was banished by the invaders just to enslave our traditional sciences. He also emphasised on the importance of Indian knowledge system to be revived so that our environment heals and

our survival is saved. Prof. B.B.Sharma in his address correlated Vedas and applications of these old sciences in present day technology. Dr. Arvinder Singh Aman elaborated on the exploration of Indian knowledge System and its applications to improve today's stressful life.

The event was graced by the attendance of faculty members, further contributing to the academic vigour of the seminar. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandit, expressing gratitude to the resource persons, participants, and organizers for making the seminar a grand success.

The seminar reaffirmed the relevance of India's ancient wisdom in fostering a harmonious relationship with nature and inspired the attendees to integrate these values into contemporary environmental efforts.

Dogra Degree College organizes visit to Mubarak Mandi Complex



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BARI BRAHMANA, Nov 23: Dogra Degree College organized a visit to the Mubarak Mandi Complex for its students to mark World Heritage Week. A group of 50 students accompanied by their teacher mentors Mr. Rinkal Gupta, Mr. Ashish Thakur & Ms. Shivangi Dharora visited the Mubarak Mandi Complex on the 23rd November 2024. The students showed keen interest in knowing about the cultural heritage of the Dogra dynasty. It

was a great experience as the museum showcases a blend of exquisite architectural styles from European, Mughal to Rajasthan. The palace is a beacon of cultural diversity and lends a distinct character to Jammu. The Dogra Art Museum situated within the "Pink Hall" has a rich collection containing miniature paintings of various styles of the region including miniatures belonging to Kangra, Jammu, and Basoli art schools. This Historic visit was an eye-opener for the young minds who

were acquainted with the courageous stories of Dogra dynasty.

The glory of the heritage site was so inspirational that each and every student felt proud and mesmerized. It was a good learning experience for the faculty and the students who were a part of this visit.

The management representative Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary of Dogra Educational Trust appreciated the initiative taken by Dr. Bela Thakur, Principal and staff of Dogra Degree College.

Training programme on "Empowering Rural Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Business Growth through RBSH" concludes at SKUAST-J

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 23: Krishi Branding Centre of ABI, SKUAST-Jammu organized a two-days training program entitled "Empowering Rural Entrepreneurs for Sustainable Business Growth through Rural Business Service Hubs" w.e.f November 18-19, 2024 at SKUAST-Jammu under the HADP Project No. 4, "Strengthening

Agricultural Marketing in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir". Training was organized with the primary aim to stimulating rural entrepreneurship to create new ventures and jobs for rural people and equipping them with essential business skills and empowering rural communities for sustainable economic growth. A total of 24 stakeholders including marketing



officers from Horticulture Planning and Marketing, CEO & member of Farm-

ers' Producer Organizations (FPOs), CEOs of RBSHs, budding entre-

preneurs and progressive farmers attended the training. The training included offline theoretical interactions and hands on training by visiting Rural Business Service Hub at village Phinder, Block R.S. Pura, District Jammu. Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, P.I of KBC of ABI of SKUAST-Jammu and Course Director of the training programme gave details of the training programme and vari-

ous activities held during this training programme. She also enlightened the participants about the significance and functioning of Rural Business Service Hubs and their role in uplifting the rural economy. Sh. K. K. Sharma, Former Director, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department, Jammu, provided valuable insights into empowering rural prosperity and legal aspects

of establishing an RBSH unit. Ms. Nitasha Mahajan, AGMO, Directorate of Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Bishnah, Jammu highlighted the essential guidelines for RBSHs. Dr. S.P. Singh, Professor (Agril. Econ.) visited to RBSH unit with the participants.

The program concluded with a valedictory session attended by Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Student Welfare,

SKUAST- Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Professor & Head, Division of AEABM, Ms. Magandep Kaur and Ms. Eva Sharma (Team members of KBC of ABI, SKUAST-J). The training programme culminated with certificate distribution. The participants appreciated the program's hands-on approach and practical insights and it concluded with positive feedback.

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BJP-Led Mahayuti sweeps Maharashtra, Oppn INDIA to bag Jharkhand

schemes such as the Laadli Behna scheme.

His son and Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde said the mandate shows who is taking Balasaheb Thackeray's ideals forward, pointing to the fractured legacy of the Shiv Sena founder whose son Uddhav heads the Shiv Sena (UBT).

As the Mahayuti walked the road towards power in a result that went ahead of what exit polls had predicted, on the other side of the spectrum was Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut who alleged that there was a "big conspiracy" and something was "fishy".

"I see a big conspiracy in this... This is not a mandate of Marathi 'manoos' and farmers. We do not accept this as people's mandate," he said.

Adding that there was little doubt in his mind that money was used in the polls, Raut said, "How can all MLAs of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde win? How can Ajit Pawar, whose betrayal angered Maharashtra, win?"

Voters in the politically significant western state, which sends 48 MPs to the Lok Sabha and gave the MVA a decisive 30 seats, clearly decided to go against the trend of that parliamentary victory just five months ago.

Their mandate gives a fillip for the BJP, which won an unprecedented hat-trick in Haryana last month, and helps the party overcome some of its reverses in the general elections where it bagged just 240 seats.

The Maharashtra verdict — which gives primacy to the BJP within the Mahayuti alliance and opens up the possibility of a shift in power with Devendra Fadnavis as chief minister again — was the stuff of sober introspection too for the Congress and Maratha strongman Sharad Pawar.

The BJP was ahead in 125 seats, close to the halfway mark of 144 on its own, while the Shiv Sena had leads in 56 and the NCP in 35. In contrast, the Congress was ahead in just 21, the Shiv Sena (UBT) in 17 and the NCP (SP) in 13.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Shinde and his deputies Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar were leading in their respective assembly constituencies. Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole was leading narrowly from Sakoli constituency and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and sitting MLA Aaditya Thackeray was leading in Worli assembly seat.

BJP MLC Darekar said, "Based on the current trends, I believe the BJP will be the single largest party and Devendra Fadnavis should become the chief minister."

The Congress, for which Priyanka Gandhi's win the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll is

the proverbial silver lining in a dark cloud, counted its reverses in Maharashtra. Its legislature party leader and former minister Balasaheb Thorat was trailing in Sangamner as was senior Congress leader and former chief minister Prithviraj Chavan in the Karad South assembly seat.

"It's devastating, heartbreaking for us ... The BJP is leading due to the amazing ground work they must've done and seat distribution," Congress spokesperson Lavanya Ballal told deKoder.

In the ruling Mahayuti alliance, the BJP contested 149 assembly seats, the Shiv Sena 81 seats, and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP in 59 constituencies. In the MVA combine, the Congress fielded 101 candidates, Shiv Sena (UBT) 95 and the NCP (SP) 86.

The results will decide the electoral fate of 1,211 candidates in Jharkhand, including Soren, his wife Kalpana from Gandey, former CM and BJP state president Babul Marandi from Dhanwad and ex-CM Champai Soren from Seraikela.

Other prominent candidates include Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato of the JMM from Nala, Deepika Pandey Singh of Congress from Mahagama, Sita Soren (sister-in-law of CM Hemant Soren) from Jamtara, AJSU Party chief Sudesh Mahto from Silli.

Punjab bypolls: AAP wins three Congress strongholds, loses own Barnala

citadel of Barnala, where Congress is leading.

The BJP, which did not face any resistance in these rural constituencies for the first time in an election after the three farm laws were rolled out in 2020, are at third place in all four constituencies.

As AAP has already claimed itself victorious in the three seats, a victory meet is proposed to be held in Delhi in the afternoon, with both AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in attendance.

This election would also determine the future course of politics and political careers of several leaders, including BJP leaders Manpreet Singh Badal and Kewal Singh Dhillon and Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. The latter had stayed put in Gidderbaha, giving it his all, as his wife Amrita Warring was the Congress contestant.

The results would also determine the power equation within the ruling Aam Aadmi Party.

Strike against Vaishno Devi ropeway project enters second day, pilgrims face hardships

move forward with a Rs 250-crore pas-

senger ropeway project between Tarakote Marg to Sanji Chhat along the 12-kilometre track to the shrine after shelving the project in the past due to similar protests.

While shops and business establishments remained open in Katra town, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the shrine, shopkeepers along the trek route downed shutters for the second day, the officials said. Pony and palanquin owners also stayed away, causing hardships to many pilgrims during their journey.

The protesters assembled at Shalimar Park in Katra town and held a peaceful sit-in, raising slogans against the shrine board's decision.

"The ropeway project will be completed within the next two years and lead to the loss of opportunity to earn livelihood for the service providers. The government should come out with a proper rehabilitation plan for the poor labourers who will get affected by this project," senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Jamwal said in an address to the protesters.

Suggesting a financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh for each affected person, he said they would meet on Sunday to chalk out the future course of action.

The shopkeepers and pony and palanquin owners — who routinely assist thousands of pilgrims — are apprehensive that the ropeway will render them jobless.

"We will not allow the ropeway project to be implemented in Katra. We have been fighting against it for three years. Assurances were given to us in the past but now they have gone ahead with the project," shopkeepers' association leader Prabhat Singh said.

Asserting that the project would hurt the region's economy, Singh said thousands of families relied on the earnings from business establishments and services for pilgrims.

"We have started our 72-hour strike. If they do not concede to our demand of shelving the project, we will continue with the strike," he added.

Last week, the shrine board announced implementation of the long-awaited ropeway project to facilitate a safer and faster journey for the pilgrims.

"The ropeway project will be a game changer, especially for those pilgrims who find it challenging to undertake the steep trek to the shrine," shrine board CEO Anshul Garg had said.

LG Ladakh attends inaugural session of 2-day Ladakh education conclave 2024

participating in the Ladakh Education Conclave 2024. He highlighted two issues, i.e., the attachment and detachment of teachers and the direction issued to teachers to take remedial classes in

the winter months to benefit students. He emphasised the roles of teachers as gurus in developing the character and personality of students and instilling qualities of good citizens in them for the benefit of the region and nation.

The LG stated that education has to be student-centric along with society's expectations for a teacher to live for the student. He also spoke about education heritage in India, the systemic dissemination of cultural and traditional educational heritage in independent India and society's expectations from teachers. He also stated that teachers need to foresee students' leadership excellence, transform their teaching leadership and cultivate an environment for flourishing innovation and diversity.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, stated that the Ladakh Education Conclave will provide a platform to share ideas of best teaching practices, highlighting education's role in shaping lives and nurturing the potential of every child. He not only highlighted challenges faced by students and teachers due to the adoption of the CBSE curriculum in government schools but the opportunities it provides to improve the quality of education and prepare students to face competitive exams. He also suggested introducing localised content relevant to students of Ladakh, introducing vocational courses for building skills of Ladakhi youth, providing hostel facilities in remote areas, providing subject-specific teachers, etc.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Shri Tsering Angchuk apprised the HLG of the issue of the student-teacher ratio in Ladakh, the lack of adequate teaching staff and the low enrolment of students in government schools. He requested the HLG to make government schools functional at the grassroots level, provide adequate staff to make smart classes and Atal Tinkering labs functional, create posts for computer teachers, the judicious use of Education and Environment Science lecturers and funds from both CAPEX and SDP for building infrastructure for schools.

Earlier, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, IAS, welcomed the guests while Secretary, Bhanu Prabha, gave the vote of thanks.

Executive Councillors and Councillors from LAHDC Leh and LAHDC Kargil; Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS; Commissioner/Secretary, Smt Padma Angmo, IIS; Directors/ Head of Departments; resource persons, educators, principals/headmasters, lecturers, assistant professors, teachers, members of Village Education Committees, government officials from Leh and Kargil along with students were present in the inaugural session.

7 people injured after bus turns

turtle in Katra

resident of Maghal Katra, Radhika(23) daughter of Bishan Dass resident of Kadmal Katra(23), Jugal son of Bansilal resident of Serli Katra and Rani Devi(42) wife of Lt.Puran Chand resident of Serli Katra. Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard and investigation has been taken up.

Properties worth Rs 1.72 crore belonging to drug peddler attached: Police

Jammu and Trikanjan Boniyar, Tipper, Trailer, and a four-wheeler.

The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of NDPS Act of 1985 and is linked with case FIR nr 134/2016 u/s 8/21, 29 NDPS Act of PS Boniyar.

The properties were identified as illegally acquired during the course of an investigation conducted by police. The properties were acquired from the illicit trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances by the drug peddler.

Earlier on November 18 properties worth Rs 1.5 crore were attached by the Anantnag Police under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act as part of their ongoing campaign against drug peddlers in Jammu and Kashmir, said a police statement on Monday.

The Mattan Police Station attached a single-story residential house valued at Rs 80 lakh, belonging to Afroz Ahmad Bhat, son of Gh Hassan, of Azam Khan Mohalla, Khreibal.

Bhat, a habitual offender, has been involved in multiple NDPS cases for his role in the illegal narcotics trade, the police stated.

Srigufwara police station also attached three commercial shops valued at Rs 70 lakh, owned by Peer Asif Ahmad Shah and Peer Towseef Ahmad Shah, sons of Abdul Rashid Shah, residents of K Kalan, Srigufwara.

Both brothers are under investigation for their involvement in several NDPS cases.

The use of provisions under the NDPS Act to seize properties linked to criminal activities serves as a strong deterrent to those engaged in the illegal drug trade, police said.

Decision on winter vacation to be taken after annual exams: Director

schools. "We have already cleared it that no private school can charge admission of capitation fee from the parents."

He added that in case such complaints come to them, they will definitely take cognisance and action accordingly.

Commissioner JMC conducts tour of Ward No. 53 Trikuta Nagar

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, JMC today conducted the tour of Vasant Vihar Trikuta Nagar Ward No. 53 of Jammu city to take stock of the grievances of the residents of ward relating to sanitation as well as cleanliness of the nallahs.

During the tour, Commissioner directed Joint Commissioner (Works) to prepare estimates for repairing damaged lanes/drains.

The Executive Engineer (Electric) was also directed to repair the non-functional streetlights and also to replace the non-repair-



able streetlights with the new ones on urgent basis.

The Commissioner, JMC also issued instructions to the Chief Transport Officer to de-silt the nallahs at the regular intervals to avoid accumulation of garbage and over flooding.

The Commissioner fur-

ther checked the attendance of the sanitation staff and took feedback from the public, who expressed satisfaction over the sanitation of the area. It also came to the notice that in some areas, door-to-door collection of garbage is not being done on regular basis.

The Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) was directed to furnish the detail of wards where households are more than 400 for a single auto, so that the deficit areas are managed accordingly.

Later on, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation conducted an extensive survey of the city, covering Ward No. 6 Gujjar Nagar, Ward No. 5 Peerkho and Ward No. 67, Muthi, for identification of vacant/barren lands for plantation/development of green spaces under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

The Commissioner, JMC stated that the aim of conducting the tour in

the ward is to redress the grievances of the residents on the urgent basis and assured them

that JMC shall continue its efforts to provide instant resolution of the grievances of the people of Jammu city.

The Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation), Abdul Sattar, Joint Commissioner (Works), Firdous Ahmed Qazi, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Executive Engineer (E), JMC, Simarpal Singh, CTO, JMC, Dharam Vir Singh and other officers of Jammu Municipal Corporation also accompanied Commissioner, JMC during the tour.

Youth Convention and Prize Distribution Ceremony of Inter School Events" organized

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Ramakrishna Mission Jammu organised Youth Convention and Prize Distribution Ceremony of Inter School Events 2024 Concludes with Great zeal and enthusiasm

The highly anticipated Youth Convention and Prize Distribution Ceremony of Inter School Events 2024 was held on 23 November 2024. The event, which was organized by [Organizing Committee/Organization], brought together students, teachers, and parents from over 27 schools across the Jammu.

There was total of 250 students teachers and volunteers participated in the program.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Swami Yajnadhara-nanda, Secretary, Shri



Suresh Kumar Gupta IFS, Kunwarani Ritu Singh and Sanjay Puri who distributed prizes to the winners of the inter-school events. The events, which were held last month saw enthusiastic participation from 200 students of 27 schools in various categories such as Singing, Painting and Elocution.

The Youth Convention, which was held concurrently with the prize distribution ceremony, featured a series of inspiring talks and workshops by renowned experts in

the fields of education, motivation, and personal development. The convention aimed to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed in today's fast-paced and competitive world.

The prize distribution ceremony concluded with a cultural program featuring performances by students from participating schools. Delhi Public School, City Branch won the best school award in inter school events 2024.

Chancellor Ambassador (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy visits CUJ

Top News Report

SAMBA, Nov 23: Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy, Chancellor, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), visited for the 9th meeting of the Court in the CU Jammu Campus. He was warmly received by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, and The Registrar, Prof. Yashwant Singh.

As part of the visit, the Chancellor delivered a special lecture titled "Development and Changes in Foreign and Security Policies in India" focused on assessing the dynamic transformations occurring in India's external environment. In a welcome address at the beginning of the special lecture, Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CU Jammu highlighted the Chancellor's achievements as a seasoned diplomat and renowned scholar.

He also highlighted the importance of the special lecture and foreign policy in the ever-evolving geopolitical landscape. The Registrar conveyed sincere appreciation to Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ for his unwavering support and visionary guidance for the event.

Further, the Registrar also acknowledged the role of the Department of National Security Studies in organising this lecture



and expressed gratitude to Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor of the department for his contributions as a coordinator of the event.

Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy, Chancellor during the lecture recalling his ambassadorial tenure in the USSR, the Chancellor divulged how the Pakistan-China alliance had evolved during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, posing a threat to India's foreign and security policy in the subsequent period.

He also mentioned how India successfully countered this two-front challenge. He emphasized that Pakistan is less relevant in India's security calculations in the contemporary period. However, with China's help, especially in the nuclear domain, Pakistan poses a tangible level of threat to India.

The Chancellor also delved into

the changing dynamics at the global level and the challenges and opportunities they pose to India. He assessed India's neighborhood with respect to Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan.

The instability in Pakistan has resulted from its long-term policies, and this instability, he stressed, has been generating scepticism in China as well. China's long-term policy against India is marked by unsuccessful attempts for low-cost pressure to diminish India's economy.

With Donald Trump's recent victory, India is projected to have a good relationship with the US compared to the outgoing Democrat President. Further he mentioned that establishing robust ties with the Gulf countries has been another achievement of India's diplomacy over the years and India has leveraged its maritime ties in forging strong ties in the energy and economic sector in this region. The millions of India's expatriate population in the Gulf region is another asset to India's economy and diplomacy.

The Chancellor also held that India's performance in the international system is based on its impressive economic growth in the post-liberalization period.

The international institutions have been projecting the bright-

er prospects for this growth. This becomes important as strong foreign policy and bold negotiations of a nation are dependent on its economic power.

Concluding the lecture, Amb (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy emphasized that any country's dynamic foreign policy should rely on its national interest, which is based on its national consensus. India has been successful in forging a consensus over national interest and balancing its economic resilience and defence preparedness.

The lecture was followed by interesting questions from the audience about India's contemporary issues with Pakistan and China.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, CU Jammu, delivered a formal vote of thanks. She extended her gratitude to the Honorable Chancellor for the engaging and profoundly insightful lecture.

She also expressed her gratitude for the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, acknowledging his significant contributions to the development of the Central University of Jammu.

The event was anchored by Abhigya Langeh, research scholar at the Department of National Security Studies, CUJ.

Department of Educational Studies, CUJ hosts first Alumni Meet



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 23: The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu organized its first Annual Alumni Meet, a heart-warming event that brought together former students, faculty and current students. The event was organized in the benign presence of Prof. Gopalaswami Parthasarathy, Hon'ble Chancellor of CUJ, as Chief Guest and under the esteemed patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu.

Prof. Parthasarathy blessed the graduates for their achievements and congratulated the department for the nostalgic meet. Adding to the commemorative spirit, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of alumni connections and the department's dedication to nurturing a lifelong bond with its graduates. Prof. Jain also congratulated the faculty and the students for their achievements at various platforms of State and National level.

Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, also blessed the event with his presence at the occasion. The event commenced with blessings from Maa Saraswati and the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing wisdom and enlightenment. It was followed by a welcome address by Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department.

Prof. Mantry welcomed Hon'ble Chancellor and Vice-chancellor of CU Jammu and also shared the Department's future aspirations with the alumni as well as highlighted several recently launched innovative projects. He further extended his best wishes for their future endeavours and commended their professional accomplishments.

Following the welcome address, Prof. J.N. Baliya introduced the formation of the Alumni Association, celebrating this milestone with alumni leaders who shared their experiences and future visions for the association. During the meet, the attending alumni elected the association's panel members. Dr. Seema Rani Thappa was appointed as President, Dr. Pooja Bhagat as Vice President, and Dr. Shivani Sharma as General Secretary. Further, Chanchal Singh and Madhu Fakwaria were elected as Joint Secretaries, while Dr. Sneha as well as Vivek Kumar were appointed as Treasurers of the Association. A special ceremony honoured alumni for their remarkable professional accomplishments, fostering a sense of pride and inspiration among current students and faculty also.

In a heartfelt session, the department also introduced newly joined students to the academic and cultural values of CU Jammu. Prof. Ritu Bakshi delivered an engaging orientation, helping the new students integrate seamlessly into the university environment. The

event was anchored by Dr. Aman, Faculty of the department. The event featured a variety of activities, including a cultural program that showcased the talents of students, reflecting the vibrant and dynamic spirit of the CU Jammu community. The event was also graced by other faculty members including Dr. Ravi, Dr. Yadram, Dr. Mohan Galgotra, Dr. Arushi, Dr. Disha, Dr. Shiwali and Arvind.

The non-teaching members of the Department had also showcased their talents in the event. The Alumni Meet 2024 and Orientation Programme at the Department of Educational Studies were not only a celebration of achievements but also a reaffirmation of the department's commitment to fostering strong connections among alumni, students, and faculty. The event provided a platform for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater and share their experiences and accomplishments and the department looks forward to making it an annual tradition.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Kiran, followed by the national anthem, and a group photo session, capturing the day's memorable moments with each other. Overall the meet fostered a strong sense of community, marking the start of a tradition that promises to enrich the Department's legacy and support the future career of the students.

Jodhamal Junior School celebrates its 20th prize-giving ceremony

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JAMMU, Nov 23: Jodhamal Public School marked a momentous occasion as it celebrated its 20th Prize-Giving Ceremony on Saturday, 23 November 2024. The Chief Guest for the event was Yasha Mudgal (IAS), Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department, J&K. The Guest of Honour was Ankit Kar (IRAS), Chief Executive Officer, e-Governance, Jammu & Kashmir. Adding to the prestige of the event were other distinguished dignitaries Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, MLA Ramnagar and Bhupinder Kumar (IAS), Administrative Secretary, Public Works Department whose esteemed presence elevated the significance of the celebration.

The Annual Report for the Academic Session 2023-24 was eloquently presented by Vice Principal Amita Arora, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their unwavering support. She proudly announced that Jodhamal Public School has been ranked 28th Pan-India in India's Best Co-Ed Day Schools and secured the top rank in J&K across all categories in the India School Rankings 2024-25 by C-Fore and Brainfeed Magazine. Remarkably, the school retained its position as the Top Co-Educational Day School in J&K for the 10th consecutive year, as per the Education World Magazine. The CBSE results for the 2023-24 academic year were exceptional, with Class XII achieving a batch average of 84.06%, with 43 students scoring above 90%, and Class X securing an impressive batch-average of 87.8%.

Arora highlighted several remarkable achievements, emphasizing Jodhamal's commitment to fostering innovation, academic excellence, and holistic development. Notable milestones included ICARUS-24, India's first school-level Drone War Competition, where Jodhamal's Drone Teams qualified for the National Championship, setting a benchmark in student-led engineering initiatives. Jodhamal's focus on STEM education further propelled the school to victory in the F1 in Schools National Championship, with Team Apex triumphing and qualifying for the World F1 Finals in Saudi Arabia.

A special mention was made of Karman Singh, who earned a British Patent and two Indian Patents for his groundbreaking and socially impactful innovations. Remarkably, Jodhamal is the only school in India where students secured one British patent and four Indian patents for their innovations within a single academic year. Additionally, she proudly mentioned Rohinya Paroch's remarkable achievement in securing the prestigious International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) Award. The Vice Principal also celebrated the literary accomplishments of 177 Jodhamal students, whose published works are now available online. In sports, the school excelled with 32 skaters, 15 swimmers, and 15 Matsogi-do participants qualifying for national championships. Overall, Jodhamal sent an impressive contingent of 120 students to represent J&K in various

national games, making it the only school in J&K with the largest representation at the national level, underscoring its dedication to holistic growth.

Trustee Nandan Kuthiala applauded the united efforts of Team Jodhamal in making the event a resounding success, highlighting the theme of "Synergy and Collective Brilliance." The ceremony commenced with the auspicious lighting of the lamp, followed by a heartfelt welcome address by the Dy. Head Girl, Samaira Jamwal. The Army and Navy cadets of the NCC offered a ceremonial salute to the esteemed guests. The cultural programme enthralled the audience with a series of vibrant performances. A standout moment of the evening was the play "Ashes to Aspirations (The Healing Hand)," which movingly explored the transformative journey of healing and personal growth. Through its touching narrative, the play demonstrated how resilience and hope can emerge from the most difficult circumstances, guiding characters from despair to empowerment.

A spellbinding rendition of the divine manifestation, along with well-choreographed performances like Nrityanjali and an eclectic orchestra featuring over 120 participants, transported the audience through the golden eras of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. The event also featured dynamic dances such as the Carnival, Spanish, Emotion, Flashback and Togetherness Dances. The event also featured the unveiling of Jodhamal Reels 2024 and behind-the-scenes videos, highlighting the unceasing efforts of the team.

IGP Traffic J&K conducts meeting on Traffic Scenario/ Challenges in Traffic Management



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SRINAGAR, Nov 23: Mohd Suleman Choudhary, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Traffic, held a meeting with the all-Unit heads of Traffic Police to address the current traffic scenario in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Jammu based officers including SSP Traffic NHW Raman attended the said meeting In-Person while as Kashmir based officers attended through virtual mode.

The meeting focused on identifying key issues and challenges faced in managing traffic effectively and implementing recommendations set forth by the Supreme Court of India regarding road safety.

The discussion highlighted the pressing concerns of traffic congestion, accident rates, and the need for improved enforcement.

The IGP emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to tackle these challenges to ensure the safety of all road users. He further directed all the supervisory officers to focus on aligning local strategies alongwith Supreme Court of India directives on road safety.

The IGP directed SSP Traffic City Jammu/City Srinagar to maintain close coordination with the authorities of the Smart Cities and other stakeholders. This collaboration aims to expedite the ongoing construction work and address traffic bottlenecks.

The IGP emphasized the importance of removing obstacles that hinder the smooth flow of traffic, particularly in areas undergoing development, to ensure better connectivity and alleviate congestion in both cities.

Further, all SSPs of Traffic were directed to ensure that all the officers should remain visible on roads especially during peak hours.

Besides, the IGP traffic has instructed all SSPs of Traffic to conduct drives to monitor and prevent underage driving, drunk driving besides over speeding. The focus aims to reduce accidents, ensure road safety, and uphold traffic laws.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to enhance coordination between traffic authorities and other stakeholders to address the highlighted issues and implement effective solutions.

Ramnagar Sexual Harassment Case Accused sentenced to one year Rigorous Imprisonment

Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Nov 23: In a significant judgement, the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (Sub Judge) Ramnagar, Shabnam Sheikh, sentenced Mohd. Saleem, son of Mohd. Munshi, a resident of Ward No. 6, Ramnagar, to one year of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 2000. The verdict pertains to FIR No. 128/2016, registered under Sections 354-B and 448 of the RPC at Ramnagar Police Station.

According to the prosecution, on November 10, 2016, at around 11:00 PM, the accused unlawfully entered the complainant's house and physically assaulted her, outraging her modesty. On hearing her cries for help, her family intervened, forcing the accused to flee

the scene. Before leaving, he allegedly issued threats, coercing the complainant to accept an illicit relationship or face dire consequences.

The accused denied the charges and opted for a trial. During the hearings, the prosecution, represented by Assistant Public Prosecutor presented witnesses and evidence.

The prosecution argued that the evidence on record clearly established the accused's guilt under the charged sections.

After examining the evidence and hearing arguments from both sides, the Sub Judge found the accused guilty. The court emphasized the seriousness of the offence and delivered the sentence, marking a significant step towards justice in cases of crimes against women.

Sunil Gavaskar calls out fake blog post about Bumrah, Kohli, threatens legal action

PERTH, Nov 23 (Agencies): Former India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar has threatened legal action against a website that published an article under his name during the Perth Test match. A website named Cricket Ception published a column under Gavaskar's name with the headline 'A New Era in Leadership: Bumrah's Captaincy and Kohli's Leadership Revive Team India'. Gavaskar called out the same on Saturday, 23 November, stating that it was fake and he had written no such thing.

Gavaskar took to Instagram on Saturday, on Day 2 of the opening Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, and slammed the website. The legendary batter wrote: Never believe everything you see on the internet. The former batter is currently contracted with Star Sports - the broadcaster for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Before the Perth Test match, Sunil Gavaskar had advocated that Jasprit Bumrah should captain India for the entire BGT 2024/25 in case Rohit Sharma misses the first two Test matches.



"It is important for the captain to play the first Test match. It's different if he is injured, but if he is not available, then the deputy leader will be under a lot of pressure. I have been reading that Rohit Sharma might not play the first two Tests of the Australia series. I feel that, in that case the selection committee should appoint Jasprit Bumrah the captain of the side for the entire Australia tour, and tell Rohit Sharma that you will participate as a player in this series. For the first Test match, Rohit Sharma has to be there," Sunil Gavaskar said on Sports Tak.

BUMRAH'S MAGIC ON DAY 1 OF PERTH TEST

Meanwhile, Gavaskar's faith in Bumrah paid off on Day 1 of the opening Test match. The stand-in skipper ran riot against the Australian team, bowling them out for just 104 runs. The pacer was nearly unplayable on Day 1 of the Test match, finishing with the figures of 10-3-17-4 on Friday. Standing in as captain in Rohit Sharma's absence, Bumrah delivered a stunning spell, leaving Australia reeling at 67/7 by Stumps on Day 1.

Criticised by a section of the fanbase for opting to bowl first in Perth Test after India were bowled out for just 150 runs in their first innings, Bumrah led India bowling attack hit back

at the Australians and reduced them to 67/7. Alongside Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Harshit Rana bowled sensational spells to destroy the Australian batting line-up.

Using his vast experience and tactical acumen, Bumrah unleashed a spell of unrelenting accuracy and pace, utilising the spicy Perth pitch to full effect. Within six overs, he dismissed both Australian openers, Nathan McSweeney and Usman Khawaja, sending a clear message that India was far from defeated.

The pivotal moment came when Bumrah sent Steve Smith back for a golden duck, dismantling one of Australia's most reliable pillars and swinging momentum firmly India's way. This inspired his bowling unit, with Mohammed Siraj's 2/17 and debutant Harshit Rana's 1/33 ensuring Australia's middle order had no room to recover.

Bumrah pushed himself hard, bringing him back into the attack for two 2-over bursts in the final hour of the day's play. The move worked as he knocked over Pat Cummins, who can frustrate opposition attacks, to help India finish the opening day on a high.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Tilak Varma scripts T20 world record with mammoth 151

RAJKOT, Nov 23 (Agencies): Hyderabad captain Tilak Varma broke multiple records during a jaw-dropping 151-run knock against Meghalaya in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy on Saturday. Tilak became the first batter to record three consecutive T20 centuries while scoring the highest individual T20 total by any Indian batter in Hyderabad's SMAT opener at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium.

Tilak's blistering 151 off just 67 balls not only set up a mammoth total of 248/4 for Hyderabad but also broke multiple records. His score is now the highest individual total in the history of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, surpassing Shreyas Iyer's 147. This knock also made him the first Indian man to score 150 or more in a T20 match, further solidifying his reputation as one of

the brightest talents in the game.

Coming in at No. 3, Tilak Varma dismantled the Meghalaya bowling attack with a breathtaking knock of 151 off 67 balls, studded with 14 fours and 10 sixes. Displaying a perfect blend of precision and power, he raced to his half-century in 28 balls and reached his century in 51. His innings propelled Hyderabad to a commanding total of 248/4, one of the highest in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy history.

Tilak's incredible innings follows back-to-back T20I centuries for India earlier this month in Centurion and Johannesburg during the series against South Africa. With three centuries in 10 days across formats, Tilak has become the epitome of consistency in T20 cricket. His feat of scoring consecutive T20I hundreds places him along-

side Sanju Samson as the only two Indians to achieve this milestone. Tilak is closing in on the 3,000-run milestone in T20 cricket. The young batter already boasts four centuries in T20s, further highlighting his ability to deliver match-winning performances on big stages.

Tilak's recent performances have catapulted him to international acclaim, highlighted by his exploits during the South Africa series, where he earned the Player of the Series award and climbed to third place in the ICC T20I Men's Batting Rankings. Now the highest-rated Indian batter in T20Is, trailing only Australia's Travis Head and England's Phil Salt, Tilak's rising star has also made waves in the IPL, as the Mumbai Indians retained him as one of their five key players ahead of the 2025 auction.

Tahlia McGrath to lead Australia side in women's ODI vs India in Healy's absence

SYDNEY, Nov 23 (Agencies): Veteran all-rounder Tahlia McGrath was named as the captain of the 13-member Australian women's side against India in regular skipper Alyssa Healy's absence in the three-match ODI series next month. The 34-year-old Alyssa has been troubled by a knee injury, which had ruled her out during the fag end of the Women's Big Bash League and also forced her to skip the ODI series against India, beginning in Brisbane on December 5.

Queensland and Sydney Thunder batter Georgia Voll has been included in her first Australia squad with captain Alyssa Healy to miss the India series due to a knee injury. Voll has had a stellar start to the summer with the bat and currently sits in the top three run scorers in the Weber WBBL and Women's National Cricket League. The 21-year-old has scored four half-centuries across both tournaments, including scores of 98, 97 and 92.

Australia will play three One-Day Internationals against India from 5-11 December in Brisbane and Perth, with three ODIs against T20 world champions New Zealand to follow from 19-23 December in Wellington. All six matches form part of the ICC Women's Championship, with Australia currently sitting first in the standings.

Cricket Australia's Head of Performance



(Women's Cricket) and National Selector, Shawn Flegler said: "We've chosen an experienced squad for these two upcoming tours with next year's Ashes series and ICC Women's World Cup very much the focus. "Georgia Voll has had a strong start to the summer and has shown her potential over several years. "She'll form an exciting partnership with Phoebe Litchfield at the top of the order in what will be a great opportunity for her to get a taste of international cricket against a strong India side. "The decision for Alyssa Healy to miss the India series was made with a longer-term view to the Ashes, with her availability for the New Zealand series to become clearer over the next few weeks.

"Tahlia McGrath impressed as captain in tough conditions during the World Cup and will have strong support from Ash Gardner who has developed into a strong leader within the side, both on and off the field.

"India is an extremely dangerous side, and New Zealand will be full

of confidence following their World Cup win, so we're in for some entertaining cricket across both series."

Commenting on the injuries to Sophie Molineux and Darcie Brown during the WBBL, Australian Women's Team Physiotherapist, Kate Beerworth said:

"Sophie has returned to play following knee soreness which will continue to be managed over the course of the summer. Darcie has resumed training following a hip muscle strain and is on track for both series." Commenting on Tayla Vlaeminck's shoulder injury, Beerworth said: "Tayla underwent right shoulder stabilisation surgery last week and is unavailable for the remainder of the 2024/25 season."

AUSTRALIA SQUAD: Darcie Brown, Ashleigh Gardner, Kim Garth, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Tahlia McGrath, Sophie Molineux, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll, Georgia Wareham (India Series only); Alyssa Healy (New Zealand series only).

IPL Auction: Pant set for date with history but Arshdeep won't be far behind

JEDDAH, Nov 23 (Agencies): The bids on Rishabh Pant could well soar like his audacious no-look six at Perth as he seems poised to become the highest paid player among the 577 who will go under the hammer at the two-day IPL mega auction starting here on Sunday.

There will be INR 641.5 crores cumulatively in the kitty of 10 teams with 204 possible slots to be filled but one can be rest assured that all eyes will be trained on Pant's name when it comes up.

Punjab Kings, with INR 110.50 crore in their coffers, are ready to outbid the other franchises.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru, with INR 83 crore, can be another serious bidder, so can be Delhi Capitals, who have INR 73 crore and a Right To Match (RTM) card to get their skipper for past few seasons back.

However, it is reliably learnt that Pant doesn't want DC to flash the RTM card as their parting of ways has not been the most pleasant and he no longer feels a part of the franchise. His comment that "my Retention wasn't about money for sure" is a reflection of his thought process.

But the biggest question will be whether Pant can become the first Indian player to breach the INR Rs 25 crore mark? The answer lies in how the 10 franchises are stacked up and how



they are looking at their team composition.

A Chennai Super Kings (CSK) or Mumbai Indians (MI), with only Rs 45 crore, wouldn't even be going for the star keeper-batter.

But Punjab Kings, known for changing their team every two years, have kept their entire purse on advice of their head coach Ricky Ponting, who wants to reunite with his favourite player.

There are 81 players bracketed in INR two crore category base price and two sets of marquee players but one can trust the current India internationals to breach the million dollar mark (INR 8.5 crore).

If Pant would be the cynosure of this auction, Arshdeep Singh, with a staggering 96 T20 International wickets in three seasons, can easily have multiple teams going for him.

Punjab has the RTM card but they wouldn't know where the bid-

ding stops as it could be north of Rs 20 crore.

Fast bowlers -both Indian and foreign - will be in high demand during the two days while in case of batters, most of the star Indians save Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul are taken. Iyer is believed to be Delhi Capitals' choice for captaincy.

Pant, Rahul and Iyer are three potential captains as RCB, Kolkata Knight Riders, Lucknow Super Giants, Delhi Capitals and Punjab Kings are also going to shop for possible leaders.

Among Indians, Ishan Kishan will keep the auctioneer busy although MI might not be in a position to shell out Rs 15.25 crore like last time as they need some good bowling support for Bumrah.

The other interesting name would be Mohammed Shami, who Sanjay Manjrekar thinks won't attract too many bidders, something the player

didn't take too kindly to. He is playing the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and how his bidding goes would be noteworthy.

Other names to watch out:

1) Khaleel Ahmed: Those who won't be able to get Arshdeep can go whole hog for Khaleel. Since Yash Dayal has also been retained by RCB, Khaleel could end up getting handsome bids. He hasn't exactly shown his potential over the years but it is the demand-supply equation that can get him a million dollar deal.

2) Deepak Chahar: Injuries have pegged him back in past few years but there is no better swing bowler in Powerplay overs in Indian conditions like Chahar. Multiple franchises could bid for him. He has played Ranji Trophy and picked up a five-for and has not been unfit so far.

3) Avesh Khan: He had 19 wickets last season for Rajasthan Royals and went for Rs 10 crore. He might once again fetch a bid as good as that if not better.

4) Harshal Patel:

It is that time of the year when people are left stunned as Harshal's name comes up and he walks away with a million dollar contract. He will once again be a hot property even though he is no longer considered good for national selection. But 24 wickets last season mean that he

won't be ignored. 5) Bhuvneshwar Kumar:

Indian seam and swing bowlers controlling powerplay overs are a rare commodity and experience isn't readily available in the Supermarket. He might not grab eyeballs but if he remains under Rs 10 crore, he could still be a bargain buy and world knows MS Dhoni (CSK's 'Real Captain') likes experienced blokes around him.

6) Jos Buttler: It is unlikely that Yas-hasvi Jaiswal will get to pair up with his favourite 'Jos Bhai' but the Englishman, in the absence of Ben Stokes, could well be the highest paid foreign player. It won't be a surprise if RCB, factoring in the batting paradise at Chinnaswamy and the short side boundaries, go the distance for him with INR 83 crore in kitty.

7) Liam Livingstone: Livingstone is one player, who could certainly be on Punjab Kings' RTM radar as well as on wish-list of some of the other franchises. He will certainly fetch a good sum.

8) Kagiso Rabada: Kagiso Rabada will always be in high demand in the IPL Universe. The Delhi Capitals could once again want the pacer back and Punjab would have the option of RTM. Mumbai Indians wouldn't mind a good pace partner for Bumrah.

Harshit has potential to become multi-format bowler for India: Coach Negi

NEW DELHI, Nov 23 (Agencies): Harshit Rana's meteoric rise might have come as a surprise to many but not his coach in his formative years, NS Negi, who has seen the strapping youngster mature into a pacer with the "potential to become a multi-format bowler for India".

Starting as a net bowler with Gujarat Titans in 2022, Harshit played a key role in guiding Kolkata Knight Riders to IPL glory in 2024, and announced his arrival on the international stage with a dream debut in the opening Border-Gavaskar Test at Perth, where he returned figures of 48 for 3 in the first innings.

Negi, Harshit's coach from his U19 days in Delhi, couldn't hide his joy on seeing his ward's exploits on a bouncy and seaming Perth pitch.

"Harshit is a very talented bowler. He had been bowling extremely well in the last two seasons of the Ranji Trophy. Last year, when I was the fielding coach of the Delhi Ranji team, he made his debut and bowled extremely well.

"It is just the beginning; he is one such player who should go on and play at least 70-80 Test matches for India...in fact he should go on and play all three formats for India," Negi told agency in an interview.

Rana inclusion in the side raised many eyebrows given the fact that he had just 10-odd first-class games under his belt. But Negi felt this was the right time to debut him in Tests given his amazing bowling statistics.

In 10 first-class matches, Harshit has taken 43 wickets at 24.00 and has an



impressive batting average of 42.63, including a blazing unbeaten 122 against North-East Zone.

Negi and Rana met in 2018 when the fast

bowler was selected to play for the Delhi U19 team. Negi, who has also been associated as a fielding coach with Gujarat Titans in the IPL, said that Harshit always had the drive to bowl fast but gradual improvements in fitness played a big role in his success.

"In 2018, when I was the head coach of the Delhi U19 team, I noted that he had a very smooth action and a good rhythm. He could bat well. He worked on his fitness and pace and gradually improved as a bowler.

"The most important thing is that he is a fighter. When I first picked Mayank (Yadav) and Harshit in the team, they were both very raw but promising. I just hope that he continues to work on his fitness and gradually keeps increasing his pace," said Negi.

Negi believes that Harshit has the ability to come good with the bat lower down the order. His advice to the youngster is to learn as much as possible from pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and keep bowling to his strengths to succeed in international cricket.

"He is a good batter as well and in the coming years may perform well with the bat as well. He is someone who can easily score 30-40 odd runs batting lower down the order for India.

"Harshit should keep a check on his fitness and try to learn a lot from the modern-day legend, Jasprit Bumrah. He just needs to back his strengths while bowling and that will help him succeed in the international cricket... he has the talent, bounce and pace", concluded Negi.

PHDCCI Jammu region chapter charts out roadmap for growth of Industry & Commerce

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JAMMU, Nov 23: An Executive Committee meeting of the members of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Jammu Region Chapter was held here today wherein key issues and future strategies with regard to growth of Industry and Commerce in Jammu region was discussed in detail. The session attended by prominent members of the business community, marked the first meeting after the appointment of Chair, Rakesh Wazir, who was warmly welcomed by all present.

While speaking on the occasion Wazir elaborated several steps to strengthen the chamber's operations. These included forming of a working committee, establishing Zonal and differ-



ent Sectors of Industry specific committees for more decentralized functioning, and increasing grassroots membership to ensure wider representation and efficiency. Vikrant Kuthiala, Former Chair of the Chapter while speaking on the occasion said that need for a detailed review and suggestions to the Authorities for Jammu Master Plan review is needed so that

those are incorporated in Master Plan before its presentation to the Cabinet. He also stressed for urging the Authorities for starting of the practice of Darbar move once again. Kuldeep Gupta Former Co-Chair emphasised for promoting local entrepreneurs and products within the Union Territory through relaxed taxation policies. Shyam Lal Kesar emphasised for extend-

ing the package to focus on supporting smaller businesses and unemployed youth, as it was largely utilized by larger industrial players and starting of the turn over base incentive which is pending since long. Virender Kesar & Kushal Magotra stressed for increasing the stay of yatries of Vaishno devi for economic growth of the area and stressed for making the Tourism Reg-

istration process simple. Nitin Jain & Sanjay Gupta stressed for addressing the issue of double taxation automobiles in the UT.

The other members raised the issues of flour mills, issue of release of pending payments under MNREGA from 2016-17, and encroachments in industrial area Balole whose hand over of plots to entrepreneurs is still pending.

The Chamber affirmed its commitment for raising those issues at concerned quarters and working collaboratively for driving economic growth and development in the region.

Other prominent attendees include Rakesh Verma, Bharat Bhushan Mahajan, Parveen Kohli, Darshan Rana, CA Pardeep Gandotra, Vipul Sachdeva etc.

Junior Wing of KCPS celebrates 'Nimble Feet Fitness Fest' 2024

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JAMMU, Nov 23: The Junior Wing of KC Public School was abuzz with excitement and joy today morning as it celebrated the 'Nimble Feet Fitness Fest' 2024 -- a grand celebration of vibrant costumes, captivating performances and remarkable coordination. The theme of this year's Fest was 'Round Square Super Heroes' which have been developed recently to represent the 12 discoveries of the Round Square Discovery Framework (RSDf) which young students make in the course of their education in a Round Square school. These discoveries are Ability to Solve Problems, Appreciation for Diversity, Commitment to Sustainability, Communication Skills, Compassion, Courage, Inquisitiveness, Inventiveness, Self-awareness, Sense of Responsibility, Teamwork Skills and Tenacity. The annual event began with an introduction to these

SuperHeroes and concluded with a dance glorifying their significance in character building.

Anuradha Thakur, JKAS (OSD Youth Mission, J&K), presided over the function as Chief Guest. She was warmly welcomed by the Principal Amarendra Kumar Mishra, Head Boy Aarav Bhat and Head Girl Swadhi Mahajan who also presented an inspiring report on Junior School activities in the current academic year. The report highlighted the unwavering commitment of KCPS to nurturing confident, successful, and globally aware students through an enriching and inclusive curriculum inspired by Round Square ideals of Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

The cultural programme on the occasion consisted of an invocation dance to Lord Ganesha, a vibrant March Past and an impressive display of Yoga, Karate, Wushu, Roller Skating

and rhythmic and melodious medley of songs and dances. Students anchored the entire programme with confidence and poise, receiving thunderous applause from the audience after every performance.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Anuradha Thakur emphasized the critical role of co-curricular activities in a school following a holistic system of education. She lauded the school's vibrant energy, physical coordination, agility and the enthusiasm displayed by the students. She congratulated Chairman Raju Chowdhary, Managing Director Arti Chowdhary, Vice Chairman Arjun Chowdhary, Principal AK Mishra, Vice Principal Sanjay Pandey, Headmistress Sofia Rana and staff and students of Junior Wing for turning the event into a concrete manifestation of talent, unity and teamwork. The event concluded with a vote of thanks followed by the national anthem.

KDP Wing of DPP visits demolished site of migrant shops at Muthi Camp

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JAMMU, Nov 23: In a joint statement issued by KDP Wing of DPAP through it's President Sanjay Dhar that a Team of KDP Wing headed by Sanjay Dhar with Roop Krishen Koul Vice President, Daizy Dhar President Mahila Wing, Charanjeet Singh Publicity Secretary and others visited today the demolished site of Shops pertaining to Migrant Shop keepers at Migrant Camp Muthi and expressed their grave concern over the barbaric action of JDA with the Migrants who were running their petty Shops for earning to make their families both ends meet since last 32years.

The Leaders expressed their full support to the effected shop keepers and were also enabled to express and convey their grievances to Our Chairman DPAP through Parties Chief Spokesperson Shri Salman Nizami through phone on spot who assured the effect-

ed shop keepers that their inflicted miseries will be got highlighted for redressal.

The Leaders have appealed the Custodian of Migrants, Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Migrants to make earliest alternate arrangements for these effected shop keepers for enabling them to earn their bread for them and their families and to advise the other departments especially JDA to restrain such step-motherly actions being inflicted to Migrants at Jammu and as reported by these effected shop keepers that without following the rules sudden demolition has been executed which is against humanity.

The Leaders have demanded that a suitable compensatory Relief is requested to be favoured in favour of these shop keepers as they deserve an immediate help for survival. The visiting team however assured these shop keepers that they will fight at every corner to get justice for them.

JU hosts Inter-collegiate Women's Boxing Championship 2024-25

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JAMMU, Nov 23: The Inter-collegiate Women's Boxing Championship 2024-25, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu, culminated on Saturday with spectacular performances and exemplary sportsmanship.

The championship, held at the University's state-of-the-art boxing ring, witnessed intense competition among the region's finest women boxers.

The championship concluded with Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur, claiming the Overall Winner's Trophy, while the PG Department secured the Runners-Up position.

The Directorate of Sports and Physical Education extends its deepest gratitude to Chief Guest, Dr. Mandeep Singh, for his inspirational presence and Special Guests, Dr. Jagmeet Singh (Assistant Professor), Jai Bharat, Ravish, and Harinderpal Singh, for their support and efforts in ensuring a smooth and successful championship, the match officials

include Sandeep Singh Chib (Ramban, Star 2 BFI Official), Sajad Pathan (JKP, Star 2 BFI Official), Hardesh Singh, Anil Chib, Goutam Sharma, and Anshuman Khajuria and the organizing committee, staff, and volunteers worked tirelessly to create an inclusive and competitive environment, and their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

The championship showcased exceptional talent across multiple weight categories, with the final results.

(45-48 kg): Ananya Sharma (GDC Neeli Nallah), gold, Neema Devi (GDC Basohli), silver, Neelam Devi (GDC Jindrah) & Preeti Sharma (GCW Udhampur), joint bronze. (48-50 kg): Samta Devi (GDC Ramban), gold, Bhumika (GCW Udhampur), silver, Preeti Sharma (PG Department), bronze. (50-52 kg): Khushi (PG Department), gold, Shama Bibi (GDC Jindrah), silver and Sonali (GCW Udhampur) & Muskan (GCW Parade), joint bronze. (52-54 kg): Saijal Manhas (GDC Ramban), gold, Mus-

kaan (PG Department), silver, Mehresh Akhter (GDC Basohli) & Diksha Bhagat (GCW Udhampur), joint bronze. (54-57 kg): Shalu Devi (GCW Parade), gold, Shehnaz Akhter (GCW Udhampur), silver. (57-60 kg): Shivali Chib (Dogra Degree College), gold, Mamta Devi (GCW Udhampur), silver. (60-63 kg): Ananya (PG Department), gold, Komal Sharma (GCW Udhampur), silver. (66-70 kg): Lakshilla (PG Department), gold, Sovandna (GCW Udhampur), silver. (81+ kg): Jaspreet (GDC Bhagwati Nagar), gold, Silver: Sahmata (Dogra Degree College), silver, Pallavi Pathoni (GDC Basohli), bronze.

This championship exemplifies the growing prominence of women's sports in the region. It also highlights the University of Jammu's commitment to nurturing and promoting athletic talent.

The university congratulates all the participants, winners, and their respective institutions for their outstanding performances and unwavering dedication.

Two days district level training programme on Soil Health Management concludes at Sunderbani

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SUNDERBANI, Nov 23: Divisional soil survey scheme under directorate of agriculture production and farmer's welfare, Jammu, conducted a two days training programme on soil health management for 50 no. of farmers/rural youth of District Rajouri at Radha Krishan Mandir Hall, Sunderbani.

The two-day district level soil health management programme for Rajouri District at Sunderbani is part of a comprehensive series of a capacity building initiative designed for farmers across ten districts of the Jammu Division under the directions of Director Agriculture Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen. This series conducted by Divisional Soil Survey Officer Suresh Kumar Khajuria aims to empower the farming community

with advanced knowledge and techniques for sustainable soil health management under the HADP Project No. 19 J&K Soil and Land Resources Information Systems for Planning and Soil Health Management (JKSLRI) for the Year 2024-25.

On the first day, the programme was commenced by lighting of traditional lamps by divisional soil survey officer Jammu, agriculture chemist Jammu and other dignitaries present on the occasion. For two days, resource persons Aman Jyoti Sharma, Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Dr Vikas Gupta Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (SKUAST-J) Rajouri, Dr Neeraj Rajwal Assistant Soil Chemist Jammu, Dr Aadil Rashid ASSO Jammu, Susheel Kumar, Assistant Soil Chemist Rajouri, Dr Vinay Jandyal Assistant Soil Conserva-

tion Officer Rajouri gave detailed presentations on Judicious use of Fertilizers, Sustainable Soil Health Management, Physical Properties of Soils, Soil Health Card Scheme, Land Capability Classification, Status of Soil Health Card Scheme in Rajouri District, and Integrated Nutrient Management respectively.

The success of the programme was attributed to the collaborative efforts of Chief Agriculture Officer Rajouri, Sohan Singh, DAO Extension, Ashwani Sharma, SDOA Nowshera, Siddarth Nanda and AEO Sunderbani, Devinder Landial who provided essential support and coordination for the programme. Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer from Office of the Joint Director Agriculture (Extension) Jammu effectively moderated the proceedings.

Guest lectures organized by PG Department of Geography, GDC Kathua

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KATHUA, Nov 23: The Postgraduate Department of Geography, Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua, under the esteemed guidance of Principal Prof. Seema Mir, organized two guest lectures for M.A/M.Sc. 1st Semester students today.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Gurdyal, Head of the Department of Geography.

The first guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Inderjeet Singh, Assistant Professor in Geography, University of Jammu, on the topic "Regionalisation of Indo-Gangetic Plains of India." Dr. Singh provided an insightful and comprehensive account of the relevance and significance of regionalizing the Indo-Gangetic plains, highlighting its geographical and socio-economic dimensions.

The second lecture

was delivered by Prof. Mohd. Sarfaraz Asghar, Head, PG Department of Geography, University of Jammu, on the topic "Climate Change: Impact on Geomorphic Processes and Landforms." Prof. Asghar detailed the far-reaching impacts of climate change on geomorphic processes and how these changes are reshaping landforms globally, providing critical insights into environmental challenges.

The event witnessed the participation of esteemed faculty members, including Prof. Jagdish Lal, Dr. Rohit Singh, Dr. Surinder Singh, Dr. Rubi Raina, Prof. Charan Singh, Prof. Suprina Andotra, Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Prof. Rajni Verma, and Prof. Babita.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Pawan Kumar, expressing gratitude to the speakers, faculty members, and students for their active participation.

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