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BRIEFLY

Former Srinagar Bureau of Tribune Chandigarh M L Kak passes away



SRINAGAR, Nov 27: Makhn Lal Kak (M L Kak), former Srinagar bureau head of Tribune Chandigarh passed away last night, reports said.

They said that Mr Kak breathed his last at his residence in Gurugram in Haryana.

A Kashmiri Pandit, Kak migrated from the valley in 1990. His cremation is expected to take place on Nov 29.

Tremors felt in Kashmir Valley

SRINAGAR, Nov 27 (Agencies): An earthquake of light intensity jolted Kashmir valley on Wednesday.

As per National Center for Seismology which monitors earthquake activity across the country- the earthquake with a magnitude of 3.7 on the Richter scale hit Kashmir valley at around 1.35 pm with epicenter in Srinagar district.

The epicentre is located at latitude 34.20 in the north and longitude 74.93 in the east, with a recorded depth of 10 kilometres.

The tremors were felt in Srinagar and some parts of Kashmir for few seconds.

There was no report of loss of life or damage to property.

Cold wave intensifies across Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Nov 27 (Agencies): Cold wave intensified in the Kashmir Valley as minimum temperatures dropped significantly, with Pahalgam and Shopian emerging as the coldest places on Wednesday, officials said.

Pahalgam recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.4°C during the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, a drop from minus 2.7°C the previous night. This was 2.3°C below normal for the popular tourist destination in south Kashmir.

Shopian, also located in south Kashmir, experienced an even lower temperature of minus 4.6°C. Other recorded temperatures included

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'Fraud on Constitution' | SC rules against religious conversion for quota benefits

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court has said religious conversions undertaken solely to avail reservation benefits without genuine belief amounted to a "fraud on the Constitution".

Justices Pankaj Mithal and R Mahadevan passed the verdict on November 26 in a case filed by one C Selvarani and upheld a Madras High Court decision of January 24 denying a



scheduled caste certificate to a woman who converted to Christianity but later claimed to be a

Hindu to secure employment benefits.

Justice Mahadevan, who wrote the 21-page

verdict for the bench, further underscored that one converted to a different religion, when they were genuinely inspired by its principles, tenets and spiritual thoughts.

"However, if the purpose of conversion is largely to derive the benefits of reservation but not with any actual belief in the other religion, the same cannot be permitted, as the extension of benefits of reservation to people with such ulterior motives will only

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Both houses adjourned due to Govt's 'Stubborn Unwillingness' to discuss Adani issue: Cong



NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday alleged that both Houses of Parliament got adjourned because of the government's "stubborn unwillingness"

to agree to an immediate discussion on the latest revelations regarding the Adani Group.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the

Opposition continues to demand a joint parliamentary committee investigation into the entire "Modani scam".

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day amid opposition protests on various issues, including bribery charges related to the Adani Group.

"Today also both Houses of Parliament got adjourned because of the Govt's stubborn unwillingness to

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NSG hub established in Jammu for swift response to militant attacks



SRINAGAR, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has established a permanent hub for the National Security Guard (NSG) in Jammu City to ensure rapid response in the event of a major militant attack.

In addition, a compre-

hensive security plan has been developed for high-rise buildings, sensitive security installations, and public spaces within the city and its surrounding areas, following a detailed security audit.

Quoting officials, Agency reported that

the NSG's special unit is now permanently stationed in Jammu City, ready to take immediate action in the event of a terrorist threat.

The creation of this NSG hub comes after a series of attacks targeting security forces in various districts of the Jammu region, coupled with intelligence suggesting potential threats to the city.

While officials declined to disclose the exact number of NSG personnel for operational security reasons, they emphasized that the

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2 labour union leaders arrested over Katra ropeway project protest

KATRA/JAMMU, Nov 27 (Agencies): Two representatives of labourers and shopkeepers in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district were on Wednesday detained after fresh protests at the Katra base camp against a proposed ropeway project along the trek route to the



Vaishno Devi shrine. According to police, an FIR was registered against eight people on Tuesday, a day after violent protests in Katra in which a policeman got injured.

Protesters, led by Bhupinder Singh and Sohan Chand, took out a rally

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J-K govt plans to make 'RTI Portal' fully operational by Dec 10

JAMMU, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir government has developed a portal to enhance the efficiency of processing and responding to Right to Information applications, and plans to make it fully operational by December 10, a senior official said.

The 'RTI Portal' will provide citizens with the convenience of submitting RTI requests, checking their status,



and receiving responses electronically, without the need to visit government offices in person, Commissioner Secre-

tary, General Administration Department (GAD), Sanjeev Verma said in a circular.

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77 cases of illegal felling of conifer trees reported in Doda

BHADERWAH, Nov 27 (Agencies): More than 100 conifer trees were found illegally axed in a forest area here in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, prompting the forest department to launch a probe to bring the culprits to book, officials said on Wednesday.

Locals and environmentalists expressed concern over the alleged failure of the department concerned to check the unabated smuggling of forest wealth by miscreants and demanded

stern action against them.

Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle, Sandeep Kumar confirmed that 77 cases involving the felling of more than 100 trees in the Tanta forest area of the Chirala range came to their notice on Tuesday and a probe is underway.

On getting information about large-scale felling of trees at Tanta, which is notorious for smuggling, four investigation teams were formed and sent to the forest area,

leading to vehicles loaded with illicit timber being seized, Kumar said.

"One FIR was registered, while assistance was sought from police and other agencies to check smuggling," the officer added.

He said they are also looking at a probable nexus between forest officials and smugglers so that stern action is initiated against the guilty in accordance with rules.

"Six officials were suspended in two separate

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Gupshup

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Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties
Contact: 9086072548, Email: gupshupjammu@gmail.com

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt Sh. Ghara Ram (Ex Head Master) H/o Smt Neelam Devi of Sum Danga.**
TENTH DAY will be performed on **Sunday the 1st of Dec 2024 at 11.00 AM** onwards at our residence Sum Danga.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Neelam Kumari -Wife
Mr Armit Choudhary -Son
Dr. Anu Bala Chowdhary & Er. Mayank Dogra - Daughter & Son in Law
Sh. Tara Chand & Smt Kamli Devi- Brother & Sister in Law
Sh. Daulat Chand & Smt Sudesh Kumari- Brother & Sister in Law
Smt Pushpa Devi & Lt Sh. Dharam Chand - Sister & Brother in Law
Rtd Capt Kai Dass & Smt Janko Devi- Father in Law & Mother in Law
Rtd Lt Hardev Singh & Smt Anju Choudhary -Brother in Law & Sister in Law
Insp. Karan Singh & Smt Arpana Choudhary -Brother in Law & Sister in Law
Nephews & Nieces: Sumit, Surjeet, Neha, Sonia, Aman, Riya, Simran, Minni, Javik, Anradhak, & Aarav.
Grand Children: Trishika, Riyanshi
MOBILE NO: 9797603691, 9419758888



Lt Sh. Ghara Ram (Ex Head Master)

BHOG / ANTIM ARDAS
With profound grief & sorrow we deeply regret to inform the tragic demise of **Sardar Sukhchain Singh S/o Late Lamberdar S. Bhola Singh R/o Village Ajote Teh Haveli Distt Poonch** who left for heavenly abode on 19-11-2024.
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9:00 am on 28-11-2024 (Tuesday)
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 9:00 am on 28-11-2024 (Thursday)
Antim Ardass will be performed at 12:30 pm on 28-11-2024 at our residence.
Followed by **Guru Ka Langar**
Grief Stricken
Sd. Rajinder Kour (Wife)
S. Parvinder Singh (JE Maintt JPDCCL) (Son)
S. Amaul Singh (Panchayat Account Assistant) (Son)
ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
9622008838, 9797587474



Sardar Sukhchain Singh

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Roshan Lal Hakim S/o Late Sh. Samsar Chand Hakim** originally resident of Purshyar, Habbakadal Srinagar at present H No. 169, Sector-02 Pomposh Colony, Janipur Jammu who attained moksha on 20th November 2024.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 29-11-2024 (Friday) at Muthi Ghat near Director Education office, Jammu at 9 am.
INLAWS
S.N. Bhat & Veena Ji
Late R.L. Bhat & Late Prana Ji
Bharat Bushan Bhat & Nirmala



SH. ROSHAN LAL HAKIM

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Roopawati (Oma Jigri) W/o Late Sh Janki Nath Koul.** Original resident of Chandapura Habba Kadal Sgr Presently at H.No 107-108 Adarsh Vihar Sainik Colony Jammu Near Jodhamal Public School.
TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4th Dec Wednesday.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Nancy and Sh RL Koul (DIL and Son)
Smt Nirmala and Sh PL Koul (DIL and Son)
Smt Vijay and Sh M K Raina (Daughter and SIL)
Grand Sons and DLS
Grand Daughter and SIL
Grand Children's
CONTACT NUMBER : 9419079589



Smt Roopawati (Oma Jigri)

BHOG / ANTIM ARDAS
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardami Kulwant Kour** wife of Late S. Ujjagar Singh Sason (Nepal Wale) R/o 12-A 2nd extension Gandhi Nagar, Jammu near Arpit electronics who left us for heavenly abode on 21/11/2024.
Programme:
ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB at our residence on 27/11/2024(Wednesday) at 10:00 am
BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB on 29/11/2024(Friday) at 10:00 am followed by Kirtan till 11:30am at our residence.
ANTIM ARDAAS will be performed at Gurudwara Shri Guru Nanak Nagar, Jammu from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
S. Gurdayal Singh (Son) & Sdr. Ramandeep Kour(Daughter in Law)
S. Manjit Singh(Bintoo)(Son)
S. Paramjit Singh (Laddy)(Son)
Sdr. Parvinder Kour (Daughter) W/o Late. S. Manjit Singh(Ex. Secretary DGPC, Jammu)
Sdr. Jagpreet Kour (Daughter) & S. Izatpal Singh (Son in Law)



Sardami Kulwant Kour

RASAM PAGDI/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Dropti Devi Aggarwal**, who left for his heavenly abode on 13 Nov. 2024.
RASAM PAGDI / UTHALA will be performed on 28 Nov. 2024, at Aggarwal Sabha, Vivekanand Chowk
Time - 12:30- 13:30
GRIEF STRICKEN
Son- Vijay Aggarwal
Son and Daughter in law- Narash And Meenakshi Aggarwal
Son and Daughter in law- Rakesh and Shejali Aggarwal
Daughter and Son in law- Veena and Rajeshwar Goel
Daughter and Son in law- Saroj and Shekhar Gupta
Grandchildren - Utkarsh & Purnima, Savi & Aul, Pritish & Gurka, Shey, Viren, Sunakshi & Abhay, Ishara, Rakshit, and Abhinav
MOB: 9891590347, 9419192527
M/S Ghansi Ram Aggarwal & Sons
M/S Kashmir Handloom Handicraft Exports
M/S Creative Apparels
M/S Indian Heritage



Smt. Dropti Devi Aggarwal

ADH-BARKHI
Ar. Ashok Kumar Mahajan (Retd Chief Architect, J&K Govt)
In loving memory of Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan (Rtd. Chief Architect, J&K Govt) on 4th June 2024
Six months ago, we said goodbye to my father (Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan). He was a guiding force in our life, a man of integrity, kindness and unwavering love. Throughout his life, he was a source of wisdom and strength, always putting his family first. As an Architect and as an administrator, he devoted his career for the betterment of the nation as well as for the society. His dedication, hard work and passion for his field earned him the respect of colleagues and the admiration of those whose lives he touched. My father always believed in the power of doing meaningful work and he led by example, always striving to make the world a better place.
Though his physical presence is no longer with us, his legacy continues to shape the way we live, love, and remember. We carry his memory with us, inspired by his unwavering commitment to both his family and his profession.
Love you Papa and miss you so much!
ADH- BARKHI of our beloved Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Mahajan S/o Late Sh. Sita Ram Satpal shall be performed on 28-11-2024 (Thursday) at our residence House No. 250, Shastri Nagar, Jammu at 11:00 AM (Morning).
DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBER BY:-
Smt. Neelam Mahajan - Wife
Mr. Anurag Mahajan- Son
Mr. Aditya Mahajan -Son
Contact No: 9419187556, 7780982193



Ar. Ashok Kumar Mahajan (Retd Chief Architect, J&K Govt)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Braj Bhushan Sharma (Retd. Chief Engineer) S/o Late Sh. Padam Nath Sharma & Late Smt. Lajwanti Sharma** left for his heavenly abode on 19th Nov. 2024.
TENTH DAY will be observed on 28th Nov. (Thursday) at 11:30 AM at our residence House No.278, Sector 2, Charni Himmat, Jammu.
KRIYA will be performed on 29th Nov. (Friday) at 12 O'clock (Noon) at our residence House No.278, Sec. 2, Charni Himmat, Jammu.
UTHALA will be held on 28th Nov. 2024 (Friday) at Paanoh Mandir, Sector 2, Charni Himmat, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Renu Sharma (Wife)
Sister-in-law and Brother
Smt. Preeti & Sh. Birj Mohan Sharma (JKAS Retd.),
Smt. Ruby & Sh. B.R. Sharma (IAS Retd.),
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Dev Lata (IAS Retd.) & Dr. Ramashwer Sharma,
Smt. Adarsh & Anshu, B.V. Sharma,
Dr. Rama & Dr. Pradeep Sharma,
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Divya & Sh. Shikhar Sharma.
Daughter: Anandita Sharma
Nephews: Pranav, Anand, Devansh, Aditya, Ayushman, Rajdeep, Anshu, Ratandeep.
Contact No. 9941916916; 9941918065



SH. BRAJ BHUSHAN SHARMA (Retd. Chief Engineer)

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Usha Koul (Jad)** originally from 1446 Khah Bazar, Anantnag (Kmr.) presently at 1703, Kalyppo Court, Sector 128, Noida-201304, who attained Moksha during the early hours on 23rd Nov. 2024 at Noida (U.P.)
10TH, 11TH & 12TH DAY KRIYA will be performed from the 1st. December 24 (Sunday) to 3rd. December 24 (Tuesday) at Haridwar (Uttarakhand).
Ravi Koul (Husband)
M - 9779005697
Rohit Koul (Son)
M - 9999423776



USHA KOUL (JAD)

Tenth Day/Kriya/Rasam Pagri
With profound grief, we regret to inform that our beloved **Col. Desh Bandhu Sharma (CEO J&K Vehicle aids)** Udhampur S/o Late Dr. Gopi Nath Sharma left for his heavenly abode on 19th Nov. 2024.
Tenth Day will be observed on 28th Nov. (Thursday) at our residence, opposite Raj Theatre now (Reliance Trends) Dhar Road, Udhampur.
Kriya will be held on 29th Nov. (Friday) at Devika Ghat, Udhampur at from 11:30 AM onwards.
Rasam Pagri will be held on 29th Nov. (Friday) from 4 PM to 5 PM at our residence opposite Raj Theatre Dhar Road Udhampur.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughter & Son-in-law
Kusha & Col. Shakti Parkash Sharma
Geeta Devi & Romesh Sharma - **Bhabhi & Brother**
Ganesh & Neena
Col. Sudeshwal Sharma & Reena
All Grand Children & Great Grand Children
Mobile : 9987032624, 9987032524



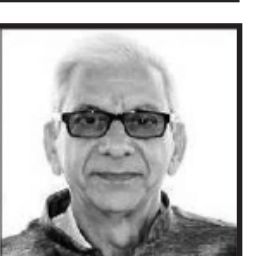
Col. Desh Bandhu Sharma (CEO J&K Vehicle aids)

10TH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Seema Jamwal (C.D.Hospital)** W/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh and D/o Late Smt. Shakuntala Devi & Sh. Kesri Singh Jamwal who left us for her heavenly abode on 17th November 2024.
TENTH DAY will be performed on 26th November 2024 (Tuesday) at Charni Himmat Cremation Ghat at 10 AM.
KRIYA will be performed on 29th November 2024 (Friday) at our residence H No. 16A sec 1B East Extn. Trikuta Nagar Jammu at 12 PM
GRIEF STRICKEN
Father-in-law and Mother-in-law
Sh. Tara Singh & Smt. Santosh Kumari
Sh. Kesri Singh Jamwal (Father)
Brother-in-law and Sister-in-law
Sh. Parshotam Singh (Raju) & Smt. Indu Jamwal
Brother and Sister-in-law
Sh. Rajesh Jamwal and Smt. Anita Pawar
Sister and Brother-in-law
Smt. Sneh Lata & Dalbir Singh
Smt. Madhu & Shakil Jasrola
Children: Yuvdev and Bhavya
Niece: Palak and Danak
Contact No. 9419149268, 9419182422
Santosh Medical Hall, Trikuta Nagar Jammu



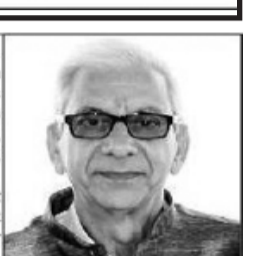
Smt. Seema Jamwal (C.D.Hospital)

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA
With deep sorrow and grief, it is to inform you that **Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul** left for his heavenly abode on 24th Nov. 2024. He was originally from Bana Mohalla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar and presently residing at F-606, Antarksh Golf View 1, Sector -78, Noida.
10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed at 8:30am on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at Chhota Hariwar, Murad Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.
Ph. No.: 8123465312, 9741113103, 9008955440
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Vasanti Koul (Wife)
Seema and Sanjay Munshi (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Princy and Rohit Choudhary (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Santosh and P.K. Koul (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
A.K. Raina - Husband of Lt. Jyoti Raina (Brother-in-Law)
Girja and H.L. Bakshi (Sister and Brother-in-Law)
Vandana and Vinod Khar (Niece-in-Law and Nephew)
Aryan and Navya (Grandchildren)



Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul

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Vandana and Vinod Khar (Niece-in-Law and Nephew)
Aryan and Navya (Grandchildren)



Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Paray Lal Kaul S/o Late Shri Moti Lal Kaul** (originally from 81/2 Drabiyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir) Present Address: 160 C, Flat No 102, Miya Wali Colony, Gurugram, Haryana.
The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 2-Dec-2024, Monday at 8:30 am at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurugram, Haryana 122017.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Veena Kaul (Wife)
Ms. Pritika Kaul W/o Late Shri Neeraj Peshin (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mr. Puneet Kaul (Son)
Shri Hira Lal Kaul & Smt. Lisha Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Shri. Sarinder Kaul & Smt. Daky Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt. Phooli Kaul W/o Late Mahan Lal Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Vijay Kaul & Shri Bal Kishan Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Janki Peshin (Grand Daughter)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY KAULS, DHARS AND HANDOOS.
PHONE NUMBERS: 9821315322 / 9623551328 / 8363814569 / 9650019461 / 149510843



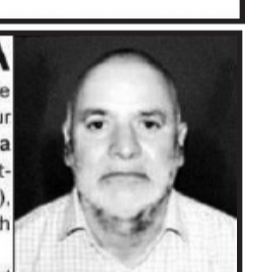
Shri Paray Lal Kaul

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sardarni Narinder Kour W/o Malkeet Singh** resident of Village Rakh Jhang Swankha as per programme
26-11-24 Tuesday
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib = 10 AM
28-11-24 Thursday
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib= 10 AM
At Gurudwara Sahib,
Kirtan & Antim Ardas = 11-1 PM
Guru Ka Langar = Onward
In Grief
Malkeet Singh (Husband)
Bachan Singh (Father in law)
Jeet Kour (Mother in law)
Prabjot Singh (Son)
Gurpreet Kour (Daughter)
Mob = 6005126174



Sardarni Narinder Kour

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** erst-while of Gairoo Noorpora (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

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Ayush Badyal S/o Sh. Preet Nath R/o Bhayari Kattan A/P Lower Jadochack W.No. 68, L-2, Near Radio Sona Sabharwal Ghar Bina Baf Bohra, who left for his heavenly abode on 22-11-2024.**
10th Day Kriya with Sabharwal will be performed on 1-12-2024 (Sunday) at 12 Noon in S.K. Rasool Marg, Srinagar National Highway Road Near Sabharwal Ghar.
GRIEF STRICKEN (Paternal Side)
Grand Father, Mother
Smt. Kiran Devi & Sateen Lal (Father & Mother)
Smt. Anuscha & Preet Nath (Late Eda Dept) (Tayas & Tala)
Smt. Raj Kumar & Raj Kumar (Late Eda Dept)
Smt. Neelam Kumari & Madan Lal (Dr. Anshu Eda Dept)
Smt. Rajni Kumari & Balwant Raj (Uncle) - (Late. Eda Dept)
Bua & Fafa
Smt. Kamla Devi & Kieren Raj (Rtd. PAFAC)
Smt. Meenu Devi & Oen Raj (ASJ JK Police Dept)
Smt. Rajni Kumari & Balwant Raj (Uncle) - (Late. Eda Dept)
GRIEF STRICKEN: FROM MATERNAL SIDE
Smt. Seeta & Manohar Lal (Nana & Nani)
Manasa & Manika
Smt. Anita & Hukam Chand (Govt Teacher)
Smt. Neena & Manu (Nandu)
Smt. Asha & Omkar Nath (40d Mon RDC)
Smt. Anu & Poojaram Lal (HC JK Police)
Cousin Brother & Sisters: Aryan, Nibu, Anshu, Ritvik, Riyan, Nandu



AYUSH BADYAL (Father & Mother)

UTHALA / RASAM PAGRI
WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SMT. PROMILA BALI W/O SH. SUDARSHAN KUMAR BALI R/O 116-A GANDHI NAGAR, JAMMU WHO LEFT FOR HEAVENLY ABODE ON MONDAY, 18-11-24.**
UTHALA SHALL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, 28-11-24 FROM 3 PM TO 4 PM AT SHIV MANDIR GANDHI NAGAR.
RASAM PAGRI SHALL TAKE PLACE AT OUR RESIDENCE 116-A GANDHI NAGAR, JAMMU ON 29-11-24, AT 10 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
SH. SUDARSHAN KUMAR BALI (HUSBAND)
ROHIT BALI (SON)
ARUNESH BALI (SON)
PRATIBHA BALI (DAUGHTER IN LAW)
PRISHA BALI (GRAND DAUGHTER)
BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW
LATE SH. K K BALI AND LATE SMT. PAWAN BALI
LATE SH. RAJINDER BALI AND SMT. REETA BALI (ALL BALI FAMILY)
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SMT. PROMILA BALI

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Tributes paid to GL Dogra at PCC Headquarters

Senior leaders join tributes paying function at Dogra Chowk

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: A solemn program was organized at the headquarters of the Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) to pay heartfelt tributes to late Girdhari Lal Dogra, a towering figure in the political history of Jammu and Kashmir.

The event was attended by various prominent leaders who reflected on the immense contributions made by Dogra during his illustrious career.

Dogra, widely regarded as one of the tallest leaders in Jammu and Kashmir, served as a dedicated leader of the Indian National Congress and played a pivotal role in the political landscape of the region for several



decades. A man of the people, he was known for his deep commitment to the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir and for championing the rights of its citizens, especially in terms of equality, job opportunities, and ensuring the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

Having served as

Finance Minister for an impressive 26 years, Dogra's influence was felt both in the corridors of power in Delhi and at the grassroots level in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was a stalwart representing both the constituencies of Jammu and Udhampur, and was recognized as a leader with

a deep sense of responsibility towards the people he served.

Those who paid tributes include Raman Bhalla, Working President, Ch Lal Singh Ex MP, Ravinder Sharma Chief spokesperson, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Namrata Sharma, Bhushan Dogra,

The program was graced by the presence of various prominent leaders from the Congress party, including Shri Raman Bhalla, Working President, Ch Lal Singh Ex MP, Ravinder Sharma Chief spokesperson, Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, Ranjish Sharma -Treasurer, Shashi Sharma, Namrata Sharma, Bhushan Dogra, Sanjeev Panda, Dr R K Khajuria, Michael, Jatinder Bhagat, Jung Bhadur, Parvinder Singh, Jagdish Bhagat, Janak Mehra, Ranjit Manhas Parvinder Singh & others.

Earlier several senior congress leaders visited the GL Dogra Chowk in Jammu and offered floral tributes to Dogra at his statue and described him a great stalwart of J&K.

DC Doda inaugurates Exhibition-Cum-Awareness Camp organized by Handloom & Handicrafts



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DODA, Nov 27: Handloom and Handicrafts Department, Doda organized One Day Exhibition Cum Awareness Programme at New Community Hall, Bhadrawah in Doda.

The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Deputy Commissioner, Doda Harvinder Singh along with other dignitaries includes ADC Bhadrawah, Col. 4RR Bhadrawah DIO Doda, BDO Bhadrawah, EO MC Bhadrawah and around 150 gathering of weavers and artisans belong to different areas of the district participate in the event.

DC Doda inspected the stalls of different crafts

installed in the venue and appreciated the weavers and artisans community for their creativity and art.

While speaking to the gathering, DC Doda congratulated the department for organizing such a beautiful program and efforts. He appealed weavers and artisans to revive our local rich culture heritage of chenab valley and stressed to promote the local crafts as a profession and avail the benefits of the government schemes.

AD Handloom & Handicrafts, Tarun Sudan while speaking briefed the gathering about various departmental schemes like Skill development training in Weaving, Cut-

ting/Tailoring, Crewel, Sozni, Phulkari etc meant for unemployed youth with payment of stipend @1000 per month, Credit Card Scheme with 7% interest subsidy, Pradhan Mantri Weavers Mudra Scheme, Cooperatives, NHDP, Karkhandar.

During the occasion many registered artisans and Weavers with the departments and retired officials were felicitated with memento along with certificates by the guests for commendable work in the different crafts.

In the end, the program successfully ended with a vote of thanks by the AD H&H Doda and refreshments were also made for the participants.

Gear-up for ULB, Panchayat polls in J&K: Bukhari directs Party leaders



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JAMMU, Nov 27: Apni Party President, Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday directed Party leaders in Jammu to prepare for Urban Local Body and Panchayat Elections by increasing public outreach programs.

As per a press release, the Party President, Altaf Bukhari chaired a meeting of the Apni Party leaders here at the Gandhi Nagar Office in Jammu and reviewed the political scenario and chalked out the future strategy to strengthen the party at the grass root level.

During the meeting, the Party leaders also discussed organisational structure, and other related issues. After listening to them, Altaf Bukhari directed them to intensify

their public outreach program and meet the people in their respective constituencies and highlight their issues for early redressal of the grievances.

He also appreciated the leaders for working tirelessly with zeal and enthusiasm among the people and strengthening the Party.

With reference to the impending Urban Local Body and Panchayat elections in J&K, Altaf Bukhari directed the Party leaders to gear up for these elections in their respective constituencies and listen to the grievances of the people.

He said that the Party leaders should stay in touch with the people at ground level and increase their political activities. Meanwhile, the Party

President was briefed about the strategy to strengthen the Party in Jammu Province.

The meeting was attended by General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya; General Secretary, Rafi Mir; Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh; Provincial Senior Vice President Jammu & Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial Vice President Jammu & Ex-MLA Prem Lal; Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber; ST Wing J&K President, Saleem Alam; SC Wing President, Both Raj Bhagat; Vice President Youth Wing, Vishal Narania, Vice President Youth Wing/ Spokesperson/ Media Coordinator, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan; SC Wing District President Samba, Sahil Bharti; Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Pavneet Kour; Women Wing's Provincial Vice President, Neelam Gupta; Senior District Vice President Jammu, Vaibhav Mattoo; Active Member, Madan Lal Thakur, and others.

Army conducts medical patrol for Gujjar & Bakarwals

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REASI, Nov 27: The Army organized a medical patrol for locals, including Gujjar and Bakarwals, at Balmatkot and Makhidhar villages in the Reasi district, aiming to provide essential healthcare services to underserved communities. The patrol witnessed a significant turnout, with numerous villagers from Balmatkot, Makhidhar, and surrounding areas seeking consultations and treatment. The local residents received check-ups, free medicines, and guidance on preventive health measures.

The initiative was well-received, with beneficiaries expressing gratitude for the Indian Army's support in ensuring access to healthcare. This effort reflects the Indian Army's commitment to community welfare and enhancing local well-being.

Beyond the immediate medical benefits, the mobile medical patrol played a crucial role in building and strengthening the relationship between the Indian Army and the local communities. A total of 70 villagers (21 men, 25 women, and 24 children) benefited from the mobile medical patrol.

Former MLC Subash Gupta remembers GL Dogra on 37th death anniversary



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KATHUA, Nov 27: Former Member Legislative Council Subash Chander Gupta paid rich tributes to Girdhari Lal Dogra, Ex-Finance Minister and Ex-Member Parliament on his 37th death anniversary, at Hiranagar Morh.

A large number of people were present on the occasion and paid homage to the veteran leader known for his honesty, simplicity, and dedication for his service to the poor and downtrodden.

Gupta, while paying tributes to Girdhari Lal Dogra, recalled the contribution of Shri Dogra for the development of the state.

"The people of our state are proud that such a charismatic leader was borne here at village Bhiya of Hiranagar," he added.

Subash Gupta particularly highlighted his humbleness and dedicated service towards the poor and deprived section of the society.

Gupta further added that politician like Girdhari Lal Dogra were very

few in number today and we should take inspiration from his good deeds. It is because of these qualities that people always remember and respect him.

Subash Gupta further added that following the footsteps of Girdhari Lal Dogra would be the real tribute to him on his death anniversary.

Rakesh Choudhary, Senior leader, also paid great tribute to Girdhari Lal Dogra and remembered him for his good deeds for the people's of state.

"Dogra Sahib was the leader of the masses and always felt pleasure in solving the genuine problem of the common public," he said.

Prominent among those present on the occasion includes Yugal Kishore Bali, Anant Ram Dogra, Parveen Bhagat, Swarn Singh Choudhary, Narinder Singh Rathore, Bholu Nath Ex Sarpanch, Master Satpal sharma, Rameshwar Sharma, Terath Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Bal Krishan, Krishan Singh Rathore, Tara Chand, Radha Krishan Singh, Parkash Chand, Shammii Sharma.

NSO Jammu organizes camp for Self-Compilation of Returns on Annual Survey Industries 2023-24

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JAMMU, Nov 27: National Statistics Office (NSO), Regional Office Jammu organized one day Camp for Self-Compilation of Returns on Annual Survey Industries 2023-24 on Wednesday in the BBIA Industrial Area Bari Brahmana. National Statistics Office (Field Operations Division), Government India under Ministry Statistics & Programme Implementation is conducting survey on Annual Survey of Industries.

This Camp on Self Compilation was organized to sensitize the business associations about self-compilation of Statistical Return by the business entities.

A session of hand holding training was organized in which Senior Statistical Officers provided the training to Industrial Unit of Bari Brahmana.

After the Welcome address by R. K. Sharma, Assistant Director, the Conference was inaugurated, by P. Palanivel, Deputy Director General, NSO (FOD), UT of J&K.

In his inaugural speech, broad overviews about the objectives/scope/



coverage on the Annual Survey of Industries were highlighted.

Further, P. Palanivel in his address spoke about the inception of Annual Survey of Industries since 1960 and told that it was previously, conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act 1953.

He further added that presently the Survey is conducted under the collection of Statistics Act, 2008 as amended in 2017 under the rules framed there under in 2011.

DDG also addressed that ASI is designed to obtain comprehensive and detailed data with the objective of estimating the contribution of Registered Manufacturing Sector as-a-whole to the Gross Domestic Product

(GDP) of the country. The Conference was attended by around 20 representatives from various Industrial Units of District Samba where there is maximum concentration of Industrial Units. Conference was also attended by Sr. Statistical Officers of RO Jammu who are presently engaged in the field work of ASI.

The overall Coordination/Comparing of this Camp was done by Shri Rajesh Kumar, NSO (FOD), RO Jammu & self-compilation training to industrial Units was given by other Senior Statistical Officers, of NSO (FOD) RO Jammu. At the end vote of thanks, was presented by Swaran Lal, Asst. Director, NSO, Jammu.

Dimple leads protest against JMC, ERA, JDA, PWD



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JAMMU, Nov 27: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, spearheaded a massive protest rally alongside traders and local residents on the Amphalla-Janipur High Court Road, causing a significant traffic blockade.

The demonstration was directed against the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), ERA, JDA, and PWD Jammu over poor sanitation, piles of garbage, traffic congestion, deteriorating roads, and inadequate street lighting across Jammu city.

During the protest, Dimple criticized the JMC for failing to maintain sanitation in the city's 75 wards, citing a severe shortage of safai karamcharis, sanitary supervisors, and transportation facilities. He accused the JMC of collecting sub-

stantial revenues through house taxes, trader fees, construction permits, and fines but failing to deliver essential services.

Dimple also condemned the government's move to privatize municipal services, asserting that it would lead to corruption, unemployment, and threaten the livelihoods of poor safai karamcharis. He demanded the cancellation of privatization plans and called for permanent recruitment of sanitation workers.

Highlighting the city's deteriorating infrastructure, Dimple pointed out that heaps of garbage and waste materials have accumulated in areas such as New Plot, Sarwal, Rehari, Janipur, Bakshi Nagar, and Talab Tillo, tarnishing Jammu's image for residents and visitors alike. He blamed the ongoing Safaikaramchhari agitation for exac-

erbatating the issue and urged immediate government intervention.

Additionally, Dimple demanded the Public Works Department (PWD) to undertake blacktopping of roads and construct ring roads and flyovers to alleviate traffic problems. Specific demands included a metro train from Amphalla to Akhnoor via Janipur High Court, Roop Nagar, and Bantalab, and flyovers at Rehari Chungi and Jewel Chowk. He claimed no development had occurred in Jammu city in the past decade, leaving the city's infrastructure in shambles.

The protest saw participation from several prominent traders, including Bilo Pahlwan, Arun Verma, Vikas, Daleep, Kala Singh, Raspal Singh, Devinder Singh, Akash, and others, who expressed solidarity with Dimple's demands.

Traditional Tribal Knowledge requires documentation: Dr. Javaid Rahi

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JAMMU, Nov 27: "The traditional tribal knowledge system, a treasure trove of centuries-old wisdom passed through oral traditions, urgently requires documentation to safeguard it from the threats posed by modernization and media influence," stated noted tribal researcher Dr. Javaid Rahi during the Janjatiya Gourav Week celebrations organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Rahi emphasized the critical need for preserving the rich heritage of tribal knowledge and culture. He urged tribal communities and researchers to work towards its systematic documentation, preservation, and propagation to ensure that future generations can benefit from this invaluable resource.

Highlighting the pivotal role of youth, he encouraged tribal students to take pride in their identity and actively engage in preserving their traditional ways of life.

As part of the celebrations, an educational tour was organized for approximately 60 tribal students from various divisions of the Jammu



region. The students explored CSIR-IIIM's research laboratories, gaining real-time, hands-on experience in scientific activities.

Lectures on scientific advancements and career opportunities were delivered by Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Scientist, and Dr. (Mrs.) Deepika Singh, Principal Scientist and Head, QMI. The lectures aimed to inspire tribal youth to consider science and research as potential career paths.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, welcomed the tribal students and highlighted the institute's ongoing contributions to societal welfare through scientific innovation. He expressed hope that the students' visit would inspire them to explore science further and consider it as a career choice.

The event concluded with a vibrant cultural program showcasing

the tribal traditions and folk culture of Jammu and Kashmir. The visiting students were felicitated with mementos and certificates by Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Vikram Singh, Senior Controller of Administration, and Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist, CSIR-IIIM.

The program was coordinated by Abhishek Gupta, Akhil Verma, Vishal Kunyal, and Kajol Sharma, with Rajesh Gupta, Administrative Officer, delivering a formal vote of thanks. Gupta emphasized the importance of education for individual and societal upliftment, urging the students to prioritize learning and personal growth.

This initiative underscored CSIR-IIIM's commitment to empowering tribal communities through education and scientific awareness, reinforcing the significance of preserving tribal knowledge and culture for generations to come.

EDITORIAL

E-Daakhil: A Digital Revolution

E-Daakhil, launched under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, is a pioneering initiative aimed at streamlining the consumer grievance redressal process in India. It provides consumers with a seamless, paperless mechanism to lodge complaints against goods or services. Designed to eliminate the complexities of traditional complaint filing methods, E-Daakhil offers a digital alternative that enhances convenience, transparency, and accountability. This platform is an integral part of the Indian government's efforts to promote digital governance and ensure efficient resolution of consumer disputes.

The platform's primary feature is its user-friendly interface, which allows consumers to electronically file complaints with district, state, or national Consumer Commissions. It removes geographical barriers, enabling people from remote areas to access justice without the need for physical visits. Alongside this, E-Daakhil offers a secure payment gateway for fee submission, real-time case tracking, and electronic communication between complainants and the commissions. By integrating these features, E-Daakhil has simplified the traditionally cumbersome process of consumer grievance redressal.

Using E-Daakhil is straightforward. Consumers must first register on the portal and log in to access its dashboard. After selecting the appropriate jurisdiction, they can submit their complaints, upload supporting documents like receipts and warranties, and pay the prescribed fees through the integrated payment gateway. Once the complaint is filed, the system enables users to track its progress and receive updates via SMS or email, ensuring transparency at every step of the process.

The significance of E-Daakhil lies in its ability to make consumer rights accessible to all. It eliminates the need for extensive paperwork and reduces procedural delays, making the grievance redressal process faster and more efficient. The platform is particularly beneficial for individuals who previously faced challenges in filing complaints due to physical distance or limited resources. Moreover, it aligns with the Digital India initiative, encouraging digital literacy and adoption among citizens.

Despite its many advantages, E-Daakhil faces some challenges. The digital divide, particularly in rural areas, limits its accessibility for certain sections of the population. Technical issues, such as server downtimes, can also hinder its functionality. Furthermore, many consumers remain unaware of their rights and the availability of such digital tools. Addressing these challenges requires targeted awareness campaigns, improved technical infrastructure, and the establishment of support centers to assist users in navigating the platform.

The impact of E-Daakhil has been significant. It has democratized access to justice, empowering consumers to seek redressal for their grievances efficiently. The platform has also reduced the burden on Consumer Commissions by digitizing submissions and minimizing paperwork. As a result, more complaints are being resolved, reflecting the system's effectiveness and reliability.

In conclusion, E-Daakhil represents a transformative step in consumer protection, embodying the Indian government's commitment to leveraging technology for public welfare. By simplifying the grievance redressal process, it ensures that consumers have a voice in the system and that their rights are upheld. While challenges persist, continued efforts to enhance its accessibility and functionality will make E-Daakhil a cornerstone of consumer justice in India. This platform not only safeguards consumer interests but also strengthens trust in the nation's governance and economy.

By: Omkar Dattatray

Constitution of India is the supreme document of the country and it in fact is the life line of the nation. All other laws are subservient to constitution. The grateful nation celebrated Constitution Day yesterday that is on 26th November 2024 with enthusiasm. On this occasion various functions and programmes were held across the country. Formation and drafting of the Indian constitution has a long history as the constitution was not drafted in few days. The constitution drafting committee drafted the present constitution under the chairmanship of Dr B.R. Ambedkar who is rightly regarded the chief architect of the constitution. Constitution of the country was adopted on 26th November 1949 and it came into effect and force on 26th November 1950. Thus 26th November has a special importance for the government, political parties and people of the country at large. From year 2015, we are celebrating the constitution day and it is celebrated with great pomp and show as well as with gaiety. On 26th November 2024 [Tuesday] we celebrated the 75th year of the adoption of the constitution across the country. Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas is observed annually on November 26 to mark the adoption of the constitution of India. On this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the constitution and it came into effect on 26th January 1950. Celebrating constitution Day is primarily to honor Dr Ambedkar who played a pivotal role in drafting the constitution of independent India. India celebrated the 75th anniversary of its constitution on November 26. Prime Minister Modi commemorated the occasion, highlighting the documents importance. This followed the Supreme Court's rejection of petitions challenging the 1976 amendment that added -socialist, secular and integrity to the preamble of the constitution. On 26th January 1950, India will be an independent country, "father of the Indian constitution

BR Ambedkar had said as he presented the draft of the Indian constitution seventy five years ago. But this optimism was accompanied by the anxiety of "will she maintain her independence or will she lose it again." But this anxiety proved wrong. India has maintained its independence and she will continue to remain as an independent country in future as well. PM Narendra Modi extended his wishes to the citizens saying "Happy constitution Day to all the countrymen on the auspicious occasion of 75th anniversary of the Indian constitution," as he went on to explain the significance of the book. This comes a day after the Apex court rejected the petitions sought to challenge the 1976 amendment to the constitution, which added the terms "socialist", "secular", and "integrity" into the preamble. These words were added through the 42rd Constitutional Amendment, passed during the tenure of the Indira Gandhi government. On November 19, 2015, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced the Government of India's decision to observe November 26 as Constitution Day each year, with the aim of promoting the various values enshrined in the constitution among citizens. From being used as a weapon in politics to being a tool for the judiciary, the book has single-handedly acted as the legislative, the executive and judiciary rule book and guide. Ambedkar has said about the apprehensions about the success of the constitution "Indeed, if I may say so, if things go wrong under the new constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad constitution. What we will have to say is, that Man was vile." But the constitution has stood the test of time as the country and its politico-legal system is functioning well all these years of its enforcement and we should take pride in it. Constitution Day serves as a tribute to the vision of the Constituent Assembly, which comprised leaders and thinkers from diverse fields and backgrounds. It underscores the transformative journey of India from a colonized nation to a sov-

ereign nation. The objectives of constitution Day celebration promotes the following goals. Building Constitutional Awareness - "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman" focusses on simplifying and popularizing the Constitution's core principles for the citizens. It helps citizens understand the values of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity that the constitution promotes. The slogan of the Constitution Day is -There is no democracy without constitution. However slogan of the constitution varies every year focusing on different aspects of the constitution. Constitution defines democracy so we should understand its supremacy. The whole country runs according to a constitution so respect it. Constitution protects our rights all the day and night. Constitution Day also known as Samvidhan Diwas, is celebrated every year on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Indian constitution shaping the democratic framework of the nation. Under the leadership of BR Ambedkar, the Constituent Assembly finalized the constitution after three years in 1949. The constitution of India as already said above came into effect on January 26, 1950, marking the birth anniversary of the Indian Republic. Recognizing the significance of this historic event, the Government of India officially declared November 26 as Constitution Day in 2015, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The constituent Assembly drafted the constitution in 1946 under the 1946 Cabinet Mission Plan. BR Ambedkar chaired the Drafting Committee which prepared the longest constitution which originally included 395 articles, 22 parts and 12 schedules. The constitution though almost sacrosanct is subject to amendments. The constitution has undergone several amendments. One of the amendments in 1976 through the 42rd Amendment introduced Article 51-A listing ten duties inspired by Indian traditions and global practices. An eleventh duty was added in 2002. It is worth noting that the is the constitution is supreme document of the country and it

binds the legislature, executive, judiciary and the fourth estate that is the press. All the organs of the government have to work within the confines and jurisdiction laid down by the constitution. Anything which violates the constitution and is ultra virus and so is void and illegal. Constitution is almost Sacrosanct but it can be amended by following the procedure given in the constitution itself. But the basic structure of the constitution cannot be altered and amended. The Government of India declared 26 November as Constitution Day on 19 November 2015 by a gazette notification. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made the declaration on 11 October 2015 while laying the foundation stone of the B.R. Ambedkar's Statue of Equality memorial in Mumbai. The year 2021 was the 131st birth anniversary of Ambedkar, who had chaired the drafting committee of the Constituent Assembly and played a pivotal role in the drafting of the constitution. Previously this day was celebrated as Law Day. 26 November was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread the thoughts and values as well as ideas of Ambedkar. Constitution Day is not a public holiday. Various departments of the Government of India celebrate the constitution Day. Centre government, state governments and the UT's celebrate the day. In our J&K UT LG Manoj Sinha chaired a function to commemorate the Constitution Day and addressed the gathering and threw light on the principles enshrined in the constitution. To sum up, it can be opined that constitution of India is the life line of the country and guide to the three wings of government and the press. Let us celebrate constitution Day with pride and uphold the constitution.

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

Strict steps will have to be taken to stop air pollution

By: Vijay Garg

North India has entered another season of high air pollution with winter. With the air quality index (AQI) rising above 400 since mid-November, several emergency measures have been implemented in the National Capital Region, such as closing schools and allowing half of the private sector employees to work from home. Delhi may be at the center of air pollution discussions, but it is an equally important crisis for other parts of North India. Last Many North Indian cities have recorded very poor air quality this week. The health of children, pregnant women and the elderly is especially at risk from high air pollution. This can cause many health problems, including serious respiratory infections and heart disease. But why does North India get engulfed in fog every time winter arrives? Haze or smog is a type of air pollution, which is a mixture of smoke, fog and other pollutants. This is due to the poor air quality in the region, which includes local and Pollution coming from both regional and regional sources is included. Local sources like

dust from unpaved roads and construction activities, smoke from vehicles and open burning of garbage add to pollution. But during the winter months, the situation becomes worse due to some seasonal sources like stubble burning and adverse weather conditions like north-westerly winds, decreasing wind speed and falling temperature. Therefore, to address air pollution, there is a need to take targeted steps throughout the year that address the root causes of smog and its solutions. Be focused on. First, cities in North India should adopt forecast-based preventive measures to reduce smog days. Many cities now have state-of-the-art Air Quality Decision Support Systems (ADSS), which use forecasting and modeling data. The Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) estimates that proactive, predictive emergency measures have reduced the number of days with severe air pollution in cities like Delhi. Now such predictions These are also available for 45 other cities including Amritsar, Bhiwani, Gurugram and Patna, so that clean air planning can be done proactively instead of taking action after high levels of pollution are detected. Some cities like Thane in Maharashtra

are even using AQDSS to crack down on sources of air pollution like illegal construction and dumping of demolition waste, which is a major source of pollution in cities. More and more cities in North India should consider such measures. Second, farmers in North India should be encouraged for better management of paddy straw. Instead of blaming stubble burning, the focus needs to be on improving ground facilities for its in situ and ex-situ management options. According to a CEEW study, government efforts have increased the availability of stubble management machines in Punjab, and more than 58 percent of farmers reported using them. Awareness campaigns should be run throughout the year to inform farmers about the benefits of adopting alternatives to not burning stubble. This can reduce fertilizer costs and water use and improve soil health. Third, as temperatures drop in winter, urban authorities in North India should prepare to build adequate heated shelters and order heaters to be provided to security guards. Night-time workers and homeless people often burn biomass for heat, leading to periodic increases (at different times) in urban air pol-

lution. Fourth, activities such as construction and transportation contribute to pollution throughout the year. Systemic reforms should be brought to improve the sources. For example, compliance with the conditions set for construction sites is addressed only during the winter months. This limited activism needs to change. On the transport front, cities can take advantage of existing mobility policies and government schemes to accelerate the transition towards phasing out old vehicles and public transport, including electric bus fleets. With this, cities will be able to improve last mile connectivity, punctuality and availability of public transport. Focus should be on attracting more and more passengers to use it while improving the service quality. Finally, clean air efforts must involve citizens.

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GDC R.S. Pura organizes Awareness Rally on Drug Abuse

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R S PURA, Nov 27: In a significant move to combat drug abuse, Tobacco Free/Control Committee in collaboration with Drug De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Cell of GDC R. S. Pura organized an extensive awareness Rally on Wednesday.

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 able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Princi-



pal of the College and flagged off by Dr. Neena Gupta, Associate Professor and HOD English.

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.

A large number of students, enthusiastically participated in the rally and also raised slogans highlighting the importance of unity in the fight against drug substance abuse. The students also interacted with the

general masses around to aware them regarding the health issues related to drug misuse. The whole event was coordinated by Prof Sanjeev Upadhyay and co-coordinated by Prof Neelam Kumari convenor Tobacco free and Drug De-Addiction Com-

mittee respectively.

The 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.

The faculty members including Prof. Jugal Kishore, Prof Sankait Gupta, Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Dr. Hari Singh Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Dr. Rakesh Kalotra and Dr. Rekha Rani also accompanied the rally.

GDC Kilhotran celebrates Constitution Day 2024



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DODA, Nov 27: Under the guidance and supervision of Principal Dr. Javid Iqbal Zargar and under the aegis of IQAC GDC Kilhotran celebrated Constitution Day on 26th November 2024, with active participation from the staff, and students of the college.

The event aimed to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. A pledge was taken by the attendees to reaffirm their faith in the Constitution of India.

Prof. Zain Batt, HOD, Political Science was a keynote speaker on the occasion. He elucidated the significance of the Indian Constitution, detailing its adoption on 26th November and

highlighting its salient features. The students were provided with insights into the historical context and the principles that form the foundation of the Constitution.

He enlightened the students about Dr. B.R Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, and his meticulous efforts to ensure the representation of aspirations from all sections of society.

The Indian Constitution, being the lengthiest document, outlines the rights and duties of all citizens, reflecting the diverse values of the nation. He advised students to uphold these constitutional values in the future.

Several faculty members, including Dr. Riyaz Ahmad, Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad, Dr. Mohd Aslam

Rather, Dr. Tasir Sharief, Prof. Vicky Rattan, Prof. Zakir Ali, Dr. Mudassar Nazar, Prof. Joat Singh, Prof. Sandeep Kumar, Dr. Imtiaz Batt, Dr. Irshad Mir, Dr. Nasir Zargar, Dr. Tehleel Ahmad, Yassir Ahmed, Annu and Davinder Kour were present on the occasion.

Dr. Nasir Zargar delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude for the active participation and highlighting the importance of continuing to educate and promote constitutional values among the youth.

It is pertinent to mention here that a Quiz Competition was also organized by the Department of Political Science on the theme of Constitution of India and Constitutionalism.

Popularity of PM Narendra Modi is at its peak all over the world: Chandel

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JAMMU, Nov 27: Senior Hindu Sanatani BJP leader Raju Chandel while talking to journalists here today said that the popularity of our country's successful Prime Minister and Vishva Guru Narendra Modi is at its peak all over the world and all the world leaders consider him as their supreme leader while the United Nations is refusing to accept India's growing power and is ignoring it.

Chandel said that ever since our country's successful Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has become the Prime Minister, the sycophant leaders of the United Nations do not want to accept India's growing stature nor do they want to give India a permanent seat on demand.

All the powerful countries of the world want to work together with our India and the United Nations is avoiding giving India a permanent seat. Therefore, now the time



has come that the country's proud Prime Minister and world-renowned Vishva Guru Shri Narendra Modi should take the initiative and establish a United Nations whose headquarters should be made in Bharat Mandapam Stadium Pragati Maidan, Delhi.

Only then will the eyes of the people of the world open and they will openly accept India's power because today's United Nations has become a puppet in the hands of capitalist countries.

Chandel said that today's United Nations is not working for humanity at all. The bigger thing is that India alone helps the

people and countries of the whole world with an open heart. Therefore, it is very important to establish a new United Nations. By doing this, India can help even more poor countries. Today's United Nations has become a stage and our India's United Nations can strongly help the whole world and can work well in the whole world to establish peace in the world.

Chandel said that the country's United Nations can strongly help the whole world and can work well in the whole world to establish peace in the world. If the successful Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi establishes the United Nations in India, then the pride of the country will be firmly established in the whole world and the country will work as a Vishwaguru in the whole world. It is necessary for today's India to have its own United Nations, only then the fame and glory of our country will spread in all four directions.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organizes Nukad Natak on dangers of cybercrime

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JAMMU, Nov 27: In a bid to raise awareness about the rising threat of cybercrime, Cyber Jagrookta Cell of GCW Bhagwati Nagar in collaboration with a group of passionate theatre artists and social activists from Quick Heal Organisation, organised a thought-provoking Nukad Natak on the dangers of cybercrime.

The performance was staged both at college premises and in the adjoining locality, aiming to educate and engage citizens on how to protect them in the digital age.

The play, titled "Digital Danger: Stay Safe Online," explored various forms of cybercrime, including identity theft, online scams, phishing attacks, cyber bullying, and data breaches. Through a combination of humor, drama, and impactful storytelling, the Nukad Natak highlighted the vulnerability of individuals in the face of growing digital threats, while also offering practical solutions for avoiding common pitfalls.

The initiative is part of a larger campaign to promote cyber safety and digital literacy among people of all ages. Prin-

icipal of the college Dr. Meeru Abrol while addressing the gathering highlighted that cybercrime has become a major concern in today's increasingly connected world, and many people are unaware of how easily they can fall victim to it and through such street plays, we aim to make people more aware of the risks and provide them with simple yet effective tools to stay safe online.

The play is not just a form of entertainment but also an important educational tool, ensuring that the message reaches a wide and diverse audience.

Additionally, the play encouraged audience interaction, inviting them to ask questions and share their own experiences related to cyber safety.

The Nukad Natak was a part of an ongoing effort to create a more informed and digitally responsible society, empowering individuals to navigate the online world securely. The event was organized by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Convenor Cyber Jagrookta Cell of the college, to promote social change and public awareness through the power of theatre and the arts.

Constitution Day celebrated at SPMR College



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: SPMR College of Commerce organized a vibrant and thoughtful celebration on the occasion of Constitution Day to honor the adoption of the Constitution of India on November 26, 1949.

The day was marked with a series of educational activities aimed at raising awareness about the significance of the Constitution and its role in shaping India's democratic framework.

The celebration commenced with the reading of the Preamble of the Constitution by faculty members and students, reaffirming their commitment to the core ideals of the Constitution, including justice, equality, fraternity, and liberty.

The principal of the college, Dr. Rajinder Singh, presided over the ceremony and in his message to the students, emphasized the importance of the Constitution in ensuring justice, liberty, and equality for all citizens. He reminded the students and staff of the democratic values upheld by the Constitution, which continue to guide India towards inclusive growth and social harmony.

Later a programme on 4th Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas was also organized to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the legendary Freedom Fighter and Tribal Leader.

In the event students gave speeches and held discussions on the life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the Col-

lege Dr. Rajinder Singh advised students to learn more about freedom fighters and to take inspiration from their lives. He stressed that Shri Birsa Munda laid down his life at an early age for the freedom of the country, and said that students should take a pledge to serve the nation in all their endeavours.

The event was coordinated and managed by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Sunal Sharma, Dr. Deepak Pathania and Prof. Shaji Khan.

Other faculty members present on the occasion included Dr. Reena Rani, Prof. Rekha Gupta, Prof. Binny Kumar, Dr. Madhu Bala, Dr. Roomi Rani, Prof. Sanjeev Verma, Prof. Esha Abrol, Dr. Neeru Anand, Dr. Mamta and Prof. Sabia.

Afreen Hyder shines at China Open International Championship

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 27: Afreen Hyder has brought pride to the nation by securing the silver medal at the prestigious China Open International Championship, held in Shaoxing, China, from 21st to 26th November 2024.

She displayed exceptional skill and determination, narrowly missing out on the gold in a closely contested final against a formidable opponent from China.

Afreen's stellar performance has earned her a spot in another highly regarded event,



the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Challenge, which will take place in Wuxi, China, from 3rd to 9th December 2024.

The sports community and fans alike are eagerly looking forward to her continued success on the international stage.

NSF constitutes JU unit; Gourav Partap nominated as president



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: National Secular Forum (NSF) on Wednesday constituted its Jammu University unit and Gourav Partap Singh appointed as the President, Irfan Ahmed as Chairman, Rishabh Sharma as Working President and Pankaj Sharma as Senior Vice-President of the University Unit.

Saleem Malik, Aditya Sharma, Ashaf Ahmed, and Sahil Sharma were appointed as Vice-President.

Innam Nasser and Atul Sharma were appointed as general secretary.

Ashwani Sharma, Farhan Khan, Ajay Singh, Arun Sharma were appointed as secretaries while Imtiaz Ahmed was appointed as press-secretary. Shoaib Mehmood was appointed as office-Secretary.

Ankush Sharma was publicity secretary while Atul Sharma, Sachin Kumar, Vipul, Tehraj, Sunil Sharma, Bablu, Sawan, Sumit Kumar, Shivek and others were nominated as executive body members.

The body was constituted during a meeting held under the chairmanship of Vikshay Vashist State Secretary NSF, Roshan Sharma Jammu District President and Abhishek Uppal Jammu District Chairman who also dis-

cussed various issues and demands of the students.

On the occasion, Vikshay Vashist said that the National Secular Forum has always been in the forefront for raising the voice of the students vociferously. He asked the new President Jammu University to work against drug addiction and show good path to the youth. He also said that we would launch the struggle for restoration of the full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

District President Jammu, Roshan Sharma also said that amongst others, the main aim and objective of NSF has been taking cognizance of problems of students and solving them on priority and that is why the students believe and trust the students-friendly policies of National Secular Forum. He urged that the trust of students' community has to be maintained at all costs.

NSS Unit of GDC Chatroo celebrates Constitution Day

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 27: NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Chatroo today celebrated Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas) with great enthusiasm and reverence.

The event marked the 76th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution, which



serves as the cornerstone of India's democratic governance and societal harmony.

The celebration commenced with the ceremonial reading of the Preamble to the Constitution

by Dr. Vikram Rathore, Head of Environment Science Department inspiring everyone present to reflect on the core values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution.

The highlight of the event was an insightful lecture delivered by the Principal of GDC Chatroo, Prof. (Dr.) Ved

Kumar, on the Importance of the Constitution.

In his address, Prof. Kumar emphasized the visionary framework of the Indian Constitution, its role in safeguarding the rights of citizens, and its dynamic adaptability to societal progress.

He encouraged students to uphold constitutional values in their lives and contribute positively

to the nation's growth.

The event witnessed active participation from faculty members and students, who expressed their thoughts on the significance of Samvidhan Diwas.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Assistant Professor Chander Parkash (NSS coordinator) and Head Department of History.

In states like Kerala, producers are readily available. Here most of us end up dipping into our own pockets, says Shimla-based filmmaker and writer Devkanya Thakur

When someone was saying 'you can't have it all', Devkanya Thakur was clearly not listening. Filmmaker, writer, poet, founder of Shimla International Film Festival and now member of Preview Committee for Best Debut Director of Indian Film Feature Award, International Film Festival of India, her plate is more than full. Biting into what others might find difficult to chew, she digests it all with a flourish. "All disciplines are not only interconnected, but feed off each other," she observes.

Rather things in her life have been offset almost like a chain reaction. Her foray into journalism led her into filmmaking. As her thesis/ research paper spoke about absence of property rights for tribal women in Himachal Pradesh, she set out to take the message wider and made her first documentary, No Woman's Land. The film earned a mention by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and found place in prestigious film festivals. As she delved into women's rights and concepts like polyandry, a poem, Pahad Ki Aurat, acquired shape and so did a radio show by the same name, which won a National Award.

In 2015, her brainchild Shimla International Film Festival was born out of a simple desire to showcase her acclaimed film No Woman's Land with like-minded enthusiasts. Often, she finds herself at odds with those who see cinema only as a means of entertainment. For, a short course on film appreciation at the prestigious Film and Training Institute of India, Pune, not only taught her how



to approach filmmaking individually but also changed the meaning of movies for her. More recently, when she saw 117 films to shortlist five along with seven other jury members for IFFI's committee, she was floored by the vision of many filmmakers, especially those from South India and North East. She says, "There were so many authentic voices. Since not all films can be part of IFFI's selection, I have decided to include many in the next edition of my film festival in Shimla."

Why northern region lags behind in making quality cinema? She finds government policies and lack of finances as major stumbling blocks. "In states like Kerala, produc-

ers are readily available. Here most of us end up dipping into our own pockets," she adds. For her latest film Poutu, with which she has taken to fiction, she too had to seek the support of her partner in creativity, her brother Pushp Raj Thakur, also the co-founder of Shimla International Film Festival. Poutu, incidentally, is the name of the dress which Himachalis wear and is often woven by female members of the family. The film interweaves relationships and weaves of the state to impress upon its cultural traditions and changing social matrix. Being a woman filmmaker, the first challenge indeed is to overcome the inherent gender bias ingrained in our society. Then finding the

right technical crew too is a concern and she quips, "Often I have to make-do with camerapersons whose only qualification is making marriage videos." As a filmmaker, her singular mission is, "To show Himachalis as they are and their struggles, how vagaries of weather and climate change affect them adversely." She has no issues with Bollywood makers who romanticise the hill state for 'fantasy too is an integral part of cinema'.

A proud pahadi aurat, she can see many pluses in her state and natural beauty is only the tip of the iceberg. "One big advantage is how it allows me thehava, ample time to pause and ponder," she muses. It's this leisured pace of things, which grants her the luxury to wear many hats at the same time. Only she is in no hurry to reach the top. Slow and steady is part of her Himachali DNA. As it is, to make a mark with dogged tenacity.

Among her many laurels is a community radio station through which she disseminates knowledge in a mix of Hindi and pahadi dialect. Films like Behind The Bars, a look at the life in jails, has won her first prize from National Human Rights Commission. Gleeefully, this mother of two avers, "I am a modern woman. I want it all — career, husband, motherhood." A classic case of having her cake and eating it too.... But none of it has been a cakewalk. As she writes, 'Barfili hawaon se ladi hoon mein.... samay ke chakr ko chupchaap bhedti mein pahad ki aurat. (I have braced the chill of winds....Me a hill woman quietly penetrating the cycle of time.)'

Rakul Preet Singh pays heartfelt tribute to parents on anniversary



Actress Rakul Preet Singh shared a heartfelt tribute to the two most important people in her life, her parents, whom she credits with teaching her the true meaning of love. In a touching post, Rakul wished her parents, mother Rini Singh and father Kulvinder Singh, on their wedding anniversary,

expressing her admiration and gratitude for the love they share.

The actress took to her Instagram handle and dropped a heartfelt video featuring her candid and happy moments with her parents. Alongside it, Rakul wrote in the caption, "Happy anniversary to my pillars two people

who showed me the meaning of love, mutual respect and partnership. Mommyyy and popsiii your journey together has shaped our lives in ways I can't even express. May your love continue to shine brightly forever n ever . Love you both so sooo much! @rinishing491 @kayjay.singh."

Wishing her in-laws, Rakul's husband and actor-producer Jacky Bhagnani posted a smiling photo of his father and mother-in-law, calling them the "most loving parents." For the caption, Jacky wrote, "Happy Anniversary to the most loving parents. Wishing you both a day filled with love, joy and beautiful memories as you celebrate all the years of laughter, care and warmth you've shared. Your love is the building block in our lives, every room lights up with your presence and I am so grateful for the love and support you have always shown. Here's to a lifetime of happiness and togetherness."

On the professional front, Rakul Preet will next be seen in the upcoming film 'De De Pyaar De 2' alongside Ajay Devgn and R Madhavan. Rakul and Devgn will be reprising their roles from the first part.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas braves London rain for 'Citadel 2' Shoot

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas shared a glimpse of a "chilling" picture of herself all soaked up as she shot for a rain scene in London in November.

Priyanka took to her Instagram stories, where she shared several pictures and clips. The first was a hallway covered with blood and she asked "What do you think is happening in this episode of Citadel 2?"

She also shared a picture of herself covered with jackets and hot water bottle to keep herself warm after shooting for a rain scene. The actress looks visibly cold as she smiled at the camera. For the caption, she wrote: "When it's a rain scene in November in London."

A few days ago, Priyanka took to Instagram, where she shared a gamut of images, where she had the sun rays fall



on her perfect skin.

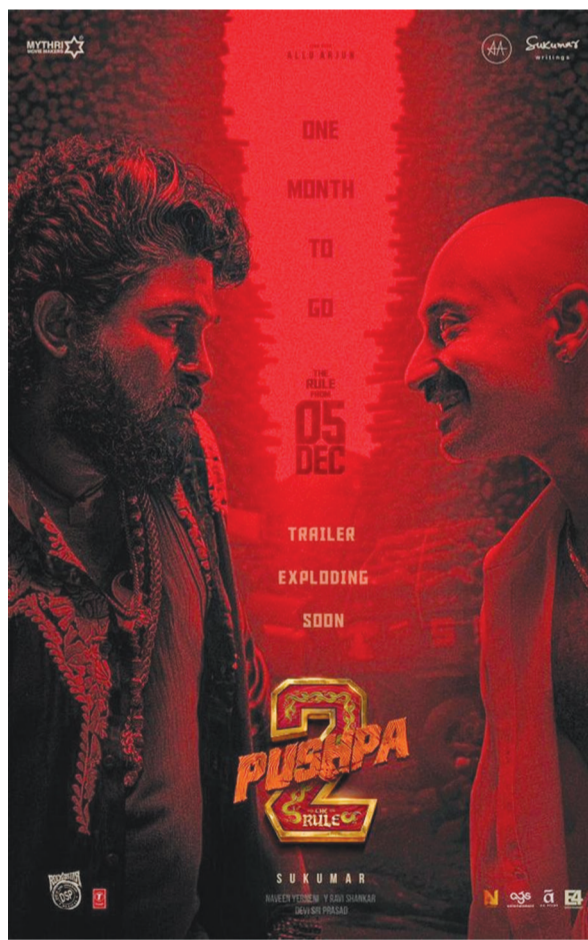
In the last two pictures, the actress, who is seen in a burgundy outfit standing and striking a pose for the camera as the sun added the perfect natural lighting to the photographs. It was the same outfit she shared her latest pictures as she shot for a rain sequence. "Playing with the sun....," she wrote as the caption.

On the professional front, Priyanka, who was last seen in Sam Heughan and Celine Dion-starrer 'Love Again', is all set to be seen in the series 'Citadel 2'. In the actioner, Priyanka will reprise her role as the fiery Nadia. Actor Richard Madden will also return. Other details about the second installment are still under wraps.

'Oo Antava' vs 'Kissik': 'Pushpa 2's' new song ignites debate among fans

After Samantha Ruth Prabhu's 'Oo Antava' from the Allu Arjun's blockbuster 'Pushpa: The Rise' spread like wildfire in 2021, the makers of the film, who are now gearing up for the second installment of the film, dropped their song 'Kissik' featuring Sreeleela.

However, it seems the new song has not hit the right chord with the listeners. The song was dropped by the label T-Series on YouTube on Monday and has over 114,41,271 views currently in its Hindi version and 3.2 lakh likes. The Telugu version has 5 lakh likes with 2,96,51,824 views on the platform. However, it is the comment section that catches the eye as listeners have penned down their thoughts on the track, which is sung by Lothika and Sub-



lashini.

The music is given by Rockstar DSP and the lyrics are penned by Raqueeb Alam. One said: "It seems to be like a Dhinchak pooja production songs", to which a user even replied saying, "Dhinchak Pooja jyada best hai."

Another said, "Yeh kya bana diya bhai (what have you made)."

A netizen praised the 2021 song 'Oo Antava' and said, "Oo Antava song and Samantha's dance = wildfire." While one said, "OO Antava was emotions." "After listening this song, feeling glad that Shradha rejected this song," said another.

One simply said: "Mood kharaab kr diya (spoil the mood.)" In the Telugu version of the song, fans just drew comparisons between 'Oo Antava' and 'Kissik'

I wrote, "I think this song does not have the same momentum as in Oo Antava song."

"Kissik: Fire, Oo Antava vava: Wild fire," said another. A third user said: "Kissik = international, Oo Antava - Intergalactic."

However, there were some who praised the number too. Some said that Rockstar DSP's music is like slow poison and that the track will slowly start ruling the hearts. The film also stars Rashmika Mandanna, who will reprise her role as Srivalli in 'Pushpa: The Rule'.

The film releases on December 5. The makers unveiled its trailer on November 17 in Patna, Bihar. The sequel to the film promises a high-voltage action-drama with Telugu superstar Allu Arjun at the forefront.

Sunny Deol wishes son with heartfelt post, calls him his 'pride'

Actor Sunny Deol took to social media to wish his son Karan on his birthday.

On Wednesday, the dotting father posted a video showing their candid moments. The video captured several heartwarming and joyful moments shared by the Deol family during vacations and other occasions.

The clip opens with Sunny relaxing on a rooftop, surrounded by snowy mountains and clouds. The actor playfully said, "Hi, we're father and son here, sitting on the rooftop trying to catch these

clouds." The clip transitions into a series of snapshots, showcasing the special bond between Sunny and Karan. Some moments also include his younger son, Rajveer Deol, and father, Dharmendra.

In one of the clips, the 'Hero' actor is seen motivating his son saying, "This is what it is. Nothing to worry about. Just do it. Okay, love you," before planting a tender kiss on Karan's head. The post concludes with a video of Karan successfully completing the task in the mountains, cheered on by Sunny, who enthusiastically



exclaims, "That was good... Wow, Rocky!" Sharing this endear-

ing video, Sunny wrote in the caption, 'Happy Birthday My Rocky! You

are my pride and my heart.'

Karan stepped into acting in 2019 with his debut film 'Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas', co-starring Sahher Bambha, and directed by Sunny.

Reports suggest that Karan's next project will be 'Apne 2', featuring a powerhouse cast that includes Sunny, Dharmendra, and uncle Bobby Deol.

On the other hand, Sunny is currently busy shooting for Rajkumar Santoshi's movie 'Lahore 1947' alongside Preity Zinta. He also has an upcoming war drama 'Border 2' in the pipeline.

Sharvari's secret to staying entertained on 13-hour shoots



Actress Sharvari has revealed the secret on how she kept herself

entertained after long hours on set. Sharvari took to her Instagram

stories, where she shared a picture of herself with her hair clips. She is looking into the camera and smiling. The actress flaunted her perfect skin with a hint of blush on her cheeks and a subtle lipstick.

For the caption, the actress, who is seen sitting in the dressing area, wrote, "Keeping myself entertained after 13 hours on set."

Talking about her professional life, the actress is gearing up for her upcoming film 'Alpha', a spy thriller. The film also stars Alia Bhatt. It is slated to release in December, 2025.

CJI advocates advance letters for case withdrawals to streamline proceedings

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Wednesday emphasised the importance of preemptive communication in court processes and suggested that lawyers submit advance letters for case withdrawals rather than relying on oral submissions during hearings.

The CJI has been taking several procedural steps to streamline the judicial process in the top court. On November 12, he said no oral submissions for urgent listing and hearing of cases would be permitted and urged lawyers to either send emails or written letters for it.

On Wednesday, the CJI suggested lawyers file advance let-



ters for case withdrawals rather than making oral submissions while hearing a transfer petition in a family dispute case.

The counsel in the case informed the bench that the

parties had resolved their differences and wished to withdraw the transfer petition.

Granting the withdrawal, the CJI remarked that advance notice would enhance court

efficiency.

"If you have any such requests, you can always give a letter to the Court Master, one day in advance or two days in advance," the CJI said. "That will help us resolve the matter or not read the files. Whenever you have a request for withdrawal, you can always submit it."

While speaking at the Constitution Day function organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) at the apex court on Tuesday, the CJI said he made various attempts to look into the issues and problems faced by the members of the Bar and sought cooperation in making positive changes.

Need to make existing laws more stringent to curb vulgar content on social media: Vaishnaw



NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday said there is a need to make existing laws more stringent to curb vulgar content on social media platforms.

In the Lok Sabha, the Information and Broadcasting Minister said the Parliamentary Standing Committee should take up the issue and also called for a consensus to frame more strict laws in this regard.

Earlier, there were editorial checks and it was decided whether something was right or wrong but those checks have ended. Today, social media is a platform for freedom of press but it is uncontrolled and there is vulgar content, the minister said during the Question Hour.

There is a need to make existing laws more stringent to curb vulgar content on social media platforms, Vaishnaw said amid din in the House.

He was responding to questions by BJP member Arun Govil about existing mechanisms to check telecast of vulgar and sex-related content through social media platforms illegally and whether the government proposes to make the existing laws more stringent keeping in view the fact that the said laws are not much effective to stop misuse of these platforms.

Those who 'strangled' Constitution now talking about saving it: Adityanath slams opposition

PRAYAGRAJ (UP), Nov 27 (Agencies): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday hit out at the opposition parties, accusing them of "strangling" the Constitution while in power and now making a noise about saving it.

His remarks came a day after the country celebrated the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution on Tuesday. Addressing the 136th convocation of the Allahabad University here, Adityanath argued that the original Constitution, drafted by the B R Ambedkar-led panel on November 26, 1949, did not include the words "secular" or "socialist". "These words were added when Parliament was dissolved, the powers of the judiciary were nullified, and democracy was attacked," he said in an apparent attack at the Congress.



"Those who had strangled the Constitution are today making a noise that the Constitution is in danger, democracy is in danger. The question arises when will the society evaluate such people who are a threat to democracy."

"They not only made a malicious attempt to tamper with the Constitution but also tried to paralyse democracy completely," he said.

Targeting the Samajwadi Party, he said those who promote nepotism under the garb of socialism can never be the role model for the country's youths.

"What did Ram Manohar Lohia say? A true socialist can work without having any attachments. Aren't these (SP) people flattering a particular family by becoming their slaves?" he said.

At the convocation ceremony, the chief minister honoured famous litterateur, poet and alumnus of the university Kumar Vishwas with an honorary degree.

He also awarded gold medals to eight students, including seven girls and presented degrees to 144 students who have passed out this year.

How long can Partha Chatterjee be kept in jail? SC questions ED over low conviction rate

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Wednesday questioned the ED over the low rate of convictions in money laundering cases, wondering for how long former West Bengal minister Partha Chatterjee, arrested over alleged irregularities in academic staff recruitment in the state, could be kept in jail.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said Chatterjee has been incarcerated for over two years and the trial in the case was yet to commence.

"What will happen if we don't grant bail? Trial is yet to commence, there are 183 witnesses in the cases. Trial will take time...How long can we keep him? That is the question. Here is a case where more than two years have gone. How to strike balance in such case?" the Bench asked Additional Solicitor General S V Raju,



representing ED.

The top court remarked it also couldn't ignore that the allegations against the former minister were serious in nature and asked, "Mr Raju, if ultimately he is not convicted, what will happen? Waiting for 2.5-3 years is not a small period. What is your conviction rate? Even if the rate is 60-70 per cent, we can understand. But it is very poor." Appearing for Chatterjee, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, said the former minister was arrested on July 23, 2022, and was in jail since then, adding

and said the minister was involved in "rampant corruption" which affected more than 50,000 candidates. Chatterjee, said the ASG, was not entitled to bail as he was "very influential" and may tamper with the witnesses if released. Raju accused the former minister of manipulating doctors to get favourable medical certificates and submitted co-accused Arpita Mukherjee had stated that the money belonged to the applicant.

The Bench asked Rohatgi to submit details about the custody undergone by Chatterjee in the connected CBI cases and matter was adjourned to December 2. The top court in October issued a notice to the ED on the appeal filed by Chatterjee against an April 30 Calcutta High Court order denying him a bail on the ground that a prima facie case was

established against him under the PMLA.

Chatterjee was arrested in connection with the alleged irregularities in recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in West Bengal government-sponsored and aided primary schools.

The politician and his alleged close aide Mukherjee were arrested by the ED in connection with its probe into the money trail in the alleged illegal recruitments.

The ED claimed to have recovered Rs 49.80 crore in cash, apart from jewellery, gold bars from flats owned by Mukherjee, besides documents of properties and a company in joint holdings.

Following his arrest, Chatterjee was relieved of his ministerial duties by the Mamata Banerjee government, while the TMC also removed him from all party posts including secretary general.

ED arrests Delhi-based importer brothers in money-laundering case

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The ED on Wednesday said it arrested two Delhi-based importer brothers in a money-laundering case linked to alleged illegal foreign remittances worth more than Rs 4,800 crore made to Hong Kong and China.

Mayank Dang and Tushar Dang were taken into custody on November 25 in the national capital under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. A local court has sent them to Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody till Thursday, the agency said.

Earlier, Manideep Mago and Sanjay Sethi

were arrested as part of this investigation.

The case involves "illegal" sending of foreign remittances worth Rs 4,817 crore against "bogus" and "forged" invoices for making compensatory payments for under-invoiced imports made from China and Hong Kong.

The Dang brothers, the agency said, made a "well organised" syndicate comprising a big pool of Indian importers and traders, cash handlers, international hawala agents, local 'Angandiya' firms, numerous Chinese manufacturers and suppliers and a "dedicated" chain of warehouses in



several Chinese cities.

The Dang family also operated and controlled several foreign entities in "collusion and collaboration" with a key Chinese member of the syndicate known as "Mr King" who, after procuring goods from Chinese manufacturers and sup-

pliers and accumulating the same in warehouses, exported them to the firms "controlled and owned" by the family.

The goods imported by the Dang brothers were "highly" under-invoiced and the compensatory payments were remitted abroad through

Mago and Sethi, the ED alleged.

The remittances by Mago and Sethi were made against "bogus" invoices raised for online lease of servers for crypto mining, education software, lease of bare metal servers etc, it said.

The probe found that no such services were actually provided and the remittances were made to foreign companies controlled by Mago and his accomplices and, from here, the payments were made to Chinese companies engaged in export of various products to India, the ED claimed.

Punjab Police arrests two associates of Lawrence Bishnoi gang



CHANDIGARH, Nov 27 (Agencies): Two associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang were held following an exchange of fire in Jalandhar, Punjab Police said on Wednesday.

Both the criminals were facing many cases, including murder and extortion, they said, adding three weapons along with cartridges have been recovered

from them.

"Jalandhar Commissionerate Police (@CPJalandhar) apprehends two associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi Gang in #Jalandhar after a hot chase and shootout," Punjab Police said in a post on X.

"The police opened fire in retaliation after the suspects fired at them during the chase. The arrested individuals have multiple cases registered against them, including Extortion, Murder, Arms Act & NDPS Act," it said in a post on X.

Will back BJP decision on next Maharashtra CM, won't be a hurdle: Eknath Shinde

THANE, Nov 27 (Agencies): Maharashtra caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday said he will "fully support" BJP leadership's decision to name the next CM, adding that he won't be a hurdle in the process.

"I called PM Modi yesterday and also Amit Shah and told them to decide (on who will be the CM post), and assured them that I will



abide by whatever decision they take," Shinde told reporters at his resi-

dence in Thane. "Our Shiv Sena will fully support the BJP's

decision to name the next Maharashtra CM. There is no speed breaker from our side," Shinde said.

Shinde rubbished reports that he was disappointed for not getting a second term as CM despite the ruling Mahayuti alliance winning a thumping victory under his leadership.

"Nobody is annoyed. We have worked as Mahayuti," he said.

Jhansi hospital fire: Medical college principal removed, 3 staffers suspended

LUCKNOW, Nov 27 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Government on Wednesday removed Jhansi medical college's principal and suspended three staff members after a four-member committee submitted its report on the November 15 fire incident that claimed lives of 10 children.

The action was taken by Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who also holds responsibility of the Health department.

Based on the report of the four-member committee, constituted on the instructions of Pathak, the

principal of Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College in Jhansi district has been removed, officials said.

Three college staff members -- a chief superintendent, a junior engineer and a NICU ward nursing sister in charge -- have been suspended, they said here.

"Based on the committee's investigation, college principal Dr Narendra Singh Sengar has been removed from the post. He has been attached to the Directorate General of Medical Education Department.

Chief Medical Superintendent Dr

Sachin Mahur was given a charge sheet," they said.

The college's junior engineer (electrical) Sanjeev Kumar, NICU ward's nursing sister in charge Sandhya Rai and chief superintendent Dr Sunita Rathore were immediately suspended, they said.

The fire took place at the medical college hospital's neonatal intensive care unit on the night of November 15 in which 10 children died.

Of the 39 rescued, eight others died later due to illness, medical college administration said.

Gunfire heard across Beirut as Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire takes effect

Israel to withdraw forces, Lebanon to deploy 5,000 troops

WASHINGTON/BEIRUT/JERUSALEM, Nov 27 (Agencies): A ceasefire between Israel and Iran-backed group Hezbollah came into effect at 0200 GMT on Wednesday after US President Joe Biden said both sides accepted an agreement brokered by the United States and France.

Bursts of gunfire could be heard across Beirut after the ceasefire took effect. It was not immediately clear if the shooting was celebratory, as gunfire had also been used to alert residents who may have missed evacuation warnings issued by Israel's military.

Streams of cars began heading to southern Lebanon, which borders Israel, after the ceasefire early on Wednesday, according to agency witnesses.

The ceasefire promises to end a conflict across the Israeli-Lebanese border that has killed thousands of people since it was ignited by the Gaza war last year.

Biden spoke at the White House on Tuesday shortly after Israel's security cabinet approved the agreement in a 10-1 vote.

He said he had spoken to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati, and that fighting would end at 4 am local time (0200 GMT).

"This is designed to be a permanent cessation of hostilities," Biden said. "What is left of Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations will not be allowed to threaten the security of Israel again."

Israel will gradually withdraw its forces over 60 days as Lebanon's army takes control of territory near its border with Israel to ensure that Hezbollah does not rebuild its infrastructure there, Biden said.

"Citizens on both sides will soon be able to safely return to their communities," he said.

Hezbollah has not formally commented on the ceasefire but senior official Hassan Fadlallah told Lebanon's Al Jadeed TV that while it sup-



ported the extension of the Lebanese state's authority, the group would emerge from the war stronger.

"Thousands will join the resistance ... Disarming the resistance was an Israeli proposal that fell through," said Fadlallah, who is also a member of Lebanon's parliament.

Iran, which backs Hezbollah, the Palestinian group Hamas as well as the Houthi rebels that have attacked Israel from Yemen, has not publicly commented on the ceasefire.

French President Emmanuel Macron said on social-media platform X the deal was "the culmination of efforts undertaken for many months with the Israeli and Lebanese authorities, in close collaboration with the United States."

Lebanon's Mikati issued a statement welcoming the deal. Foreign Minister Abdallah Bou Habib said the Lebanese army would have at least 5,000 troops deployed in southern Lebanon as Israeli troops withdrew.

Netanyahu said he was ready to implement a ceasefire but would respond forcefully to any violation by Hezbollah.

He said the ceasefire would allow Israel to focus on the threat from Iran, give the army an opportunity to rest and replenish supplies, and isolate Hamas, the Palestinian militant group that triggered war in the region when it attacked Israel from Gaza last year.

"Set it back decades" "In full coordination with the United States, we retain complete military freedom of

action. Should Hezbollah violate the agreement or attempt to rearm, we will strike decisively," Netanyahu said.

Hezbollah, which is allied to Hamas, was considerably weaker than it had been at the start of the conflict, he added.

"We have set it back decades, eliminated ... its top leaders, destroyed most of its rockets and missiles, neutralized thousands of fighters, and obliterated years of terror infrastructure near our border," he said.

A senior US official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said the US and France would join a mechanism with the UNIFIL peace-keeping force that would work with Lebanon's army to deter potential violations of the ceasefire. US combat forces would not be deployed, the official said.

Jon Finer, deputy national security adviser in the Biden administration, told CNN that Washington would be watching for any violations of the deal.

"Implementation of this agreement will be key and we will be very vigilant to any attempts to disrupt what the two parties have committed to as part of this process today," he said.

Biden, who leaves office in January, said his administration would continue to push for an elusive ceasefire and hostage-release deal in Gaza, as well as for a deal to normalize relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia.

In the hours leading up to the ceasefire, hostilities raged as Israel ramped up its campaign

of airstrikes in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon, with health authorities reporting at least 18 killed.

The Israeli military said it struck "components of Hezbollah's financial management and systems" including a money-exchange office. Hezbollah also kept up rocket fire into Israel.

Israel's air force intercepted three launches from Lebanese territory, the military said, in an extensive missile barrage on Tuesday night that led to warning alarms in about 115 settlements.

Alia Ibrahim, a mother of twin girls from the southern village of Qaaqiyat al-Snawbar, who had fled nearly three months ago to Beirut, said she hoped Israeli officials, who have expressed contradictory views on a ceasefire, would be faithful to the deal.

"Our village - they destroyed half of it. In these few seconds before they announced the ceasefire, they destroyed half our village," she said. "God willing, we can go back to our homes and our land."

A poll conducted by Israel's Channel 12 TV found that 37% of Israelis were in favour of the ceasefire, compared with 32% against.

Opponents to the deal in Israel include opposition leaders and heads of towns near Israel's border with Lebanon, who want a depopulated buffer zone on Lebanon's side of the frontier.

Both the Lebanese government and Hezbollah have insisted that a return of displaced civilians to southern Lebanon is a key tenet of the truce.

Israeli Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, a right-wing member of Netanyahu's government, said on X the agreement did not ensure the return of Israelis to their homes in the country's north and that the Lebanese army did not have the ability to overcome Hezbollah.

"In order to leave Lebanon, we must have our own security belt," Ben-Gvir said.

Iskcon a fundamentalist organisation, Bangladesh tells court as plea seeks ban

DHAKA, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Bangladeshi government on Wednesday called Iskcon or the International Society for Krishna Consciousness a "religious fundamentalist organisation" in response to a writ petition filed in the High Court demanding a ban on the outfit. The development comes amid widespread protests across Bangladesh over the arrest of Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari and the targeting of Iskcon and other Hindu temples by radical Islamic outfits.

On Wednesday, a lawyer filed a petition seeking a ban on Iskcon. The lawyer also brought to the court's attention the death of assistant public prosecutor Saiful Islam during clashes between security personnel and followers of the Hindu monk after he was denied bail.

During the hearing, the court sought to know from the Attorney General about Iskcon and how it was established in Bangladesh.

In response, the Attorney General, Md Asaduzzaman, said the outfit was not a political party. "It is a religious fundamentalist organisation. The government is already scrutinising them," the Attorney General said.

The High Court directed the Attorney General to report the government's position on Iskcon and the overall law and order situation of the country by Thursday morning.

The court asked the government to prevent the deterioration of the law and

order situation.

Notably, a couple of weeks ago, the Attorney General suggested the removal of the word "secular" from the Constitution as 90% of the country's population was Muslim.

Reacting to the petition, Iskcon vice president Radha Raman Das urged world leaders to speak on the issue and hoped that the situation would get better following Donald Trump's inauguration as US President on January 20.

"The situation is out of hand. Not in our control now. We will wait for January 20 when Donald Trump gets in office. Hope things proceed then," Das told agency.

WHAT HAS TRIGGERED THE HINDU PROTESTS

Chinmoy Das, who was previously a member of Iskcon, was arrested earlier this week for allegedly disrespecting the national flag during a rally of the Hindu community. His arrest triggered vociferous protests from the Hindu community, which has faced over 200 attacks since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August 5.

The Bangladeshi government has said Das was arrested not as a leader of any community but for sedition.

The arrest of Das, the spokesperson of the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote, also prompted a reaction from India, which called it deeply concerning. "This incident follows the multiple attacks on Hindus and other minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh," the MEA stated.

Eight people including six children missing as heavy rains trigger flooding in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Nov 27 (Agencies): Eight people, including six children who were returning from school, have gone missing in Sri Lanka when the farm tractor they were travelling on was swept away by floods triggered by heavy rains, police said Wednesday.

Sri Lanka has experienced heavy downpours and strong winds over the past two days that have flooded homes, fields and roads and forced authorities to suspend train services in tea-growing mountain areas.

In the worst incident, a farm tractor carrying 11 school children was swept away Tuesday evening in the eastern region of the country, police said.

Five children were rescued while six other children along with the driver and another adult are still missing in the incident near the town of Karaitivu. A search operation is underway, police said in a statement.

Separately, a woman died when a brick wall collapsed on her in the mountainous region of Badulla in the central part of the country. Eight people were injured in various other weather-related incidents, the Disaster Management Centre said.

As of Wednesday, over 3,000 people had been moved to evacuation centers and nearly 600 homes were damaged.

Army and navy troops were deployed to rescue victims and provide food and other essentials to those affected.

The Meteorology Department attributed the severe weather to a deep depression in the Bay of Bengal and warned it is likely to move closer to Sri Lanka and intensify into a cyclonic storm on Thursday. Sri Lanka has been grappling with severe weather since May, mostly caused by heavy monsoon rains. In June, 16 people died due to floods and mudslides.

Philippine police file criminal complaints against VP Sara Duterte, security aides



MANILA, Nov 27 (Agencies): Philippine police officials on Wednesday filed criminal complaints against Vice President Sara Duterte and her security staff for allegedly assaulting authorities and disobeying orders in a recent altercation in Congress.

The criminal complaints filed by the Quezon City police were separate from any legal action that may arise after she publicly threatened to have President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., his wife and the speaker of the House of Representatives assassinated if she were killed herself in an unspecified plot. She has not provided details of that plot.

A presidential adviser, Larry Gadon, separately filed a Supreme Court petition on Wednesday to disbar the vice president as a lawyer, citing her assassination threats, which he said were "illegal, immoral and condemnable."

The Marcos administration's legal offensive against Duterte, her father and their allies is a critical juncture in a conflict that has seethed over the last two years between the two most powerful families in the Philippines.

The Department of Justice said it is also looking into potentially seditious remarks by Marcos's predecessor and the vice president's father, Rodrigo Duterte, who said in a news conference that the civilian government would only listen if the military voices concerns about corruption and irregularities under the Marcos administration.

Imran Khan's party suspends protest in Islamabad; at least four dead in overnight crackdown

ISLAMABAD, Nov 27 (Agencies): Jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party on Wednesday formally suspended for the time being its protest here blaming the midnight crackdown by the authorities that left at least four dead and over 50 injured even as the PTI earlier claimed "hundreds" were killed in the violent clashes with security personnel.

Amid concerns about the whereabouts of Khan's wife Bushra Bibi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur - who were leading the march to Islamabad - the party said they were at Mansehra town, near Abbotabad, of the northwestern province.

Authorities began reopening roads and cleaning all major thoroughfares vandalised during the three-day protest by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

The midnight crackdown forced Khan's supporters to evacuate the D-Chowk and its adjacent main business district of the capital ending their protest, which his party described as a "massacre" under the "fascist military regime" even as police sources said about 450 protestors were arrested in the crackdown.

"In view of the government's brutality and the government's plan to turn the capital into a slaughterhouse for unarmed citizens, (we) announce the suspension of the peaceful protest for the time being,"

Khan's PTI said in a press release shared on its official X account.

Future plans would be announced "in light of directions" from Khan after the party's political and core committees presented their "analyses of the state brutality" to him.

The party statement also condemned the alleged "killing" and "terror and brutality against peaceful protesters in the name of an operation".

The PTI urged the chief justice to take suo motu notice of the alleged "brutal murder of martyred (party) workers" and order legal action against the prime minister, interior minister and police chiefs of Islamabad and Punjab for "attempt to murder."

Earlier on Tuesday evening, PTI supporters battled law enforcing agencies and succeeded in reaching the D-Chowk for a sit-in as part of their protest march that started on Sunday. The supporters' clash with police killed at least six security personnel and injured dozens since Monday midnight.

Bushra Bibi and Gandapur had announced that the protesters would not go away until Khan, who had given the 'final call' for protest, was released from jail even as security personnel continued their efforts to move them from the D-Chowk, which is located close to several important government buildings: the Presidency, the PM Office, the Parliament, and

the Supreme Court.

In the wee hours of Wednesday, police and Rangers launched an operation to clear the Blue Area business area, forcing the protesters to move away along with Bibi and Gandapur.

Senior PTI leader Taimur Saleem Khan told the media that Bibi and Gandapur were accompanied by the party's National Assembly opposition leader Omar Ayub Khan and that they were staying at the residence of the province's Assembly Speaker Babar Saleem Swati's residence in the Mansehra town of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

The 72-year-old former premier, who has been in jail since August last year, issued a 'final call' on November 13 for nationwide protests on November 24, denouncing what he termed as the stolen mandate, the unjust arrests of people and the passage of the 26th amendment, which he said has strengthened a "dictatorial regime".

The midnight clashes with the security personnel left at least four dead.

Two bodies and 26 injured individuals - with gunshot wounds - were received at the Polyclinic Hospital in Islamabad, officials said while, separately, the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, the largest hospital in the capital, told Geo News that they received two dead bodies and 28 injured after the protest.

Earlier, PTI, in a reaction to the midnight crackdown, blamed the government for using violence and killing hundreds of its workers.

"A massacre has unfolded in Pakistan at the hands of security forces under the brutal, fascist military regime led by the Shehbaz-Zardari-Asim alliance. The nation is drowning in blood," it said in a post on X referring to the ruling coalition headed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, President Asif Ali Zardari and Gen Asim Munir, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

The party said that the armed security forces launched a violent assault on PTI protesters, firing live rounds with the intent to kill as many people as possible.

"With hundreds dead and countless injured, the interior minister's threat to kill and then the declaration of 'victory' over slaughtered innocents is enough evidence of the regime's inhumanity," it said in the post.

Through Tuesday and Wednesday, the party shared videos and photos from the violent crackdown on its social media accounts.

Earlier, addressing a press conference at D-Chowk after the midnight crackdown, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said Gandapur and Bushra Bibi had fled away, a claim echoed by Information Minister Atta Tarar, who also mocked Khan's 'final call' for the protest and said:

"Sadly I must say, this was not a final call but a missed call."

"You will not believe how they've run away from here. They've abandoned their cars, sandals and some even their clothes here," he claimed.

He alleged that documents were also found detailing a plan to enter the Red Zone to attack parliament and government property, and target state officials.

Meanwhile, life was turning to normal in Islamabad and neighbouring Rawalpindi as Islamabad Deputy Commissioner Irfan Memon directed all assistant commissioners to ensure the immediate reopening of all closed routes across the city.

In addition, the deputy commissioner also instructed that cleaning arrangements be made across all major thoroughfares.

According to motorway authorities, all motorways across the country have been reopened for traffic after four days of closure.

The aviation authorities said the PTI protest caused significant disruption in the flight operation as the main Srinagar Highway to the airport was blocked, with eight flights cancelled and 17 delayed due to protest.

Separately, Pakistan stock exchange made a surprise recovery at the end of the protest, and gained more than 3,000 points after crashing by 3,600 points on Tuesday.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor celebrates 1 Lakh Urban Cruiser Hyryder on Indian Road

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced that the Urban Cruiser Hyryder has surpassed the remarkable milestone of 1,00,000-unit sales in India. This achievement underscores the B-SUV's strong market acceptance and Indian customers' growing acceptance of hybrid technology. Launched in July 2022, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder seamlessly combines Toyota's world-class hybrid technology with dynamic design, premium comfort, and exceptional performance. It is available in three powertrains- Self-charging Strong Hybrid Electric [SHEV], Neo Drive and

CNG powertrains.

At the heart of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder is its 1.5-litre Engine with THS (Toyota Hybrid System) & e-drive transmission, delivering combined power output of 85 kW. Hyryder's hybrid system eliminates the need for external charging, ensuring convenience for customers at all times. Its cutting-edge hybrid system offers a seamless and silent drive, complemented by instant power delivery. This, combined with its responsive performance and quieter operation, provides an environmentally conscious yet dynamic driving experience. Additionally, Customers seeking versatility and power have

also embraced the Neo Drive powertrain, which comes with an optional All-Wheel Drive (AWD) system—offering a superior driving experience for both urban commutes and challenging terrains.

The Urban Cruiser Hyryder is designed to deliver exceptional value, seamlessly combining advanced convenience and performance features with outstanding fuel efficiency. Reflecting TKM's commitment to sustainable mobility, the SUV offers class-leading mileage: up to 27.97 km/l* in the Self Charging Hybrid Electric Vehicle variant, 21.12 km/l* in the NeoDrive (MT), and 26.6 km/kg* in CNG mode.

Commenting on the milestone, Mr. Sabari

Manohar – Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "The positive response to the Urban Cruiser Hyryder reflects our commitment to delivering innovative mobility solutions tailored to the evolving preferences of Indian customers. This milestone is not just a number; it signifies the beginning of a new era in SUV technology that prioritizes sustainability, performance, and customer satisfaction. The Urban Cruiser Hyryder continues to uphold Toyota's legacy of driving change through innovation and environmental consciousness, and we are deeply grateful for the trust our customers have placed in us. We extend

our heartfelt gratitude to our customers who have been instrumental in achieving this milestone."

The success and market acceptance of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder is further complemented with Toyota's exceptional and industry-leading service benefits to the customers. TKM provides a comprehensive range of services under the umbrella "T CARE" that demonstrates the company's dedication to enriching customer delight and fostering long-term relationships. Covering everything from presales to after-sales and repurchases, T CARE integrates these offerings under one unified brand that includes a wide array of offerings.

Capacity Building Training Program organized in Khari

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Nov 27: The Social Welfare Department, Ramban, in collaboration with Tehsildar Administration Khari, organized a Capacity Building Training Program under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, with a special focus on the Bal Vivaah Mukh Bharat (Child Marriage-Free India) campaign.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various stakeholders, including officials from the Health and Family Welfare Department, Mission Poshan, Police Personnel, Master Volunteers, Teachers and Students, and Revenue Officials. The program aimed to raise awareness about government schemes for the empowerment of girls and the eradication of child marriage.

Held under the guidance

of Deputy Commissioner Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, and the supervision of Tehsildar Khari, Harvir Singh, and DSWO Rahul Gupta, the session was moderated by TSWO Shahbaz Choudhary.

Expert faculty members, including representatives from the Health and Family Welfare Department, Case Worker Neha, Fyaz Mushtaq, and Tanveer ul Haq from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), provided in-depth insights into various initiatives, emphasizing the need for collective action to achieve a Child Marriage-Free India.

During the event, a pledge was taken by all participants to work towards the eradication of child marriage and to promote awareness in their communities. The participants vowed to uphold the rights of children and ensure that every child receives education and protection from harmful

practices.

Addressing the gathering, DSWO Ramban, expressed his gratitude to the participants and highlighted the importance of multi-departmental collaboration to achieve the goals of BBBP and Bal Vivaah Mukh Bharat. He emphasized the need to focus on gender equality, community awareness, and strict enforcement of child protection laws.

The program concluded with renewed commitments from all stakeholders to create a safe and inclusive environment for children, ensuring their right to education and development while eradicating the menace of child marriage.

This initiative marks yet another step by the Social Welfare Department, Ramban, in fostering gender equality and protecting the rights of children through collaborative capacity-building efforts.

Lecture on "Constitution of India: Making And Evolution" at GCW Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 27: Department of History and Political Science under the aegis of IQAC of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur organised a lecture on the topic "Constitution of India: Making and Evolution" at college campus.

The whole event was organised and conducted under the able guidance of the principal of the college, Dr. Nalini Pathania, to commemorate the "Constitution Day- 2024".

The programme began by presenting a floral tribute to the architect of Indian constitution Dr. B R Ambedkar by I/C Principal and senior faculty members followed by the formal welcome address by Prof. Yash Paul, HOD, History.

The Resource Person on the occasion was Prof. Swarna Devi,

HOD Political Science who deliberated on the topic, "Constitution of India: Making and Evolution".

In her address, she familiarised the students about the relevance of celebrating the Constitutional Day every year on 26th of Nov.

She explained in detail about the evolutionary process that took place to finally formulate, adopt, enact and enforce the constitution of India. She discussed the structure, position, Sources, Preamble and basic features of the constitution. She also highlighted the contribution of the Constituent Assembly and framing of the constitution by the drafting Committee by passing through several stages.

She also analysed the different Amendments made in the constitution after Independence.

She focussed on the vitality of the constitution for playing a crucial role

for guiding and shaping the development of the nation and for realising the ideals of Liberty, Equality, fraternity, Justice, Democracy by continuously evolving through a series of Amendments and by adapting the changing needs and aspirations of the people.

In the end of the lecture, in the question-answer hour, queries of the students were cleared by the resource person.

I/C Principal of the college Dr. Indu Khajuria, in her speech on the occasion, congratulated the HODs of the Departments of Political Science and History as well as their other staff members for conducting such an informative lecture.

She advised the organizing team to organise such thought-provoking programmes in coming future as well as such kind of activities enhance the knowledge of the

students regarding their history and the constitution and inculcate the patriotic feelings among them which is useful for the nation to grow further.

Programme was attended by almost 130 students of the college. Senior staff members and other staff members of the college were present on the occasion.

Among those who were present were Dr. Seema Sharma, Dr. Sanjeet Kour, Dr. Geetanjali Rajput, Dr. Mool Raj, Dr. Monica Gupta, Dr. Parwinder Kour, Prof. Yash Pal, Mr. Varun Sharma, Dr. Anita Kumari, Prof. Yash Kumar from Music Deptt, Prof. Pooja Bharti, Dr. Preeti Dubey, Prof. Pardeep Singh, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Dr. Nazim Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Lone, Dr. Roolul Amin Malik, Dr. Zubair Ahmad Rather, Dr. Umar Khandy, Dr. Muzaffer etc.

SBI Doda organizes RSETI Awareness Camp

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 27: State Bank of India Doda branch with the active support of Sh Lalit Kumar Director, SBI RSETI Doda, organized Awareness Camp at CFC building Ziani Panchayat Mundhar Lower B, here today.

Hardev Singh Manhas NGO Chairman of Navodaya Express Helping Charitable Trust J&K &

NGO World Organisation of Religions & Knowledge (WORK) Incharge along with many people of the panchayat participated in the Camp.

Director RSETI also explained in detail about various self employment schemes which can be of immense help to the people.

Fahim Raja Munshi SBI Doda (Faculty) Sh Yasir Ali SBI Doda Office Assistant also explained

in detail the concept of RSETI to participants and also requested and motivated them to send/register prospective trainees for various skill development training courses being run by RSETI.

Hardev Manhas showed interest in the proceedings of the camp and assured that he with the help of all the villagers will send maximum possible candidates for training to RSETI.

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'Fraud on Constitution' | SC rules against religious conversion for quota benefits

defeat the social ethos of the policy of reservation," he noted.

The evidence presented before the bench was found to have clearly demonstrated that the appellant professed Christianity and actively practiced the faith by attending church regularly.

"Despite the same, she claims to be a Hindu and seeks for a SC community certificate for the purpose of employment," it noted.

"Such a dual claim made by her," said the bench "was untenable and she cannot continue to identify herself as a Hindu after baptism".

The top court, therefore, held the conferment of scheduled caste communal status to the woman, who was a Christian by faith, but claimed to be still embracing Hinduism only for the purpose of availing reservation in employment, "would go against the very object of reservation and would amount to fraud on the Constitution".

The top court underlined a religious conversion solely to access reservation benefits, without genuine belief in the adopted religion, undermined the fundamental social objectives of the quota policy and her actions were contrary to the spirit of reservation policies aimed at uplifting the marginalised communities.

Selvarani, born to a Hindu father and a Christian mother, was baptised as a Christian shortly after birth but later claimed to be a Hindu and sought an SC certificate to apply for an upper division clerk position in Puducherry in 2015.

While her father belonged to the Valluvan caste, categorised under scheduled castes, he had converted to Christianity, as confirmed by documentary evidence.

The verdict said the appellant continued to practice Christianity, as seen by the regular church attendance, making her claim of being a Hindu untenable.

The bench noted individuals converting to Christianity lose their caste identity and must provide compelling evidence of reconversion and acceptance by their original caste to claim SC benefits.

The judgement said there was no substantial evidence of the appellant's reconversion to Hinduism or acceptance by the Valluvan caste.

Her claims lacked public declarations, ceremonies, or credible documentation to substantiate her assertions, it pointed out.

"One converts to a different religion when genuinely inspired by its principles. Conversion purely for reservation benefits, devoid

of belief, is impermissible," the bench held.

The apex court opined in any case, upon conversion to Christianity, one lost their caste and couldn't be identified by it.

"As the factum of reconversion is disputed, there must be more than a mere claim. The conversion had not happened by any ceremony or through 'Arya Samaj'. No public declaration was effected. There is nothing on record to show that she or her family has reconverted to Hinduism and on the contrary, there is a factual finding that the appellant still professes Christianity," it noted.

The bench said there was evidence against the appellant, and therefore, her contention raised that the caste would be under eclipse upon conversion and resumption of the caste upon reconversion, was "unsustainable".

Both houses adjourned due to Govt's 'Stubborn Unwillingness' to discuss Adani issue: Cong

agree to an immediate discussion on the latest revelations regarding the Adani Group," Ramesh said in a post on X.

"The Opposition continues to demand a JPC investigation into the entire Modani scam – which has global ramifications and has been born out of the cozy relationship between the PM and Mr. Gautam Adani," he said.

Gautam Adani, founder chairman of the ports-to-energy conglomerate, his nephew Sagar, and another key executive have been charged by the US Department of Justice of being part of an alleged scheme to pay USD 265 million bribes to Indian officials to win contracts for the supply of solar electricity that would yield USD 2 billion profit over a 20-year period.

Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Wednesday as opposition members insisted on a discussion on various issues, including bribery charges related to the Adani Group.

In the Lok Sabha, proceedings were adjourned for the day amid opposition protests over the Adani controversy and violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal.

NSG hub established in Jammu for swift response to militant attacks

force is adequately sized to address any terror threat. "Previously, if an NSG intervention was needed to neutralize terror-

ists, commandos had to be airlifted from New Delhi or Chandigarh, which was time-consuming. Now, with the NSG stationed in the city, a rapid response is assured," they explained.

2 labour union leaders arrested over Katra ropeway project protest

against the proposed ropeway project.

However, officials said the police stopped the protesters from moving ahead, resulting in clashes between them.

Singh and Chand were detained and taken away from the spot in a police vehicle, they said, adding that the protesters were also dispersed from the scene.

Udhampur DIG (Reasi range) Rayees Bhat said the detainees were not arrested. The demonstration was triggered following the registration of an FIR in the Monday clash.

According to the FIR, a police team was performing law and order duty at Fountain Chowk, Katra, in view of the ongoing protests against the installation of the ropeway at Tarakote in Katra by the Shrine Board. During the demonstration, the protesters wrongfully blocked the road, obstructing vehicular movement and causing hindrance to the free passage of yatris, it said.

Following this, Bhupinder Singh Jamwal alias Pinku Miya, Sohan Chand and Maqbool among others were booked for provocation and instigating violence.

They assaulted the on-duty police party unexpectedly with fists and blows and also attempted to harm the policemen using bricks, stones, and weapons, the police alleged in their FIR.

They also tore the uniforms of police officers and officials. Station house officer (SHO) Katra and other on-duty officials sustained injuries in the Monday clash and were shifted to community health centre Katra for medical treatment, it said.

The protestors and attackers also damaged some vehicles at Fountain Chowk on the abatement of the "protest leaders", the FIR read.

They also pelted stones and bricks at the general public and yatris, thus endangering their lives, it said.

The strike was called off after the district administration assured the protestors of holding talks with different stakeholders, including Shrine Board officials, to address their concerns.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the genuine concerns of the people protesting against the proposed ropeway project would be addressed.

Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Paul Mahajan and protest leader Bhupinder Singh jointly announced the strike's suspension.

"I have held talks with Bhupinder. We are aware of your demands and concerns. Bhupinder has given time till December 15 to hold talks with all stakeholders to resolve the issues," Mahajan said while addressing the protesters on Monday.

J-K govt plans to make 'RTI Portal' fully operational by Dec 10

Verma said rtionline.jk.gov.in has been developed by the Jammu and Kashmir National Informatics Centre and the platform will maintain a comprehensive database of all RTI applications received by the Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) and the appeals received by the First Appellate Authorities (FAAs) across various departments.

Additionally, it will facilitate the swift processing of applications by the concerned CPIOs and FAAs, he said.

"This digital shift will make the entire RTI process more streamlined, transparent, and user-friendly. The initiative will contribute to greater transparency, accountability, and effective governance within the Union Territory," he said.

The authorities have set a target for the portal to become fully operational by December 10.

For the smooth functioning of the portal, the nodal officers at the administrative department level have been nominated by all the departments who shall oversee the process of onboarding all the CPIOs or FAAs on the portal.

Accounts of these nodal officers have been created by the GAD and have been provided with the login credentials of the nodal officer of the concerned department, he said.

The nodal officers nominated at the administrative department level in respect of the RTI portal, have been imparted the requisite training for further onboarding the CPIOs and FAAs, he added.

In the case of the departments having huge strength of CPIOs/FAAs, the departments are nominating nodal officers at the directorate level as well and their accounts are also being created by the GAD on the portal on the basis of the information being shared by their respective departments and simultaneously, being provided with the login credentials, the commissioner secretary said.

Further, he said a nodal officer at the district level may also be nominated in all the deputy commissioner offices, for overseeing the smooth operationalisation of the portal in all the districts.

For effective implementation of the portal, he said all nodal officers shall on-board their respective CPIOs and FAAs on the RTI online portal, by or before November 29 positively, using the login credentials being provided to them by the GAD.

77 cases of illegal felling of conifer trees reported in Doda

cases in the recent past for their connivance (with smugglers)," Kumar said.

Locals and environmentalists accompanied a team of mediapersons to the forest area where the coniferous trees, including Cedar, Kail and Fir, were found cut down by smugglers at the Mona Nullah in compartment number three.

"The lack of stern action against smugglers and erring officials is the main reason for such a loot of forest wealth," said Bilal Wani, an environmentalist from the Tanta panchayat.

He said smugglers use banned mechanical cutters to cut down the trees and run away even as they have promptly reported the matter to forest officials time and again.

Cold wave intensifies across Kashmir

minus 3.4°C in Konibal, minus 3.9°C in Anantnag, minus 3.6°C in Pulwama, and minus 2.9°C in Kulgam. Sonamarg, in the Ganderbal district, recorded a minimum of minus 3.6°C.

In Srinagar, the minimum temperature dropped to minus 0.6°C, down from 0.7°C the previous night. This was 0.7°C below normal for the summer capital during this period of the season.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 2.4°C, a significant drop from -0.8°C the previous night, and 2.4°C below normal for this time of the year.

The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 2.6°C against the minus 2.4°C recorded the previous night. It was 0.7°C below normal for the valley of meadows during this period of the season.

Kokernag recorded a low of 0.4°C against the 1.8°C previous night, and it was 0.3°C below normal for the picnic spot of South Kashmir. The Meteorological Centre said the weather will generally remain dry till November 29, and from the evening of November 30, there is a possibility of light rain and light snow over the higher reaches and at isolated places.

The weather is very likely to remain inclement during December 1 and 2 with the possibility of light rain and light snow over the higher reaches and at the scattered to fairly widespread places over Jammu and Kashmir, the MeT office said, and added the weather will remain dry hereafter till December 6.

National Integration Week celebration held at MIER College

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: The NSS Unit of MIER College of Education organized a series of activities from 19th to 25th November 2024 to commemorate National Integration Week and Flag Day.

These initiatives aimed to foster unity, celebrate cultural diversity and encourage social responsibility among students and staff.

The week served as a reminder of the shared responsibility to uphold the values of peace, harmony, and brotherhood in the nation.

On 21st November 2024, the NSS Volunteers extended their mission of national integration to the adopted village of Jinder Khurd, Bishnah, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan initiative. The event focused on promoting cultural diversity, inclusivity, and unity through artistic expressions, offering a platform for students and villagers to come together and celebrate the richness of India's cultural heritage.



The program featured a variety of performances, including traditional and contemporary dances, songs, skits, and poems. Students from the School of Education and the School of Social Sciences & Humanities showcased regional art forms such as Dogri, Punjabi, Himachali, Ladakhi, and Kashmiri. A vibrant play, written by Nirbhay Khajuria, further enriched the event.

The presence of the village Sarpanch, Surjeet Singh, and an enthusiastic audience of villagers, including elderly

residents, women, and children, added warmth and significance to the celebration. Patriotic songs, skits, and folk dances conveyed messages of harmony, leaving a lasting impression on the participants and audience alike.

The week-long celebration concluded on 25th November 2024 with a grand event at MIER College. Attendees included Professor Nishta Rana, Head of the School of Education, Dr. Monika Bajaj, Head of the School of Social Sciences and Humani-

ties, Dr. Bharti Tandon, Deputy Head of SOE, faculty members, and students.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Komal Sharma, NSS Program Officer. Kavyam Mahajan, a B.Ed. Semester-I student, led the National Integration Pledge, reaffirming the collective commitment to serve the nation.

A Kavi-Goshthi session followed, featuring 14 students who recited poems on the theme Anekta Mein Ekta. Participants received cer-

tificates in recognition of their active contributions.

Additionally, the NSS Unit organized a fund collection drive, symbolizing collective efforts toward a noble cause. Approximately Rs. 3000 was raised, with the fund collection box ceremonially opened by the Principal, Heads of SOE and SSSH, and the NSS Program Officer.

The event concluded with Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal of MIER College, commending the NSS Unit for their dedicated efforts in organizing such a meaningful and impactful celebration. He praised the NSS's role in fostering harmony and goodwill among India's diverse cultures and emphasized the significance of national integration in a multicultural society.

The week-long celebrations, held under the guidance of Dr. Komal Sharma, served as a testament to the NSS Unit's commitment to promoting unity and inclusivity, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

Govt should fulfill demands of Safai Karamcharis: Amit Kapoor

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Amit Kapoor has called on the government to address the pressing demands of Safai Karamcharis, emphasizing the urgent need to end their ongoing strike, which has continued for 22 days.

Speaking at a protest in Jammu, Kapoor highlighted the deteriorating sanitation conditions and the risk of a pandemic in various areas due to the strike.

He urged the government to implement the Minimum Wages Act and adopt measures in favor of the striking employees to resolve the crisis.

Kapoor criticized the government's attempts to counter the strike by transferring key personnel leading the agitation rather than addressing the workers' legitimate demands. He pointed out that recent inter-district transfers in several municipal councils and Nagar Parishads, including Udhampur, Thannamandi, Basohli, Bishnah, and other areas, appear



to be a tactic to weaken the strike rather than finding a resolution. Such actions, Kapoor argued, demonstrate a lack of commitment to resolving the core issues.

The Safai Karamcharis' primary demands include regularizing their positions, implementing SRO-44, and ensuring fair wages and job security. Kapoor noted that previous suggestions to address the crisis through privatization had been met with resistance, as such moves would adversely affect the workers' interests.

Kapoor stressed that the government's focus should shift to fulfilling the genuine demands of

the sanitation workers. He called for immediate steps to improve their working conditions, ensure fair wages, and regularize their services. The ongoing strike has caused widespread disruptions, including unsanitary conditions in municipal councils and ashrams, exacerbating public health risks.

In closing, Kapoor reiterated that resolving the Safai Karamcharis' grievances is essential for restoring normalcy and preventing further escalation of the crisis. He urged the government to engage in constructive dialogue with the workers and demonstrate a genuine commitment to their welfare.

Awareness Programme on Mission YUVA organized at SPMR College

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Awareness Programme on Mission YUVA -Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan in collaboration with the Department of Labour and Employment was organised at Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Jammu.

Pawan Kumar, Special Secretary, Labour and Employment Department, Govt. of UT of J&K was Chief Guest on the occasion, while Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh, Principal of the college, presided over the function.

Over 100 students and faculty members of the college attended the event.

In his inaugural address, Pawan Kumar appraised



the audience about Mission YUVA -Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan. He emphasized the importance of becoming a job creator instead of a job seeker, and briefed the students about the various Government schemes available to startups and entrepreneurs.

He sensitised the students about the pur-

pose, components and implementation roadmap of Mission YUVA and explained how government agencies and Department of Labour and Employment aimed to create 1, 50,000 entrepreneurs over the next 5 years.

Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu

informed the audience about ecosystem creation and various mechanisms for institutional business support available to budding entrepreneurs.

He described the structure and roles of SBDUs, BHD and motivators at grass root level. He pointed out that at every level of local government policies have been put in place to support and facilitate nano entrepreneurs.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Pawan Kumar, HOD Commerce praised the efforts of the Labour department in raising awareness about the various government schemes, and suggested that such programmes are invaluable and more such initiatives should be

organized in the future.

In his formal vote of thanks, Dr. Mohd Azam, HOD Urdu, thanked the Chief Guest and Resource Persons for contributing their valuable time for educating the students on opportunities in entrepreneurship available to them.

The programme was coordinated by Prof. Rekha Gupta, Prof. Shaji Khan, Prof. Sanjeev Verma, Dr. Jagmeet Kour, Dr. Fayza, Dr. Madhu Bala, Prof. Sindhu, Prof. Binny Kumar, and Dr. Roomi Rani.

Dr. Reena Rani, Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Sunal, Prof. Sabia, and others were also present on the occasion.

SKUAST-K starts one-week long training programme

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 27: Division of Silviculture and Agroforestry, Faculty of Forestry, SKUAST-Kashmir kick started one-week long training Programme on "Cultivating Forestry Student Competence: Wicker Willow Skill Development Initiative" under MSME at Faculty of Forestry Benhama, Ganderbal.

Division of Silviculture and Agroforestry at the Faculty of Forestry in Benhama Watlar Ganderbal, SKUAST-Kashmir, launched a one-week training program Entitled "Cultivating Forestry Student Competence: Wicker Willow Skill Development Initiative". This program is scheduled to run from November 27th Nov. to 03rd Dec. 2024, at Faculty of Forestry in Ganderbal.

The inaugural event commenced with a welcoming address by Dr. G.M. Bhat, who serves as the Professor and Head of Silviculture and Agroforestry. During his speech, Dr. Bhat emphasized the importance of encouraging participants to become job providers rather than job seekers, given the government's limitations in providing jobs for all educated youth.

Dr. Megna Rashid, the Program Coordinator, shed light on various aspects of the training program and provided a comprehensive overview of the training program

and highlighted the significance of entrepreneurship programs in fostering self-sustaining livelihoods. She discussed the program's design, emphasizing its focus on providing hands-on training to the participants.

The inaugural event was attended by teaching and non-teaching staff of the Faculty of Forestry, as well as 25 participants.

Prominent figures present at the event included Prof. P.A. Khan, the Head of the Division of Forest Biology & Tree Improvement (FBT); Prof. A.A. Wani, Head of the Department of Natural Resource Management (NRM); Prof. M.A. Islam; Dr. N.A. Pala; Dr. Vaishnu Dutt; Dr. T.A. Rater; Dr. M. Maqbool Rather; Dr. Aasif Ali

Gatoo; Dr. M Iqbal Jeelani and other faculty members were also present.

The inaugural event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. M. Maqbool Rather, Assistant Professor, Division of FBT. Finally, Dr. Megna Rashid, the coordinator, expressed gratitude for the support and efforts of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. N.A. Ganie and Director Planning and Monitoring Prof. H. R. Naik, as well as Dean Faculty of Forestry, Prof. S. A. Gangoo.

The coordinator also extended her appreciation to the sponsoring agency, the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) of the Government of India, based in New Delhi.

NCC Cadet Dhruv Sharma proceeding to Bhutan as part of Youth Exchange Programme

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: As part of the Youth Exchange Programme, NCC Cadet Dhruv Sharma of NCC Directorate, JK&L has been selected to visit Bhutan from 12-18 Dec 24. The Cadet belongs to 2 J&K Bn NCC and is a student of SPMR College.

Cadet Dhruv Sharma was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme during Republic Day Parade 2024 at New Delhi after undergoing tough selection from amongst cadets of 17 Directorates.

Brig Pranab Misra Offg ADG, NCC Dte JK&L



during a pre-despatch interaction complemented Cadet Dhruv on his selection, and exhorted him to use the opportunity to understand the traditions, culture, ethos of the host country.

Youth Exchange Programmes accords opportunities to the NCC Cadets to facilitate holistic development and further enhance relationships of our country at citizen to citizen level.

Cyber Cell Jammu solves online fraud cases, recovers Rs 3,01,000

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: The Cyber Cell of Jammu & Kashmir Police in Jammu District achieved yet another milestone by recovering Rs 3,01,000 from fraudsters involved in separate online fraud cases.

The recovered amount pertains to victims who were deceived through various online trading and investment scams.

The Cyber Cell, a special-

ized unit tasked with combating cybercrime, acted swiftly after receiving complaints from individuals who had been duped into investing money in fraudulent schemes, including online trading platforms and a Telegram investment page. The victims approached the Cyber Cell, reporting their financial losses.

Taking immediate cognizance of the complaints, the Cyber Cell launched an investigation. Through meticulous

efforts and leveraging advanced technology, the team exhibited exceptional professionalism and expertise. Their prompt action led to the recovery of the entire amount of Rs 3,01,000 from the fraudsters.

The Cyber Cell's success underscores the capabilities of District Police Jammu, which continues to be at the forefront of combating cybercrime. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a skilled

workforce, the department remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the public against the ever-evolving threat of cybercriminals.

This achievement serves as a testament to the Jammu Police's dedication and efficiency in addressing online frauds and safeguarding citizens from financial exploitation. Victims of similar incidents are encouraged to report promptly to the Cyber Cell for timely intervention and resolution.

North Regional Roopak Mahotsava to commence tomorrow at CSU

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Central Sanskrit University (CSU), Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu is organizing North Regional Roopak Mahotsava on 28-29 November. Its preparations are continuing with great pomp and show.

Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Kailthal Haryana along with various campuses of Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit; and Central Sanskrit University of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are going to participate in this two day festival.

As per the instructions of Prof. Shreedhar Mishra, Director of the University Campus, about 15 committees have been constituted for the well functioning of the program. They will make arrangements for the participants' accommodation, food, transportation, stage arrangements and other facilities.

Earlier, the University had been organizing Sanskrit Drama Festival at All India level. Since

2022, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi has decided to conduct this both at the regional level as well as at the All India level to hone the skill and the talent of the students of Adarsh Vidyalayas; and the various campuses of Central Sanskrit University. In this drama festival, 18 participants of 28age groups from each institute will get a chance to participate. Senior theater workers of the country have been invited as members of the jury so that the talent of the participants can be assessed in a transparent manner. Regional level winners will get a chance to participate in the All India Drama Festival which will be organized in Bhopal in the month of February 2025.

Program coordinator Prof. Satish Kumar Kapoor said that the university campus is organizing the North Regional Roopak Mahotsava for the second time. It is a matter of pride for the campus. With this, Sanskrit theater talents will also emerge in Jammu and Kashmir. Besides, the propagation of

Sanskrit will also gain momentum.

Army conducts amity meeting at Sailan

Top News Report

POONCH, Nov 27: The Indian Army organized an Amity Meeting with the residents of Sailan-Kumli village.

The meeting was organized to increase outreach to local residents and improve coordination between the Awam and the Indian Army. This initiative was part of ongoing efforts to extend area domination patrols and address local concerns.

The meeting served as a platform for informal interaction, helping ease local tensions and providing an opportunity to discuss the prevailing security situation. It allowed residents to openly share the challenges they face living in remote regions.

Champions Trophy: ICC to meet on Friday to finalise schedule

DUBAI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The board of the International Cricket Council will meet virtually on November 29 to finalise the much-delayed schedule of the Champions Trophy to be held in Pakistan in February-March next year.

The cause of the delay has been India's refusal to play in Pakistan considering the tense relations between the two countries. India have not toured Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

The BCCI wants the tournament to be played in a hybrid model with the India games scheduled in a third country, preferably the UAE, something that its Pakistani counterpart has not agreed to thus far. "The ICC board will meet on November 29 to discuss the Champions Trophy schedule," an ICC spokesperson said.

The crucial virtual meeting takes place two days before



BCCI secretary Jay Shah takes over as the ICC chairman on December 1. He and other board members would be keen to resolve the matter before the new regime takes over. With the deadlock over the schedule and venue yet to be broken, questions have been raised against the current dispensation of the ICC including chair Greg Barclay and CEO Geoff Allardice over why it did not resolve the

issue earlier and left it for the 11th hour.

With the Indian government firmly sticking to the status quo, the Champions Trophy in a hybrid model with India games outside Pakistan is the most likely option. Sources said that the PCB will be offered financial incentives, over and above the hosting fee of \$70 million, to agree to the hybrid model.

A similar model was followed

last year when India played their Asia Cup matches in Sri Lanka while four group games were hosted by Pakistan.

The PCB has spent millions of dollars to renovate stadiums in Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi for what will be its first ICC event since it co-hosted the 1996 World Cup.

Major teams including England and Australia have toured Pakistan recently after years of isolation following the horrific attack on the Sri Lanka team bus in 2009.

Since the ICC awarded Champions Trophy hosting rights to Pakistan in 2021, the PCB has been facing constant pressure from the local public to host all the games in the country. PCB has also threatened that it won't send its national teams to India for future ICC events if the latter doesn't cross the border for Champions Trophy.

100 Off 28 balls: Ex-Gujarat Titans star surpasses Rishabh Pant for 'fastest' T20 record



INDORE, Nov 27 (Agencies): Gujarat wicketkeeper-batter Urvil Patel slammed the fastest T20 century by an Indian during his team's Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Tripura on Wednesday, reaching the three-figure mark in just 28 balls. This comes exactly a year after he smashed the second-fastest hundred

by an Indian in List-A cricket. The 26-year-old Urvil bettered Rishabh Pant's record for the fastest T20 hundred by an Indian. The India wicket-keeper had blazed away to a 32-ball century against Himachal Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in 2018.

Urvil's ton is the second-fastest in T20 cricket, only behind Estonia's

Sahil Chauhan, whose hundred against Cyprus came in 27 balls.

Opening the innings, Urvil struck seven fours and 12 sixes on his way to an unbeaten 113 off a mere 35 balls, as Gujarat completed a chase of 156 in 10.2 overs.

Earlier in the week, Urvil had gone unsold in the Indian Premier League player auction.

Exactly on this day last year, after being released by Gujarat Titans, Urvil scored an unbeaten 41-ball 100 for Gujarat in their Vijay Hazare Trophy match against Arunachal Pradesh in Chandigarh.

Urvil's century was the second-fastest by an Indian batter in List A cricket.

SL team to leave Pakistan tour due to protests



KARACHI, Nov 27 (Agencies): The Sri Lanka A team will return home midway from their ongoing series against Pakistan Shaheens due to intense political protests in Islamabad.

The PCB confirmed that following consultation with the Sri Lankan board, it has postponed the last two 50-overs matches between

Pakistan Shaheens and Sri Lanka A. The postponed matches were scheduled to be played in Rawalpindi on Wednesday and Friday after Pakistan Shaheens beat the visitors by 108 runs in the first game in Islamabad on Monday.

The PCB said the two boards will work together to finalise new dates

to complete the series. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party of former Pakistan captain and prime minister Imran Khan started a protest march towards main Islamabad on Sunday. There have been incidents of clashes and violence reported between protestors and forces of law enforcement and security.

Jaiswal will score more than 40 Test hundreds, he doesn't have many weaknesses: Glenn Maxwell

SYDNEY, Nov 27 (Agencies): Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell believes Yashasvi Jaiswal's ability to adapt to various conditions and minimal weaknesses will see the Indian opener score over 40 Test centuries and rewrite multiple records.

Hailed as one of Indian cricket's brightest young talents, the 22-year-old made a dazzling start to his Test career. He cemented his spot in the team with a stunning performance against England earlier this year.

"He's (Jaiswal) a guy that will probably get more than 40 Test hundreds, and write some different records. He's got a great ability to adapt to different conditions," Maxwell said on 'The Grade Cricketer' podcast.

Playing his first Test Down Under, Jaiswal left an indelible impression with a remarkable 161 in the second innings as India defeated Australia to take



a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

His knock in Perth was his fourth century in just 15 Tests. The southpaw has converted each of those tons into a 150+ score. Jaiswal has so far collected 1,568 runs at an impressive average of 58.07, and his ability to bounce back from a first-innings duck in Perth showcased his resilience and class.

"He played a lot of shots that will be on highlights packages, but the stuff he did in between... the balls he left, the balls he got in behind... his footwork is

pretty crisp; doesn't seem to have many weaknesses. Plays the short ball well, drives well, plays spin unbelievably well and can absorb pressure for periods of time.

"It's going to be scary if Australia can't find a way to stop him over the next few games."

Bumrah is going to go down as potentially the best fast bowler of all time

Jasprit Bumrah, who led India to their most dominant win in Australia in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, reinforced his status as the best

bowler in the world with a stunning performance.

The stand-in skipper led by example with a match-haul of 8/72 in the Perth Test and Maxwell believes the pacer could go down as "potentially the best fast bowler of all time."

"They (India) have got two genuine generational talents at the peak of their powers which is Bumrah and Jaiswal," Maxwell said.

"I have said this before Bumrah is going to go down as potentially the best fast bowler of all time. Maybe not with the amount of wickets he takes in ever format but for the guys that have played against him it is just so difficult.

"He's just got such unique action, unique ability with the ball to get it to move and rush you, he can beat you on the outside edge, inside edge and he's got a quick sniff good slower ball, he seems like a complete package," Maxwell added.

Gavaskar credits Kohli's stance adjustment for success in Perth

Former Australian cricketer Matthew Hayden also commented on Kohli's stance adjustments in the second innings, saying the move to be more upright on a pitch where variable bounce was present worked for Kohli

PERTH, Nov 27 (Agencies): Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar feels a subtle adjustment to his batting stance in the second innings of the Perth Test helped Virat Kohli neutralise the Australian attack and rediscover his vintage form.

Kohli arrived in Australia after a lean run of form across formats in recent months. His struggles against spin on turning tracks raised doubts about his spot in the team.

However, he silenced his detractors by scoring his 30th Test ton in the first Test at Perth. It was his first hundred after the 121 against the West Indies at Port of Spain in July 2023.

"His body was completely relaxed when he came into bat in the second innings. In the first innings, because of the fact that India had lost two wickets early, he would have also been under pressure," Gavaskar said on Star Sports.

"In that second innings, you could sense apart from changing that

stance, I think he also got his legs, which were maybe just a little bit wider at the start. Just a little bit, maybe I'm thinking too much, but that little thing might have given him that height he wanted. Well, in Australia, on the bouncer pitches, you need that edge."

"I liked that mid-wicket boundary that he hit off Hazlewood. That, to me, was not the easiest of shots. A straight drive is a little easier because your stance is like that, but just to open up a little bit and play that - that was all magic."

Having gotten out on 5 in the first innings, Kohli brought all his technical expertise into play while dealing with the vagaries of variable bounce in the second essay as Australian bowlers desperately tried the off-stump line, short ball tactic and even attacking the line of stump to get the veteran batter out.

Former Australian cricketer Matthew Hayden also commented on Kohli's stance adjustments in the second innings,



saying the move to be more upright on a pitch where variable bounce was present worked for Kohli.

"It's a very good point because the reverse can be said also to someone touring to India and having to lower their stance. I know I certainly did that. But being able to be a little more upright means that your head position has to stay on top of the bounce so that it starts to work in your favour."

"I said right from the start that I actually liked his move, batting in more line with the ball. I thought that was a good strategy. I think he loves to play like that, and we saw some classic cases where he just eased the ball through mid-wicket. But you can't do that

from outside off stump, so getting into the line, I thought, was important."

"The other little adjustment that you mentioned, being a little more upright, so he could stay on top of the bounce, was also really important. If you're getting closer to the ball like he was -- another thing, I think, was probably playing the ball later."

went without a title.

"I said in commentary that Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, and Rafael Nadal, they are title winners. If they lose in the semi-finals, people say, 'Oh, they're not in form.' Anybody else getting into the semi-finals, you would say, 'Oh, what a wonderful performance.'"

"Similarly, with Virat Kohli, because everybody is so used to him scoring so many hundreds quite regularly, when he doesn't score 100, even if he's getting 70-80 -- which a lot of guys will be very happy to get -- people say, 'Look, he's not scoring runs.' And that is the reason why there was that feeling."

"But then again, Indian fans, they're greedy fans. They're not going to be happy with their idol scoring only 60-70s. They want their icons, their idols, to score hundreds, and that is the reason there was this little talk about, 'Oh, he hasn't got a hundred since July 2023.' July 2023 is just about a year ago," he added.

63 not out: Remembering Phil Hughes on 10th death anniversary



SYDNEY, Nov 27 (Agencies): November 27 marks the 10-year anniversary of the untimely death of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes, a moment that shook the cricketing world to its core. Hughes, a talented left-handed batsman, was just 25 years old when he passed away after being struck by a bouncer during a domestic Sheffield Shield match on November 25, 2014. Playing for South Australia against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Hughes was on 63 runs when a short-pitched delivery from Sean Abbott hit him on the neck.

The impact caused a rare vertebral artery dissection, leading to a brain haemorrhage. He collapsed on the field and was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery. Tragically, despite the best medical efforts, Hughes succumbed to his injuries two days later. The cricketing fraternity was left in shock and grief. Tributes poured in from across the globe, with players, fans, and officials mourning the loss of a bright young talent.

Hughes' death raised critical questions about player safety, especially concerning protective gear in cricket. In response, helmet designs were improved to offer greater neck protection, and more focus was placed on concussion protocols to prevent such incidents in the future. The aftermath of Hughes' death also highlighted the spirit of unity in cricket. His funeral in Macks-

ville, New South Wales, saw cricketers, fans, and dignitaries come together to celebrate his life. The hashtag #PutOutYourBats became a global symbol of respect, with fans posting images of cricket bats placed outside their homes as a tribute.

The impact of Hughes' death was especially profound on the Australian team, who were preparing for a highly anticipated Test series against India. The series, initially scheduled to begin on December 4, was delayed as the team and the nation mourned their fallen teammate. Cricket Australia prioritised the players' mental well-being, recognising the emotional toll Hughes' passing away had taken.

In an unprecedented show of respect, the first Test in Adelaide began on December 9, with players and fans paying tribute to Hughes. Australia wore black armbands, and a minute's silence was observed before play. The iconic "63 not out," Hughes' score at the time of the incident, became a rallying cry for strength and unity. David Warner, Michael Clarke, and Steve Smith, visibly emotional, played inspired cricket, dedicating their performances to Hughes. Clarke's stirring eulogy at Hughes' funeral and his gritty century in Adelaide remained reminders of the grief and resolve that defined the series.

India, too, joined in honoring Hughes, with players wearing black armbands and participating in tributes. The series, though fiercely contested, was overshadowed by the lingering sadness of Hughes' absence.

Today, Hughes is remembered not just for his cricketing achievements, including being the youngest player to score back-to-back centuries in Test cricket, but also for the legacy of improved safety in the sport. On his death anniversary, the cricketing world pauses to honor a life lost too soon.

SMVDU signs MoU with Tata Steel Ltd to promote Academia-Industry Interface

Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 27: In order to augment the Academia-Industry Interface in the region of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra and Tata Steel Limited (TSL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The agreement was signed by Hemant Bhargava, Chief Sales Manager (North), TSL and Ajay Kumar Sharma, Registrar, SMVDU in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU.

The MoU aims to foster the Academia-Industry collaboration especially in the professional fields of Architecture, Civil,



Mechanical & Energy Management.

It is pertinent to mention that the School of Architecture & Landscape Design (SoALD) of SMVDU has achieved 16th NIRF Rank and visions to expand professional footprint in the construction industry with

the joining hands of the Tata Steel.

The partnership's main objective is to aware & train the professionals engaged in the above said fields about the upcoming technology & trends in the Construction Industry.

In addition to it, curriculum development, indus-

trial training, internships, research & consultancy programs shall be envisaged for the aspiring professionals.

The signing of the MoU has been coordinated by Ar. Aditya Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, SoALD and the ceremony witnessed the presence

of Dr. Balbir Singh, Dean Academic Affairs, Dr. Vineet V. Tyagi, Dean Research & Development, Dr. Kumud Ranjan Jha, Dean FoE, Kamal Sharma, University Engineer, Heads and faculty members of the Schools of Architecture, Civil, Mechanical & Energy Management.

The notable attendees from the Tata Steel included Pratima Rao, Head Sales (North); Rajnish Sharma, HSC Fortune; Mr. Sachin Kumar, Manager and Sunil Raina, Business Consultant. This collaboration is expected to expand the awareness towards sustainable construction practices thereby achieving safe livability aspirations.

ABDPSS oragnizes Samoohik Path program in Jammu



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS) organized a Shriram-stuti and Hanuman Chalisa program at Channi Himmat, Jammu.

The event was led by Sanjeev Sharma, social worker and Aayushman Sharma.

Special Guest Sunil Sharma, National Co-ordinator ABDPSS was also present.

The program commenced with the recitation of Vedic mantras, Prarthna "Hey Prabhu Ananad-data Gyan Humko Dijiye" and thereafter Samoohik Path of Shriram-stuti and Hanuman Chalisa, in which a large number of devotees participated alongwith family members.

Especially young generation also attended the event, adding to its significance. After the path, the

speakers highlighted the devotion of Lord Hanumanji, his incredible contribution towards society, and his selfless service to Lord Rama.

They emphasized how Hanumanji's exemplary deeds in difficult circumstances continue to inspire society and remain relevant today.

After the completion of Shriram stuti and the Samoohik Hanuman Chalisa, a Satsang session was held where devotees gained spiritual knowledge and inspiration from the Acharya Manoj Kumar coming from Ayodhya.

The gathering provided the attendees with an opportunity to engage deeply in worship, fostering inner peace and devotion to Lord Ramji and Hanumanji.

The National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma informed that over the years, many

initiatives have been launched by Samiti to expand the knowledge of the sacred scripture-Bhagwat Gita which can infuse the feelings of love for humanity and God in every body. For the last 10 years, Samiti launched one more service towards society i.e. free distribution of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta Granth (not book) in the society to spread the message of Lord Krishna on the directions and teachings of Brahm-gyani Guruji.

The event saw active participation from key figures such as Kewal Krishan Sharma Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Aayushman Sharma, Rohit verma, Om parkash Sharma, Manmohan Sharma, S. S. Gupta, rahul yadav, Vimbo Devi, Seema jamwal, Sonia Kumari, shalini devi, Sawitri Sharma whose active contributions were pivotal in making the event a grand success.

Critical care specialist vacancies to be filled soon: DC Baramulla

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 27: Baramulla Deputy Commissioner (DC) Minga Sherpa has assured that efforts are underway to resolve healthcare challenges in the district, with vacancies for critical care specialists expected to be filled soon.

Addressing concerns about the lack of a nephrologist in the GMC Baramulla, DC Minga Sherpa said, "We have taken up the matter of critical care vacancies with the government and are hopeful these positions will be filled shortly," he told reporters.

The DC said that to improve services, 1 crore is being used under

NHPC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative this year to set up additional dialysis facilities.

"This will ensure that patients don't face any problems," he added.

The Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla, a key tertiary care hospital in north Kashmir, has recently introduced new facilities like a Medical Records Department (MRD) and a waiting hall to better accommodate patients and their attendants.

The DC also shared plans to further expand the hospital's infrastructure, ensuring it can handle the growing demand for quality healthcare in the North Kashmir.

KDP Wing of DPAP asks Govt to address pending demands of migrant communities

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 27: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), under the leadership of President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, and General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, has issued an urgent call to address the long-pending demands of migrant communities residing in various camps and transit camps.

Their primary demand is the immediate implementation of the directive issued by the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants) on November 4, 2023.

This directive mandates the establishment of Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) in these camps to improve coordination between residents and government departments, ensuring effective monitoring and timely execution of developmental works.

Despite this being a demand since 2015, the leaders lament that no action has been taken to implement it.

The leaders also emphasized the need to allocate over 300

constructed but unused shops within the camps.

A government order issued in December 2023 outlines criteria for shop allotment, yet it remains unimplemented. They highlighted the plight of displaced shopkeepers, many of whom are paying exorbitant rents for private spaces while these government-built shops lie unused and deteriorating.

The KDP Wing strongly urged that priority be given to shopkeepers from Muthi Camp, whose shops were recently demolished, so they can rebuild their livelihoods.

Addressing the dire living conditions in camps, particularly at the Jagti Migrant Camp, the leaders called for the formation of a high-level committee to assess and resolve critical issues.

They reported deteriorating buildings, unhygienic sanitation, and poorly maintained parks, lanes, and drainage systems, which have made life difficult for the residents. They demanded immediate government intervention to ensure basic amenities and improve overall infrastructure within these camps.

Another pressing issue raised by the KDP Wing is the frequent power outages in Jagti Camp, leaving residents vulnerable during the evening hours.

The leaders demanded the installation of streetlights and CCTV cameras to enhance security and curb rising incidents of theft and drug abuse.

Additionally, they called for deploying at least ten armed personnel for night patrolling, as the current deployment of 4-5 police personnel is insufficient to ensure safety in such a densely populated area.

The KDP Wing leaders appealed to the Commissioner Secretary for Revenue, Relief, and Rehabilitation, as well as the Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants), to act swiftly on these matters.

They warned that continued inaction would compel them to escalate their demands to the Honorable Lieutenant Governor, Chief Minister, and Chief Secretary, seeking justice and relief for the displaced community. These measures are critical to addressing the challenges faced by migrant residents, ensuring their dignity, security, and livelihoods.

JKBS members remember their Social Leader Phuman Ram

Top News Report

ARNIA, Nov 27: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members visited Village Rangpur Trewa located at Indo-Pak border, where they paid glowing tributes to social leader Phuman Ram, calling him a well-known personality among the social circles of Arnia border town.

JKBS' General Secretary R.L. Kaith in his tribute said, Phuman Ram was strong, courageous and always kept a smile on his face.

He was not afraid to share his ideas and thoughts, regardless of what others think. He would speak his heart and his mind, and respect himself enough to stand up for himself, the causes he believed in, and the welfare of others.



He would follow his intuition and wouldn't overthink everything. He played an important role in changing many social evils and had been a shining beacon of hope.

He assisted and supported the financially weak and helped them in getting educated. Besides, he worked on various crucial economic issues raised by the agricultural labourers and women facing injustice in

the area. Salute to him for his tremendous efforts, Kaith said.

Others who spoke in praise of Phuman Ram included his elder son US Return Dr Sewa Mortan, RTI India News' Editor-in-Chief Sansar Singh Motan, Insp. Darshan Kumar Bassa, Hav. Des Raj Kaith, Hans Raj Loria, Mewa Ram Motan, Veerpan Motan, Dwarka Nandan and Jagdish Raj Kaith.

EPG unveils devastating account of environmental degradation are Haigham Wetland Conservation Reserve



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 27: The Environmental Policy Group (EPG) has unveiled a devastating account of environmental degradation at the Haigham Wetland Conservation Reserve, a once-thriving ecosystem now reduced to a desolate landscape of dried grass and fallen vegetation.

The wetland, internationally recognized under the Ramsar Convention, has been systematically destroyed through unchecked encroachment and administrative negligence.

Spanning 16,000 kanals, this critical habitat has transformed from a vibrant sanctuary for migratory birds to a barren wasteland. Local communities, who historically depended on the wetland for diverse livelihood sources including chestnuts, Nadroo, and fish, now face economic devastation.

The EPG's investigation exposes a troubling pattern of environmental destruction. Areas of the wetland have been brazenly converted into paddy fields, playgrounds, orchards, and plantations, with encroachment

reportedly involving not just local opportunists but departmental personnel themselves.

Migratory bird populations, which have used this habitat for centuries, have completely vanished. The wetland now stands as a stark reminder of ecological mismanagement, with substantial conservation funds seemingly unused despite the critical state of the ecosystem.

Drawing attention to their previous successful interventions in reviving other wetlands like Hokersar, Shallabug, and Mirgund, the EPG is now demanding a comprehensive inquiry into the Haigham Wetland's deterioration. The organization seeks to establish accountability and trigger immediate restoration efforts.

The group's relentless pursuit highlights the urgent need for administrative action to prevent the complete loss of this irreplaceable ecological resource. As the wetland continues to languish, the EPG's call for intervention grows increasingly critical, challenging the administrative apathy that threatens to erase a vital part of the region's natural heritage.

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