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BRIEFLY

Govt suspends incharge **AEE (Civil)** arrested by ACB

SRINAGAR, Nov 28 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir government has placed Er. Mubarak Ahmad Ganaie under suspension, who was earlier arrested by Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB).

"Er. Mubarak Ahmad Ganaie, Incharge Assistant Executive Engineer who has been arrested by Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K, shall be deemed to have been placed under suspension with effect from the date of his arrest," read an order, issued by the government.

During the period of his suspension, the engineer shall remain attached with the office of chief engineer, PW (R&B) North Kashmir.

'Ensure dignity, fair pay for contractual lecturers': Mehbooba Mufti

SRINAGAR, Nov 28 Agencies): Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader and former chief minister of the erstwhile state Mehbooba Mufti Wednesday demanded fair pay for contractual lecturers in J-K. Despite being the backbone of the higher education system in the UT, Mufti said they are facing severe injustice. "With a meagre salary of Rs. 28,000 and no summer or winter pay as compared to their counterparts in Ladakh which offers Rs. 57,700, their plight cannot be ignored,' PDP's official spokesperson said while quoting Mufti. She urged to change the nomenclature of these lecturers on the New Delhi, a Raj Bhavan official papers from spokesperson said here 'Academic Arrangement' to 'Contractual Assistant Professors'.

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): The Lok Sabha on Thursday adopted a resolution to extend the tenure of the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill till the last day of the Budget session of Parliament next year. Committee Chairman

and BJP leader Jagdambika Pal moved the resolution in the Lok Sabha, which approved it with a voice vote. The parliamentary

panel's meetings have become a virtual battleground between the



Panel on Waqf Bill

party members, who the committee staged a walkout and slammed have been vociferously Pal for asserting that the debating the changes to the Waqf Bill proposed panel's draft report was by the government. ready. On Wednesday, the Pal and the BJP members of the committee then reached out to opposition members and indicated their willingness to press for an extension of the committee's deadline of November 29 to submit its report to the Lok Sabha. The Lok Sabha had constituted the com-

mittee on August 8 and asked to submit its report on the last day of the first week of the Winter session, which is on Friday. Following the last

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Constitution copy in hand, Priyanka Gandhi takes Oath as LS MP



NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): Holding up a copy of the Constitution, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra took oath as a Lok Sabha MP on Thursday to begin her journey as an elected representain Parliament, took affirmation in Hindi.

The MP from Wayanad in Kerala held up a red and black copy of the Constitution, which Rahul Gandhi has been displaying at his public meetings, as she took her oath.

Dressed in a cream Kasavu saree from Kerala, Priyanka Gandhi rose to take oath amid cheers of 'Jodo Jodo. Bharat Jodo' from the Congress benches. She took oath with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, her mother and Turn to page 9

"Transformed the theme of terrorism to tourism in J-K": **COAS General Upendra Dwivedi**



Nov 28 (Agencies): been able to transform Chief of Army Staff the idea of Jammu and (COAS), General Upen-Kashmir from "terrorism dra Dwivedi said that to tourism."Jammu and

In Securing India's Growth Story," General Dwivedi said, "We are seeking avenues to bring together capacities to support lines of effort of the nation towards the goal of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'...In J&K we have been able to transform the theme of terrorism to tourism."

"When we talk about the prosperous nation

an event at Savitribai

Phule Pune University

on "Indian Army's Role

Ex-bank employee loses Rs 3.57 cr after imposter threatens him on video call

THANE, Nov 28 (Agencies): A 74-year-old retired bank employee in Maharashtra's Thane district has been duped of Rs 3.57 crore after being threatened by a fraudster posing as a policeman on a video call, an official said on Thursday

28 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Thursday sought response from J-K separatist leader Yasin Malik and others on a plea by the Central Bureau of Investigation to transfer the trial in two cases from Jammu to New Delhi A bench of Justices

with video-conferencing facilities.

"We have filed applications for amending the cause title. We have also placed on record the fact that there already exists a fully functional court in the jail itself with all the facilities of video conferencing also, if needed. And in the past proceedings have taken place in

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Abhay S Oka and as Tihar jail has a court Gupshup

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

SC issues notice to Yasin Malik and others on CBI's plea to transfer trial in two cases NEW DELHI, Nov

18.

Augustine George Masih issued notice to Malik and other accused and directed them to file response by December

years after she joined

The 52-year-old, who

joins her mother Sonia

and brother Rahul as

an MP in what is a rare

instance of three mem-

bers of a family together

active politics.

During the proceedings, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench that Malik need not be physically taken to Jammu court for trial in the kidnapping case

Srinagar shivers at -2.1°C, Shopian freezes at -5.5°C

SRINAGAR, Nov 28 (Agencies): Srinagar city and other places in Kashmir experienced the coldest night of the season so far as most parts of the valley reeled under sub-zero night temperature, officials said on Thursday. They said Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.1 degree Turn to page 9

while moving towards Kashmir tourism the goal of 'Viksit Bharat While addressing

2047, two prefixes are

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RESTAURANT

LG requests Centre for Status Quo in Ladakh's budget allocation

LEH, Nov 28 (Agencies): Ladakh Lt Governor BD Mishra has requested the central government to maintain the status quo in the budget allocation for the region's overall development in the current fiscal amid reports of the Centre's decision to reduce the allocation. Mishra raised the issue during a meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in

on Wednesday. The Lt Governor discussed the Centre's decision to revise the budget allocation for the capital component to Ladakh for the current financial year 2024-25 with the Finance Minister.

He also informed her of the decision's repercussions, which could impact the ongoing development projects, especially the ongoing project works of both the hill councils, and hamper

the overall development of the region, the spokesperson said.

On Tuesday, Leh Conaress president Tsering Namgyal slammed the central government for its decision to cut the annual budget for the Union Territory.

Since the formation of the UT in August 2019, Ladakh has received nearly Rs 6,000 crore annual budget, but this time the government has decided to cut the

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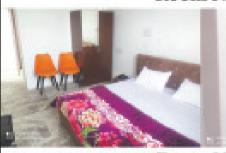
Dy CM surprise-checks PWD Jammu office, finds 70% staff absent

JAMMU, Nov 28 (Agencies): In a scathing remark against absenteeism in government offices, Jammu and Kashmir's Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary has vowed to take strict action against employees neglecting their duties.

The Dy CM made the statement after conducting a surprise inspection at the Chief Engineer Public Works Department (CE PWD) office in Jammu, where he discovered that nearly 70%



of the staff were absent from their posts. Speaking to the media after the inspection, the Dy CM said, "We are representatives of the people, and we are elected by the people. The earlier rule is over, and now it is the rule of the people, the rule of democracy.' He expressed his Turn to page 9







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

TENTH DAT 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 Amit Choudhary -Son

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Lt Sh. Ghara Ram Dr. Anu Bala Chowdhary & Er. Mayank Dogra - Daughter & Son In Law Sh. Tara Chand & Smt Kamli Devi- Brother & Sister in Law (Ex Head Master) Sh. Daulat Chand & Smt Sudesh Kumari- Brother & Sister in Law Smt Pushpa Devi & Lt Sh. Dharam Chand - Sister & Brother in Law Rtd Capit Kall Dass & Smt Janko Devi- Father in Law & Mother in Law Reld Lt Hardey Singh & Smt Arju Choudhary -Brother In Law & Sister In Law Insp. Karan Singh & Smt Arpana Choudhary- Brother in Law & Sister in Law Nophows & Nioco: Sumit, Surjeet, Netra, Sonia, Aman, Riya, Simran, Minni, Jaivik, Aarachak, & Aarav. Grand Children: Trishika, Riyanshi MOBILE NO: 9797693691, 9419758888

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and Sorrow, we inform the sad untimely demise of our beloved Mr. Neeraj Saini S/o Sh. Parshotam Saini on 20th Nov 2024.

The Tenth Day will be performed on Friday 29.11.2024 at 11:00am at our residence Vill Rathana, Nanak Chak near Shiv Mandir, RS Pura.

Deeply Remembered By:-

Parshotam Kumar & Sangeeta Kumari (Parents) Nidhi Saini (Sister) Shiv Sanket Saini (Brother) Mob: 9419113293

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With prefound 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

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With piofound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Roopawati 📝 (Oma Jig ri) 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. ENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4th De

OBITUARIES

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Vishno Devi W/o Bansi Lal Pakhotra. 10th Day: 29/11/2024, Friday at 12:00 Noon at H.No 170 Sector 6 Channi Himmat, Near Buds School Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN Sh Bansi Lal Pakhotra- Husband Daughters in law & Sons Smt. Arti Gupta & Vijay Gupta

Smt. Rekha Gupta & Vinay Gupta Daughters & Sons in Law Smt. Neelam Gupta & Subash Gupta Smt. Neeta Gupta W/o Lt Ashwani Gupta Smt. Neena Gupta & Ravi Gupta PHONE NO. 9419161496, 9419123184

10TH DAY/OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Plaray Lal Pandita S/o Lt. Kallash Ram Pandita originally resident of Nawama (Handwara) Kashmir, A/P Block 90-Lane No.7, Flat No.17, Jagt Township Nagrota. Jammu, expired on 25 Nov. 2024. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu on 4th Dec. 2024 at 9 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Sheelawati - Wife Smt. Roopswati W/o Lt. Privithi Nath - Babi Mm. & Mr. Sat Lal Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi Sons & Daughters-in-law Mrs. & Mr. Railnder K.Pandita

Mrs. & Mr. Shadi Lal Pandita Daughter-in-law Girja Bhat W/o Raj Kumar Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With prolound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved Sh. Braj Bhushan Sharma (Retd. Chief Engineer) S/o Lata Sh. Padam Nabh Sharms & Late Smt. Lajvanti Sharma left for his heavenly a bode on 19th Nov. 2024. TENTH DAY will be observed on 28th Nov. (Thursday) at 11:30 AM at our residence. KRIYA will be performed on 29th Nov. (Friday) at 12 Oblock (Noon) at our residence UTHALA will be held on 29th Nov. 2024 (Friday) at Palanch Mandir, Sector 2, Channi

Sister & Brother-In-law

Smt. Adarsh & Arch. B.V. Sharma. Dr. Rama & Dr. Pradeep Sharma.

Daughter & Son-in-law

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, Kalypso 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

Jammu, Thursday, November 28, 2024

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OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA With deep sorrow and grief, it is to inform you that Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul left for his eavenly abode on 24th Nov. 2024. He was riginally from Bana Mohalla, Habba Kadal Grinagar and presently residing at F-606. ntariksh Golf View 1, Sector -78, Noida. 10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed a 30am on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at Chhota Haridwar, Murad Nagar, Utta radesh

Ph. No.: 8123465312, 9741113103, 9008955440 GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Ashok Kumar Kou

/asanti Koul (Wife) Seema and Saniay Munshi (Daughter and Son-in-Law) Princy and Rohit Choudhary (Daughter and Son-in-Law) antosh 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) andana and Vinod Khar (Niece-in-Law and Nephew) rvan and Navva (Grandchildren)



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Suhag Rani W/o Late Sh. Girdhari Lal (Dablehar Wale) R/o 349/1A, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu on 28th Nov, 2024 (Tuesday). Uthala shall take place on 29th Nov, (Friday) from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm at Shiv Mandir Sector - 3, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Grief Stricken

Sons & Daughters-in-law rithvi Kumar & Kanta Gupta Parshotam Lal & Vishno Gupta Ashwani Kumar & Ritu Gupta Naresh Gupta & Neelam Gupta Daughters & Son-in-law

Lt. Mohan Lal & Bimla Gupta

Nirmala Gupta Vijay Kumar & Neelam Gupta

Smt. Suhag Rani Grand Children Deepak Gupta & Anmol Mahajan Manav Gupta & Sonali Gupta Vivek Gupta & Deepika Gupta Urvaksh Mahajan Great Grand Children Movisha Gupta Parvish Gupta

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved father Shri Piaray Lal Kaul S/o Late Shri Moti La Kaul (originally from 81/2 Drabiyaar, 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



GRIEF STRICKEN: Shri Piaray Lal Kaul Smt. Veena Kaul (Wife) Ms. Pritka Kaul Wo Late Shri Neeraj Peshin (Daughter & Son-in-law)

Smt. Phoola Kak W/o Late Makhan Lai Kak (Sister & Brother-in-law Smt. Vijay Kaul & Shri Bal Krishan Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)

Vamika Peshin (Grand Daughter) DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY KAULS, DHARS AND HANDOOS. PHONE NUMBERS: 9821315322 / 9623551339 / 8383914569 / 9650619464 / 9149518943



With profound grief and sorrow, we deeply regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Late Smt Ram Pyari Gupta wife of late Sh Lakshmi Chand Gupta of Udhampur on 25th Nov 2024. FIFTH DAY will be performed at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat Jammu on Friday, 29th Nov 2024 at 11:00 AM. Grief stricken:



(Bhabhi & Brother) Smt Sharda Gupta W/o Late Sh N.K Gupta Smt Neelam Gupta & Sh B K Bucha (Sister & Brother in law) Sh Hans Raj Gupta & Late Smt Kamla Devi Smt Vimla Gupta & Sh Hans Raj Gupta (Nephew & Niece) Rushali, Atul, Varut, Manik

FIFTH DAY

With a heavy and sadden heart we regre to inform you on the sad demise of our eloved Brother-in-law Sh. Satish Sharma Jee Husband of Smt. Rama arma R/o Faridabad.



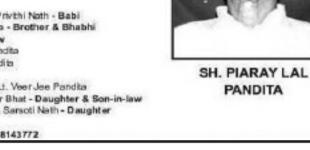


SH. ROSHAN LAL

HAKIM



Mrs. Manju Pandita Wo Lt. Veer Jee Pandita Mrs. Raini Pandita Wio Lt. Sarsoti Nath - Daughter Grand Children Ph.No: 9419660299, 9858143772





House No.278, Sector 2, Channi Himmet, Jammu House No.278, Sec. 2, Channi Himmet, Jammu. Himmet, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN Smt Renu Sharma (Wille) Sister in-law and Brother Smt. Preeti & Sh. Brij Mohan Sharma (J KAS Retd.).

Smt. Ruby & Sh. B.R. Sharma (IAS Reid.). Smt. Dev Lote (IAS Retd.) & Dr. Rameshwor She ma.

Shit, Divya & Sh. Shaleen Sharma.



(Retd. Chief Engineer)

Daughter: Anandita Sharma Nephews: Preney, Anend, Devansh, Aditya, Ayushman, Rajdeep, Amitiya, Ratandeep. Contact No. 09419160916; 09419180655

SH RRAI RHUSHAN SHARMA

PANDITA

Mt Puneet Kaul (**Son)** Shri Hita Lai Kaul & Smt. Usha Kaul (**Brother & Sister-in-law**) Shri, Sunnder Kaul & Smt.Daisy Kaul (**Brother & Sister-in-law**)













LOCAL/ ADVT

Government determined to address every issue concerning public: Sakeena Itoo



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 28: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today conducted extensive tour of Hazratbal Constituency of Srinagar district and inspected several institutions of public importance

The tour, spanning several key health and educational institutions in Hazratbal like Sub District Hospital (SDH), Habbak, Government Middle School Habbak, NTPHC Zakura and Government School Zakura, was aimed to assess the condition of these public institutions and gather onspot feedback for further improvements.

At SDH Zakura, the Minister held detailed inspection of the facility and assessed infrastructure, patient care facilities and medical equipments. She interacted with the medical staff, including doctors, nurses and technicians, to understand their concerns and requirements. The medical staff present on the occasion briefed the Minister about the facilities available at the facility and also highlighted intervention on several matters concerning the hospital

She also discussed the issue of halt in construction of the additional block of the hospital. The

Minister directed the DC Srinagar and VC LCMA to sort out the issues in coordination with other stakeholders and restart the work as soon as possible for timely completion of the project On the sidelines of visit ments at the institution.

The Minister, on the

occasion, gave on-spot

instructions to the Direc-

tor School Education for

initiating the process of

upgrading the school.

She also directed the

authorities for immediate

renovation of the school

Later, the Minister also

inspected Mini Maternity

Centre Zakura, NTPHC

Zakura and Government

The Minister expressed

displeasure on the

defunct Mini Maternity

Centre and directed the

health authorities for

immediate resumption

of services at the centre

as it caters to larger area

including Ganderbal.

She also directed them

for renovation of building

as well as deployment of

The Minister also gave

instructions for deploy-

ment of a medical officer

and paramedic staff at

NTPHC Zakoora. She

also gave directions for

for initiating the process

of upgrading Government

School Zakoora to Higher

MLA, Hazratbal, Salman

Ali Sagar; Deputy Com-

missioner Srinagar, Dr.

Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat;

Principal GMC Srinagar,

VC LMA, Director School

Education Kashmir,

Director Health Services

Kashmir and other senior

officers of district adminis-

tration also accompanied

the Minister during the

facilities so that people

can seek necessary health

advices from the respective

district hospitals or nearest

He enjoined upon the

Department to rational-

ise the District Residency

Program (DRP) so that

each district has requisite

number of doctors avail-

able under it. Moreover he

advocated for beginning of

such residency programs

in Sub-district Hospitals in

Er. Vandana Chib, Er. Itika

Sharma, Er. Vicky Sharma,

Ritesh Gupta , Mr. Chamel

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to hospital, the Minister also addressed the gathering of local people. During the address, Sakeena Itoo underlined the Omar Abdullah led Government's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to all citizens. "Our Government is of the people and for the people and we are determined to address every issue concerning public at large", Sakeena said.

The Minister, in her address, also assured the locals that any shortcomings in the functioning of Sub District Hospital will be addressed promptly. Addressing the gathering, MLA Hazratbal. Salman Ali Sagar assured the people that the Gov-

ernment is committed to address grievances and issues of people. He also brought several issues concerning the Hazratbal Constituency in the notice of Minister.

Afterwards, the Minister visited Government Middle School Habbak and reviewed the functioning of institution. She interacted with the school administration and took first-hand appraisal from them about the require-

JMC Commissioner takes stock of SUH Boria Basti

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, on Thursday visited e Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH), Boria Basti, inmates there.

During his visit, Dr. Devansh Yadav took a comprehensive tour of the facility and inspected the various arrangements made for the comfort and well-being of the inmates.

Interacting with the inmates, the Commissioner assured them that all necessary facilities would be provided to ensure that they do not face any inconvenience. He also inquired about the available amenities to make sure that the shelter meets the required standards for its inhabitants.

Lauding the efforts of

Sakeena Itoo pays obeisance at **Dargah Hazratbal Srinagar**

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 28: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today paid obeisance at revered shrine Dargah Hazratbal Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Minister prayed for wellbeing of every individual of Jammu and Kashmir as well as for the peace, progress, prosperity and development of region. The Minister, during the visit, also engaged with the members of the Dargah Committee and discussed several issues related to development of Dargah.

While interacting



camp, which is held

weekly, aims to provide

essential healthcare ser-

vices to the residents of

the shelter. Dr. Rashmi

Sharma, Dr. Sunita

Sharma, and other med-

ical staff attended the

camp to offer medical

assistance and ensure

the health needs of the

Among others, Deputy

Commissioner, (South),

JMC, Lal Chand,

Executive Engineer,

Mechanical, JMC, Sunil

Gandotra, and other

concerned officers

accompanied the Com-

missioner.

inmates are met

the management of the Shelter for Urban Homeless for their outstanding efforts in ensuring the well-being of the inmates, the Commissioner commended the team of management for maintaining the shelter Home in excellent condition and providing the inmates with a safe and supportive environment. As part of the ongoing welfare initiatives, the Medical Mobile Unit of Directorate of Health Services, Jammu, organized a medical camp for the inmates. This

JU hosts lecture on "Cyber Security" enthusiastic participation

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) in collaboration with the Department of Botany, University of Jammu, successfully organized an engaging lecture on "Cyber Security"

The session was delivered by Mohd Yassen Kichloo, Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime) and CICE, Jammu and Kashmir, who brought his vast expertise to the discussion The lecture aimed to

raise awareness about the growing challenges of cybercrime and its farreaching implications in the digital era. Kichloo delved into vari-

ous dimensions of cyber security, including emerging trends in cybercrimes, safeguarding sensitive data, and the ethical use of digital platforms. Using real-world case studies, he offered insights into the practical challenges faced by law enforcement and highlighted innovative solutions. The speaker also emphasized the intersection of traditional disciplines like botany and forensics, inspiring researchers to adopt secure digital tools for data analysis and collection

The event witnessed

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No:- No 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-240-2024-25-PTK-DRM-FZR (to be spened on date 16.12.2024) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ingps.gov.in with closing data 18.12.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/nevised bids up to closing data and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received. shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tander document cost and earnest money only through only payment nodes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit oard, credit oard etc. Manual aymenta through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, PDM etc. are

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Adopt multi-pronged strategy to address deficit of doctors in far-flung areas: CS

tour.

Top News Report JAMMU, Nov 28: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today



The Secretary, H&ME, Dr Sved Abid Rashid Shah took this occasion to highlight certain initiatives of

the Department to ensure



members, the Minister assured them all possible support from the Government. She highlighted that Dargah Hazratbal is a symbol of peace and spirituality that transcends boundaries. She added that this holy shrine serves as a reminder of the values of tolerance and unity our place is known for.

During the visit, the

with locals of Hazratbal area and patiently listened their issues and grievances. She assured them that all of their genuine issues and problems will be addressed promptly. MLA Hazratbal Salman Ali Sagar; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohiuddin Bhat; other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

from students, faculty, and

research scholars of the

Department of Botany. A

dynamic Q&A session fur-

ther enriched the interac-

tive discussion, making the

event both informative and

Prof. Veenu Kaul, Presi-

dent, IIC, University of

Jammu, remarked, "This

session has empowered

our students and faculty

with essential knowledge

about cyber security, pro-

moting a culture of digital

responsibility." The IIC

reaffirmed its commitment

to organizing such impact-

ful initiatives that combine

awareness, innovation,

The program com-

menced with a formal

welcome by Prof. Susheel

Verma, Head, Department

of Botany, and concluded

with insightful remarks by

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma,

Dean, Faculty of Life Sci-

ences. Dr. Romica pro-

posed the vote of thanks

and Sugandhi conducted

The lecture concluded in

the presence of esteemed

faculty members including

Dr. Sikander Pal, Dr. Geeta

Sharma, Dr. Harish Chand-

er, Dr. Skarma Nonzom, Dr.

Romica Verma, Dr. Sajan

Thakur, Dr. Abhishek Dutta,

and Dr. Komal Verma.

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held a meeting of Health 8 Medical Education (H&ME) Department to look into the identification of blocks facing acute shortage of medics there besides deliberating upon the ways to address the issue.

Besides the Secretary, H&ME Department, the meeting was attended by MD. NHM; Principals of Medical Colleges; Director, Coordination; Director Health Services. Kashmir/ Jammu; Director, Ayush and other concerned officers in the Department.

The Chief Secretary first had an overview of the availability of staff and its strength at each level of hierarchy. He then scrutinized blocks in the peripheral districts that face critical deficiency in terms of availability of doctors there. While deliberating further over this matter the Chief

tional motivating forces to

Secretary observed that multiple steps should be taken to fill the gap. He advised for framing a roadmap to motivate the young professionals to serve in these far-off areas of the UT.

Dulloo also asked for creating provisions to advance certain incentives like Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) to such medical professionals on the basis of the days they attend their duties in such remote areas. Dulloo also favoured for providing them other amenities and benefits as addi-

availability of Consultants and Medical Officers in majority of the health facilities. He also threw light on different steps the Department is contemplating to address the issue of serve in these areas. He urged them to look into establishment of telemedicine kiosks in these health

unavailability of doctors in far-flung areas of J&K. He gave out that currently the LIT has overall availability of 71% doctors across different health facilities with good number of Consultants, Medical Officers and Dental Surgeons in position as per the sanctioned strength.

It was further made out that the Department is going to implement the directives passed by the Chief Secretary so that medical care in the remotest blocks of the UT is provisioned there smoothly in the times to come.

Govt Polytechnic College Jammu organizes **Technical visit to Gladni Grid Station Jammu**



Top News Report

JAMMU Nov 28: Government Polytechnic College Jammu on Thursday organized Technical Visit for the Students of 3rd Semester Electrical Engineering Department under the guidance of Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic College

Jammu and Er. Manjeet Singh H.O.D Electrical Engineering Department. In the morning visit was flagged off by Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic in presence of Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engineering Department Er. Himanshu Bakshi,

grid Jammu.

Students were acquainted with Working Principle and applications of each. During this Technical Visit, students learnt that how electrical Power is received at 220 KV Voltage and the Voltage is step down with the help of step down Transformer in various stages and further distributed to consumers with the help of Sub Transmission System.

Er. Himanshu Bakshi and Er. Vicky Sharma, facultyElectrical Engineering Department were present with Students during the Technical Visit.

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER Short e-NIT No. DGN/72 of 2024-25 Dated 26-11-2024

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

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4	Bid submission Start Date	26-11-2024
		Jammu
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Gandhi Nagar
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	30-11-2024 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 26-11-2024 to 05-12-2024, 1800 Hrs
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26-11-2024

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EDITORIAL

Strengthening Laws for Social Media

he digital revolution has trans-formed the way people connect, communicate, and consume information. Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, alongside Over-The-Top (OTT) streaming services like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Disney+ Hotstar, have become integral to everyday life. While these platforms empower users with a voice and offer diverse entertainment, they also present numerous challenges, including misinformation, hate speech, privacy breaches, and cultural insensitivity. Strengthening laws to govern these platforms is crucial to ensure responsible use, safeguard public interests, and maintain societal harmony.

One of the most pressing issues with social media is the rampant spread of misinformation and fake news. Unverified content, often propagated by bots or anonymous accounts, can incite violence, manipulate public opinion, and cause panic during crises. Additionally, platforms are frequently misused for cyberbullying, harassment, and hate speech, particularly targeting women, children, and marginalized communities. Current legal frameworks often fall short of offering swift and effective solutions to these challenges, leaving victims vulnerable.

Another significant concern is the lack of robust data privacy measures. Social media platforms collect vast amounts of user data, often without transparent consent mechanisms. This raises serious privacy and security issues, as data breaches and unauthorized access expose users to exploitation. Moreover, unregulated advertisements on these platforms exploit consumers with misleading claims, undermining trust and safety.

OTT platforms, on the other hand, face criticism for their lack of content regulation. While they have revolutionized entertainment with diverse offerings, many argue that some content promotes obscenity, violence, and themes unsuitable for certain audiences. These platforms often ignore cultural sensitivities, leading to controversies over content perceived as disrespectful to traditions and societal norms. Furthermore, piracy and copyright violations



By: Omkar Dattatray

uch awaited winter session of the new par-liament has begun on Monday 25 November 2024.But alas! It commenced on a stormy note as expected because of the INDIA's attitude in and outside the parliament .The opposition that is Congress and other constituents of INDIA bloc are hell bent to disrupt the parliament proceedings as before and they have least regard for discipline and decorum .The opposition is not allowing serious debates , discussions and deliberations in both the houses of parliament .In fact serious debate is conspicuously missing in today's parliament. The absence of serious debates and discussions is a serious issue and all parties in our multi-party democracy should address this issue and cooperate with the treasury benches for the successful working and functioning of the parliament. Yes, raising the issues of the people and attracting the attention of the government towards solving these issues and criticizing and opposing government is the privilege and domain of the opposition in a democracy .But then blind opposition is also not needed as it hurts democracy and impedes and obstructs the proceedings of the parliament which causes a big loss to the government coffers and lowers the prestige of not only the parliamentarians but also of the parliament and our democracy .This time as well the opposition parties seem to have made their mind to not allow the parliament to function and transact the normal parliamentary business. The government has made

it clear that it is ready to discuss and debate each and every issue to be raised by the opposition .But then the opposition no doubt should raise the important issues concerning and confronting the people and should not hold the session of the parliament as hostage to their gossip and baseless and frivolous charges and accusations which is ridiculous ,funny and unfortunate .The days of serious and sane debates and discussions of yore are now a history as it has been thrown in the dustbin and what is witnessed in the highest temple of democracy -the parliament is indiscipline, futile gossip ,disruptions ,pandemonium's ,stalemates and washing off the business of the parliament .In the current winter session of the parliament ,the opposition is raising the Adani corruption issue ,Manipur issue and price rise all well and within the domain of the opposition. It is free to raise any issue relating to the people .However under the guise of raising these issues ,it should not disrupt and disturb the proceedings of the parliament. The opposition from day one of the winter session of the parliament is resorting to ruckus ,indiscipline and our parliament is made to resemble a fish market .The parliamentarians both of the ruling parties and the opposition parties should appreciate and recognize that they are the representatives of the and they should debate and discuss the people's issues and not disrupt the parliament proceedings .By resorting to uncalled for ruckus ,indiscipline and bringing the business of the parliament to halt will not serve any purpose and it impinges on the democratic functioning and proceedings of the parliament .Both houses of the parliament should be allowed to function smoothly so that the important bills are discussed ,debated and the legislations passed for the benefit of the people. .It is the responsibility of the treasury benches and the opposition to use their influence and act in the desired manner so that there will be no

adjournments and proroguing of the parliament and instead the proceedings should be allowed to proceed smoothly .In these days of internet ,digital technology and social media, the working of the parliament is watched by the people not only within the country but globally and so the members of the parliament should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner and should abstain from doing disruptions and not create unnecessary noises and indiscipline in the parliament houses .Noisy scenes ,indiscipline ,sloganeering and coming to the well of the Lok Sabha and Raj Sabha have become routine and normal things in parliament .However all this brings disrepute to the parliamentarians and lowers the prestige of the parliament and those manning the parliament .In yester years there used to be discipline, decorum in the parliament functioning ,but today' these things are totally absent and it is a serious and grave issue .The parliamentarians should see that they are watched by the people and thus should conduct themselves in a proper, dignified ,democratic ,disciplined way so that the stature of the parliament and its members is increased and they serve the democracy in the best manner .The INDIA parties , which met in the morning of 25th November to discuss their strategy ,decided to raise the Adani issue and demanded an immediate discussion .However the chair in both the houses refused permission for the debate .The winter session of parliament got off on a stormy start on Monday over the indictment of billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani in US and the oppositions demand to debate this issue in Lok Sabha as well in Raj Sabha .In fact the dark skies are ahead for winter session of parliament .There are 15 bills that must be looked at during the winter session of the Indian parliament -the second since the general elections in June.

start. It began on Monday and the session was adjourned in both houses of parliament on its very first day .It is not good and is a matter of concern .The leader of opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said ,"The US government has taken a case strongly ,an incident that happened in India. "He demanded a discussion on the US governments indictment of Adani for corruption. RS chairman declared adjournment saying that opposition was creating a ruckus .The parliament's winter session will continue till December 20 and 15 bills will be discussed including the bill to amend waqf law and the bribery case on Adani is also likely to be discussed .Waqf Law Bill and the Adani issue are going to dominate the parliament .Besides Waqf bill ,One Nation, One Election and UCC may also be listed as prime minister is interested in these bills more than any one else. These three bills are most likely to be passed is the expert opinion of the experts .So the session which has started on a stormy note will continue to be more noisy on these three bills .It is worth noting that the Adani issue have not galvanized the public opinion in the way the opposition had hoped .It seems that opposition has failed to create an engaging narrative for the public .In brief the present winter session is very noisy as the opposition is hell bent to raise issues which are hardly related with the public and they are more concerned with creating disruptions to impede the functioning of the two houses of parliament. Let the opposition as well as treasury benches behave properly-opposition show maturity and discipline and the ruling parties show accommodative attitude so that the functioning of the parliament is carried on smoothly and this is in the interest of the country.

(The author is a columnist, social and KP

Parliament Session started on a Stormy Note

remain significant issues, with creators suffering substantial revenue losses.

To address these challenges, several measures can be taken. For social media, laws must mandate real-time fact-checking mechanisms to combat misinformation and require platforms to verify user identities. Stricter penalties should be imposed on platforms failing to remove flagged harmful content within a specified timeframe. Comprehensive data protection laws are also necessary to regulate how platforms collect, store, and share user data, ensuring transparency and accountability.

For OTT platforms, establishing a certification framework akin to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is essential to categorize content based on audience suitability. Age verification mechanisms should be introduced to prevent minors from accessing explicit material. Platforms should also form cultural sensitivity review boards to pre-screen content, minimizing potential controversies. To combat piracy, anti-piracy laws and digital rights management technologies must be strengthened.

Balancing regulation with freedom is equally important. Overregulation risks stifling creativity, innovation, and freedom of expression, which are critical in a democratic society. Collaborative efforts between governments, platform operators, civil society, and users are vital to create balanced laws that protect public interests without infringing on individual rights.

Strengthened laws governing social media and OTT platforms are essential to address the challenges posed by the digital age. By tackling misinformation, privacy breaches, cultural insensitivity, and other issues, these platforms can become safer and more inclusive. With thoughtful regulation, public cooperation, and responsible digital behavior, the immense potential of these platforms can be harnessed for societal good while minimizing harm.

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If you are also planning to get a medifacial this wedding season, here's all you need to know.

The standard duration of a Medifacial procedure is 45 to 90 minutes. It takes around two to three days for the skin to hydrate and appear supple and nearly 30 to 45 days for the cells to completely regenerate.

1---Reduces Acne Scarring------: MediFacials promote skin regeneration and healing, helping to smooth out uneven textures and fade stubborn scars, resulting in a more even and refined skin surface. It instantly rejuvenates the skin apart from lightening the dark spots caused by hyperpigmentation. It stimulates collagen synthesis under the skin's surface and reduces the size of pores. It opens clogged pores and clears out the toxins, dirt and grime trapped resulting in a healthier and more youthful appearance. MediFacials can effectively regulate sebum production.

2---- Skin Rejuvenations ---- MediFacials involve the use of micro dermabrasion and mild food based peels to remove the dead pigmented dead cells, unlike the salon facials, where physical exfoliators or scrubs are used to remove the dead cells. The exfoliation process involved in medi-facials removes dead skin cells and encourages new, healthy cells to regenerate. This leads to smoother skin, reduced fine lines, and an even complexion

Medi Facials stimulate collagen production, which is essential for maintaining skin elasticity and reducing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. The result is smoother, firmer skin with a youthful radiance.

3-----Deep Cleansing -----Medifacials use advanced techniques to remove dirt , impurities, excess oil, unclogs pores, dead skin cells, and other impurities. Firstly, Cleansing of the skin is done gently with a mild PH balanced cleanser. Special care is taken so that the natural barrier of the skin that contains essential oil, lipids, and pH level is not disrupted, for maintaining natural skin health.

A thoroughly cleansed skin is less likely to break out and less likely to get fine lines.

This deep cleansing facial also helps prevent further build-ups under the skin. This is a great facial for people bothered by oily and congested skin.: 4-----Hydration: . MediFacials are specifically designed to counter dehydration effects by infusing the skin with essential moisture and nutrients. These facials often include intense hydration through serums and masks. By replenishing the skin's moisture levels, Medi Facials enhance its natural radiance and restore a youthful glow. Moreover, treatments such as microder mabrasion or derma planing can exfoliate dead skin cells, allowing for better absorption of hydrating products and revealing a fresher, healthier complexion.

Regular Medi-facials can have a huge impact on slowing down the ageing process. Fine lines and wrinkles signifi-

cantly reduce due to the intense hydration. Facials can stimulate collagen production and strengthen the muscles in your face that give you wrinkle-free, smooth skin.

Every skin is different and responds to certain medifacial differently, so the composition of the process is also tailored according to skin concerns, needs, and goals of an individual. People with dull, acne-prone, oily, uneven, rough and sensitive skin can also avail of the benefits of medifacial treatment.

After receiving a facial, keep your skin and body moisturized by drinking lots of water, juice, and other fluids.

Your pores are now open due to the steam. Over-touching your skin can cause dirt and bacteria to gather in the skin's deeper layers.

Use cleansers that won't alter the pH levels of your skin. Alkaline cleansers harm the protective layer of your skin, eventually causing moisture and essential oils to escape from your skin. Avoid exfoliation after the Medifacial. Deep cleaning and scrubbing techniques used in facials will keep your skin supple and free of dead skin cells for several days. Skip the make up after the Medifacial to allow the deep cleaning to penetrate . within the deeper layers of your skin, give it time to breathe and space to allow your pores to close.

(The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India)



By: Shahnaz Husain

ho doesn't like a facial? No matter what salon you visit, you will be offered multiple choices such as Fruit facial, Oxygen facial, Hydrating facial, Classic facial, Microdermabrasion etc . Though all these facials give an

instant glow to your skin, it doesn't last long as they don't reach much deeper in the skin.

. Facials only pamper the skin and don't improve it.

The best way to improve your skin and have a smooth and glowing texture for a longer period is by opting for a Medifacial.

Medifacials or medical-grade facials is new-age skincare that use advanced technologies and techniques to treat a range of issues like dull, dry, and loose skin.

Medifacial is gaining popularity because it is safe and effective and deeply cleanses, exfoliates, and nourishes the skin.

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DC Kishtwar finalizes arrangements for JKSSB Constable Exam

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 28: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, on Thursday finalized the arrangements for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) examination for Constable posts going to be held on December 1, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

The DC Kishtwar emphasized the importance of advance preparations to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination across all 19 centers in the district. It was reported to the DC that a total of 5,873 aspirants are expected to appear for the exam across these 19 centers. To ensure a fair and seamless process, two

flying squads led by ACR Kishtwar and CPO Kishtwar have been deployed, along with

19 Duty Magistrates, 19 Superintendents, 8 Deputy Superintendents, and 50 Frisking Supervisors.

Training workshop organized for conduct of Constable Recruitment **Examination in Ramban**



Top News Report

RAMBAN, Nov 28: Training-cum-workshop was held today in the Conference Hall, Maitra Ramban, to train supervisory staff for the seamless conduct of the upcoming OMR (Optical Mark Recognition)based police constable recruitment examination. The exams are being organized under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary across the district.

The recruitment exams are scheduled

and invigilators with the examination's rules, regulations, and operational procedures.

The session was chaired by Additional **Deputy Commissioner** (ADC) Varunjeet Singh Charak in the presence of Additional SP Gourav Mahajan, DSWO Rahul Gupta, AD Employment Amit Kumar, Principal Polytechnic College Ramban Vivek Mahajan, and other senior officers.

The ADC provided a detailed overview of the critical norms and operational protocols essential for ensuring a

the process. Magistrates and observers raised concerns about managing large-scale participation and dealing with unforeseen situations. In response, the ADC and Additional SP emphasized strict compliance with guidelines and encouraged proactive measures to address challenges. Officials were instructed to prioritize fairness, security, and effective coordination among all stakeholders. Specific directions were given for managing imperson-

ation cases, tampering with OMR sheets, and ensuring crowd control. The workshop witnessed active participation from magistrates, observers, superintendents, invigilators, and officials from the district administration and JKSSB. Collaborative discussions reinforced the commitment to conducting the recruitment

awareness on PM-UPS **Scholarship** ALLANCE MANY

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students" is a Scholarship Scheme by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.

To impart awareness among the students about the scheme and dead line of the scheme, Committee for PM-USP organized an awareness and interactive session with the students of the college under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, Principal of meet a part of their dayto-day expenses while pursuing higher studies. Prof. Shelly Kalsi Convener of the committee threw light on the

scheme. The scholarships are awarded based on the results of the Higher Secondary/ Class 12th Board Examination. A maximum of Rs. 82,000 fresh scholarships per annum are provided for pursuing Graduate/Postgraduate degrees in colleges and universities and for different courses, she said. The staff members who make the event successful were Dr. Radhika

GDC Thannamandi organizes picnic to historic Noori Chhamb



Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Nov 28: Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi organized a delightful picnic to the historic and picturesque destination of Noori Chhamb in District Poonch, offering students and staff a muchneeded break from their daily routines. The event was a resounding success, marked by camaraderie, discipline, and cultural celebrations.

The students and staff embarked on the journey early in the morning, immersing themselves in the breathtaking natural beauty and serene atmosphere of Noori Chhamb. The outing provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to bond, relax, and reju-

venate amidst nature. The day concluded with a vibrant cultural get-together, where students and staff showcased their talents in music, dance, poetry, and other creative arts. The performances were met with enthusiastic applause, adding joy and excitement to the event.

Principal of College, Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed expressed gratitude to the organizing committee for their meticulous planning and efforts, ensuring the picnic's success. Commending the students for their exemplary discipline and active participation, the Principal remarked that such events foster team spirit and strengthen the student-staff relationship. Refreshment was served to all the students and lunch was served to all staff accompanying the students. All local fund employees as well as NCC cadets assisted in completing the chores inviting attention from time to time.

The picnic to Noori Chhamb stands as another milestone in GDC Thannamandi's commitment to holistic education, emphasizing extracurricular and recreational activities for the overall development of its students.

Department of Wildlife Protection organizes Trekking Event on Eco **Trek route**



Top News Report

CHENANI, Nov 28: Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu Wildlife Division on Thursday organised a Trekking Event on Eco Trek route from Krali to Gouri Kund in Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve of 6kms with Participation of Govt. Degree College Chenani in which 60 Students along with their teaching faculty participated. Treking event was flag area, important floral and fauna.

During trekking event students were brief about the various Management prospects of wildlife area like Habitat important and Conservation of soil erosion by means of constructing Check Dams. After completion of trekking event, students and faculty members expressed gratitude towards Department of Wildlife Protection for organizing this trekking.



for December 1, 8, and 22, 2024, with approximately 1000 candidates expected to participate from across the district. The workshop was aimed at familiarizing magistrates, observers, superintendents,

smooth and transparent examination process. Presentations covered key topics such as handling examination materials, ensuring confidentiality, and adhering to strict guidelines to maintain integrity throughout

process with the utmost professionalism and transparency.

Concluding the session, the ADC urged all attendees to work diligently and uphold the highest standards to ensure a successful examination process.

Educational Tour under BBBP initiative takes 25 students from Ramban on Cultural Journey to Kashmir



Top News Report

RAMBAN, Nov 28: In a remarkable initiative under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme, the Department of Social Welfare, Ramban, in collaboration with Government Degree College Ramban, organized a three-day educational tour to Kashmir. The three days tour commenced today was guided by Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary, and supervised by Principal GDC Ramban, Archana Koul, along with Principal GDC Batote, Nirlape Kour. The educational tour saw the participation of 25 students from across the district, including Gool, Batote, Ukhral, Banihal, and Ramban. During the tour, students will visit several cultural and heritage landmarks of Kashmir, such as the Avantipora ruins, Shankaracharya Temple, Hazratbal Shrine, and Padshahi Bagh, offering them an opportunity to learn about the region's historical, cultural, and spiritual significance.

Speaking to the media, **District Social Welfare** Officer Ramban, noted, "This educational tour is a step towards broadening the horizons of our students and exposing them to the rich heritage of Kashmir. Under the guidance of DC

Ramban, the tour was organized to inspire students, foster learning, and promote cultural understanding.'

He further expressed his gratitude to Principal GDC Ramban, who played a pivotal role in organizing the tour and ensuring its success.

The initiative aligns with the broader goals of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme, which focuses on the empowerment and education of girls. Through such activities, students are not only encouraged to excel academically but are also provided with opportunities for experiential learning and personal development.

participants The expressed their excitement about the journey and the chance to explore Kashmir's iconic sites. One of the students remarked, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see and learn about the historical and cultural heritage of our region."

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The primary objective of the scheme to provide financial assistance to meritorious students to

Mahajan, Dr. Neeti Chibber, Prof. Meeshu Pandita, Dr. Renu Sharma and Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch.

Badminton intra-mural competition organised in GDC R S Pura



Top News Report

JAMMU. Nov 28: **Badminton Intra-Mural** organized in the GDC RS Pura for men and women. One day intra-mural badminton tournament 2024 was inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, with great zeal and enthusiasm under the supervision of Dr. Roopali Slathia Physical Director, GDC RS Pura. The event has drawn participation from all semester students of the college. Competition was being held in both men's and women's cat-

egories.

Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, in her remarks, she motivated the players to participate with enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of maintaining

the true spirit of sportsmanship throughout the event. She also awarded the Medals to the winners and runner-up players. Results: In Women

Category Kashish Sharma, Ankita Sharma and Salvi Sharma won silver medal and Riya Sharma, Komal and Evenjot won Gold medal. In men Category Navjot Singh, Pankaj Kumar and Ansh Singh won silver medal and Charanjit Singh, Jatin Sharma and Moksh Gupta won Gold medal. Convener Sports Committee Prof. Shifali Abrol, and other faculty members Prof. Priya Darshni, Prof. Rakesh Kalotra, Prof. Sanjeev Upadhyay and Dr. Roopali Slathia were present during the event.

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Before starting the Trekking event Wildlife Warden Jammu Vijay Kumar welcomed all trekkers for their participation. He briefed about the Sudhmahadev Conservation Reserve it's

Red Ribbon Club of GDC Marheen organizes expert lecture on HIV/AIDS



Top News Report

MARHEEN, Nov 28: Red Ribbon Club of GDC Marheen organized expert lecture on the theme HIV/AIDS in the college

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

In her address she highlighted that young people are the key in the fight against AIDS.

"By organizing such programme, we can empower them to protect themselves against the virus, we can break the circle of silence across all society. By creating effective envi-

ronment in educational institutions, we can turn young people's enthusiasm, drive and dreams for the future into powerful tools for tackling the epidemic," she said.

The detailed expert lecture was delivered by Dr. Tejaswani Sharma and Dr. Somani Gupta of GMC Kathua.

In her lecture, Dr. Tejaswani Sharma described in detail the history, incubation period, global scenario, Indian scenario, epidemiology and theme of the year 2024. Moreover, Dr. Somani Gupta explained in detail the diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS The programme was

organized under the supervision of Dr. Balbinder Singh, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club. The other faculty members presented in the programme were Prof. Sandeep Choudhary, Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Dr. Shallu, Prof. Suman, Prof. Naresh, Prof. Diksha, Prof. Meenu, Prof. Arpana Prof. Naresh, Prof Saqib and Prof. Amitika also joined the programme. A formal welcome

address and vote of thanks were presented by Dr. Munisha Devi and Prof. Manu Saini. Students actively participated and clear their doubts by asking a number of questions after the lecture.

ENTERTAINMENT

Every good indie film has to become stepping stone for next one: Shahana Goswami on 'Santosh'

Actor Shahana Goswami, who stars in the UK's official entry to Oscars 2025 'Santosh', is excited about the film's chances at the upcoming awards ceremony and hopes all the attention it is receiving globally boosts independent cinema at large.

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'Santosh' marks the feature directorial debut of British-Indian filmmaker Sandhya Suri. Goswami, known for her work in films such as 'Rock On!!', 'Firaaq', 'Tu Hai Mera Sunday', and 'Zwigato', said she has her fingers crossed for 'Santosh' but one still has to wait and see.

"We're not going to the Oscars just yet. There is still due process left. But I'm just excited and happy that the film got the kind of a platform that it did, selected for something like this that is getting that opportunity to be viewed by so many people and be in the news. Every good independent film that comes out has to become a stepping stone for the next one."

"Essentially my excitement is for films like 'Santosh' being able to garner that value in the film industry and the film world globally, and then give hope for the fact that there are such films that could also have similar trajectories," the actor told agency in an interview at Film Bazaar, which was held on the sidelines of the ongoing Inter-



national Film Festival of India (IFFI) here.

She is also excited for Kiran Rao's 'Laapataa Ladies', which is India's official entry in the best international film category at the upcoming Academy Awards.

'Santosh', which includes Hindi dialogues, revolves around a newly widowed housewife (Goswami) as she inherits her late husband's job as a police constable and becomes embroiled in the investigation of a young girl's murder.

It is a film that makes the

viewer question themselves after they finish watching it, added Goswami.

"I think that's what really resonates with people. That's what is hard-hitting. More than the plotline and story, the fact that it's a reflection on society that makes you just mirror yourself and the role you play in the reality that we are living in," she said. The actor was recently at IFFI

to attend the gala premiere of her upcoming movie 'Despatch'. The film revolves around Joy Bag (Manoj Bajpayee), an

investigative journalist working round the clock to uncover a big financial scam. Goswami -- who plays Joy's wife Shweta in the film -- said 'Despatch' is a special project because she got an opportunity to work with Bajpayee and director Kanu Behl.

"It was a really interesting journey. Kanu is a special director. To play a small part in this very amazing film was something that I really appreciated," she said.

The film sees Joy and Shweta navigate their marriage which is already on the rocks. "They are going through a rough patch. It's a marriage that's falling apart and is broken. It's a journey of just the remains and the ends of a relationship. It was a very delicate and fine balance," she added.

Up next for Goswami is 'Four Years Later', an eight-part Australian-Indian romance drama series. Commissioned by Australian TV channel SBS and produced by Easy Tiger Productions, the English-language show follows a newly-married couple (Goswami and Akshay Ajit Singh) in a long-distance relationship. Australia is the country of focus at the 55th edition of IFFI, which will come to a close on Thursday.

Subhi all set to unveil her second Punjabi track titled Khel



Rising artiste Subhi is excited to announce the release of her upcoming Punjabi single, Khel, a powerful anthem about modern dating and self-empowerment that builds on her successful debut track Intezaar. With Khel, released through the dynamic label Desi Trill, Subhi continues to make a ty. Khel speaks to a new generation of confident women who are aware of the dating landscape and ready to reclaim their power.

"I wrote Khel to reflect the experiences of those who feel disillusioned in their search for true love. In today's fastpaced world, everyone seems eager to explore options rather than commit, and I wanted to emphasise that honesty and authenticity still matter," she said.

She added, "While talking to my single friends, it became clear how exhausted they were from the dating game ---whether through word of mouth or dating apps. This inspired me to write this song. People today don't have much time to invest in just one person - they want to test the waters, but this game isn't always fair.'

Following a remarkable start to her career. Subhi is quickly establishing herself as a notable figure in the Punjabi music industry.

Khel was launched on all major streaming platforms on November 27.

'And it's a wrap': Kajol celebrates completion of new project

Bollywood actress Kajol has penned a heartwarming note for the team of her upcoming project after wrapping it up.

Kajol took to Instagram, where he she shared a string of pictures cutting a cake with the entire cast and crew of the yet-untitled project.

Alongside the project, she wrote: "Aaaaaaaand it's a wrap. Another project done .. another family disbanded.. another marathon finished.. so grateful to all these people for this awesome, amazing experience!@senguptajisshu Aseem Hatangdi @ashesinwindAnd Bina aunty you missed the cake and the picture but we will miss u more. See u all soon." The actress did not share what she shot for. On the work front, Kajol recently appeared in the film 'Do Patti', where she played the



Allu Arjun, Rashmika wrap shooting on 'Pushpa: The Rule'

Telugu cinema stars Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna have completed filming on their much anticipated movie 'Pushpa: The Rule', days before its release. Arjun is set to return as labourer turned sandalwood smuggler Pushpa Raj in the sequel to 2021's blockbuster film "Pushpa: The Rise".

'Pushpa 2' is set to hit the screens on December 5. Arjun, who won the best actor category in National Film Award for "Pushpa: The Rise", shared the update on his



Fahadh Faasil. The trailer of the sequel was unveiled on November 17 at Patna's jampacked Gandhi Maidan. Rashmika, who shot for a "crazy amazing song" on her last day at set, teased a potential third part in the 'Pushpa' franchise.

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ing her unique sound

Khel draws inspiration

from Subhi's conversa-

tions with friends and

the frustrations many

experience in their pur-

suit of genuine connec-

tions, crafting a bold

message about self-

respect and authentici-

and relatable lyrics.

"Out of the 7/8 years, the last 5 years being on this set almost made this set my home in the industry, and finally it was my last day. Of course, there's still so much work left and apparently a part 3, but it

tired and exhausted but at the same time so grateful", she added.

The actor, who plays Srivalli in the film, said she "broke down" after a long time when she was overwhelmed with the feelings of parting from the 'Pushpa' team. "Allu Arjun sir and Sukku sir and the team are the only ones I think who know me the most as a person more than anyone else in the industry. They have literally seen me most days since the last 5 years, and Pushpa set

role of a police officer. The thriller also starred

Kriti Sanon and Shaheer Sheikh.

official X page, "LAST DAY LAST SHOT OF PUSHPA. 5 years JOURNEY of PUSHPA completed. What a journey".

He captioned a picture from the film sets. "Pushpa 2" is directed by Sukumar featuring returning stars Rashmika Mandanna and

felt different... it felt overwhelming... it felt like it was ending," she wrote on her Instagram Stories. "Some sort of sadness that even I didn't understand, and suddenly all the emotions came together, and the days of extreme hard work came rushing back to me, and I was feeling

had become my home ground, and now to see it go is something so hard. So yeah, 25th Nov 2024 had been a very hard day, but one I'll cherish. It was worth it in one day" she wrote. 'Pushpa 2' is produced by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings with music on T-Series.

Neena Gupta enjoys butter-laced parantha for breakfast

Veteran actress Neena Gupta recently gave her fans a sneak peek into her breakfast indulgence

Sharing a photo on her Instagram handle, the actress revealed her love for a classic Indian favorite-parantha generously topped with butter.

She dropped an image of plate loaded with a paratha and butter. For the caption, she wrote, "A very very good morning."

Known for her love for traditional Indian food. the 'Badhaai Ho' actress often highlights the joy of homemade delicacies through her posts.

Previously, Gupta posted a video of her profound words of wisdom with her daughter, designer Masaba Gupta, reflecting on motherhood, resilience, and the remarkable inner strength of women.

In the video, Masaba could be heard asking her mother, "Mom, what is that one line you keep telling me every time I cry for no reason?"

Neena replied with a touching story from her own experience as a new mother.

The actress stated, "I remember when you were born, and I was in so much pain. I was all alone, and I had this terrible headache. But I had to feed you, so I breastfed you while tears streamed down my face from the pain." Neena also quoted a famous line from Hindi poetry. "Nari teri yahi kahani, aanchal mein hai doodh aur aankhon mein paani." The 65-year-old actress delved into the profound meaning behind the quote, highlighting the unparalleled strength of women.

She said, "It signifies



that, no matter how set to feature in 'Metro... challenging the circum-In Dino', 'Pachhattar stances, a woman pos-Ka Chhora', and 'Hindi sesses an extraordinary Vindi'. Neena recently made capacity to care for and nurture others. A woman

is a fighter, capable of

overcoming any obsta-

On the professional

front, Neena Gupta has

an exciting lineup of

projects ahead. She is

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her Malayalam OTT series debut with '1000 Babies', which was released on October 18. She played the role of Sara Ousep, a former nurse with a dark past in the show.

Parineeti Chopra shares 'scientific fact' on sleep struggles

Actress Parineeti Chopra recently shared a "scientific" take on the universal struggle of sleep deprivation. The actress took to Instagram to post a candid photo of herself, humorously mentioning that although she slept for 8 hours, she looked like she had only slept for 4 hours. Labelling her observation as a "scientific fact," Parineeti's humorous post instantly resonated with fans. Sharing the image, the

actress wrote in the caption, "When you have slept for 8 hours, but

Parineeti has been sharing glimpses from her sets on the photosharing app. Recently, she posted a photo of herself shooting at a sandy location in



days" on Instagram. She

captioned, "Studio day!

Lekin yeh studios mein

AC temperature kaun

set karta hai #Blan-

In her post, the

'Ishaqzaade' actress

shared a cozy selfie

ketZindabad."

40-degree heat. She also shared a picture of herself before going to bed, captioned, "Exhausted, Drained, Goodnight."

A few days ago, Parineeti shared behindthe-scenes (BTS) glimpses from one of while holding a cup of coffee, but the standout moment was a video of her singing Main Pareshaan, the soulful track from her debut film "Ishaqzaade", co-starring Arjun Kapoor.

On the work front, Parineeti was last seen in "Amar Singh Chamkila", directed by Imtiaz Ali, where she shared the screen with Diljit Dosanjh. In the Netflix biopic, the actress played the role of Chamkila's wife, Amarjot Kaur. For the film, she underwent a significant transformation, gaining 16 kgs for her role.

The actress is next set to star in Anurag Singh's highly anticipated thriller Sanki, alongside Varun Dhawan. In addition, she will be seen in "Shiddat 2", directed by Karan Sharma, where she will share the screen with Sunny Kaushal and Amyra Dastur.

need 16 hours, so you look like you have slept for only 4 hours. Follow me for more scientific facts."

NATIONAL

S Jaishankar meets PM in Parliament, briefs him on **Bangladesh violence: Sources**

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Parliament on Thursday and briefed him on the ongoing violence against Hindus in Bangladesh, sources said.

Besides Bangladesh, Jaishankar, who returned from Italy after attending the Outreach session of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on November 24 to 26, also briefed the Prime Minister on the outcome of the event, the sources told agency. In Italy, Jaishankar met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday and also held talks with his counterparts from several other countries, including the UK, France and Ukraine, the previous day.

The External Affairs Minister's meeting with PM Modi comes amid the spiralling violence



against Hindus in Bangladesh. The minority community, which constitutes only about 8 per cent of Bangladesh's 170 million population, have faced over 200 attacks since the fall of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August 5.

The monk, who was recently expelled from the religious organisation lskcon after being a member for years, was denied bail, triggering widespread protests in Dhaka and Chittagong, where his supporters clashed with security forces.

A Muslim lawyer was killed amid protests outside a court in Chittagong and the police have arrested six suspects identified via CCTV footage, in connection with the murder.

At least 30 others, including members of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party, have been detained for vandalism and assaulting police officers. As a result of the violence, the Bangladesh government filed a writ petition on Wednesday, demanding a ban on Iskcon, which it termed a "religious fundamentalist organisation".

Shinde unlikely to be deputy CM in new Maharashtra govt, says close aide

said on Thursday.

Shirsat, an MLA and

spokesperson of the

Shiv Sena, however,

said Shinde would be a

"He is unlikely to be a

deputy chief minister. It

does not befit a person

who has already served

country by juggling data.

Earlier, when the B.JP

government started lag-

ging behind the UPA

government in GDP

growth rate, an attempt

was made to artificially

increase the growth rate

by changing the base

year," he said, adding

The BJP initially prom-

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Ramesh said the

employment criteria

was changed to include

self-employment and

those who have taken

on Mudra loans or tem-

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used to make claims

on record job arowth -

though in reality the data

measures EPFO enrol-

ment alone," he said.

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reality, he alleged.

part of the cabinet.



MUMBAI, Nov 28 (Agencies): Eknath Shinde, who served as chief minister in the outgoing Maharashtra government, is unlikely to accept the post of deputy CM in the new dispensation, his close aide Sanjay Shirsat as chief minister," Shirsat told agency.

The Shiv Sena led by Shinde will nominate another leader for the deputy CM's post, he added.

Amid suspense over who would occupy the top post after the landslide victory of the **BJP-Shiv Sena-NCP** 'Mahayuti' coalition in the Assembly elections, Shinde on Wednesday said he will accept the decision to be taken by the top BJP leadership. He would not be a hurdle in the government formation, he said, indicating that he would not insist on retaining the chief minister's post.

NIA raids 22 places across 6 states in human trafficking case

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted searches at 22 locations across six states on Thursday in connection with a human trafficking case

The search operation is continuing since early morning by separate teams of the NIA in close coordination with state police forces. The operation, aimed at dismantling an organized trafficking network, was carried out at the premises of suspects based on specific input.

According to official sources, the raids spanned multiple states, targeting individuals and organizations suspected of involvement in the trafficking of vulnerable individuals. These coordinated searches are part of an ongoing investigation into a criminal network engaged in trafficking for illegal purposes, including forced labour and exploitation. The NIA took over the



case (RC-10/2024/NIA/ DLI) from local police. The case reportedly involves the trafficking of men, women, and children across state borders and possibly

internationally. The NIA, India's premier counter-terrorism and investigative agency, took over the case following suspicions of a larger organized network with links to cross-border syndicates. Authorities have intensified efforts to combat human trafficking in recent years, with increased focus on disrupting the supply chains of traffickers and rescuing victims. The NIA's raid is a significant step toward dismantling such operations.

India has long grappled with the issue of human trafficking, with thousands of individuals, particularly from economically vulnerable communities, falling prey to traffickers each year. Despite stringent laws

PM's entire focus not on reducing inflation but on data manipulation, propaganda: Cong

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): The Congress on Thursday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's entire focus is not on reducing inflation, but on showing low inflation figures, and said a government that is focused on propaganda and data manipulation is not one that can be relied on to work for people's welfare.

The country witnessed

renewed violence this week

after Hindu monk Chinmoy

Krishna Das Brahmachari was

arrested at the Dhaka airport

on Monday in a sedition case

for allegedly disrespecting Ban-

gladesh's national flag during a

rally in October.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said India has seen ten years of a "Modi-made inflation", created and fostered by the government's poor policy-making.

"The prime minister's entire focus is not on reducing inflation, but on showing low inflation figures. The government is now concertedly attempting to manipulate the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WP1) figures to show inflation



He said price rise has been particularly high for food, fuel, and items of daily use, and it has placed a heavy burden on India's working class and middle class families. Despite the fall in crude oil prices in the global market, petrol and diesel remain expensive in India, which has increased the cost of transportation and other services, the Congress general secretary said. "Food inflation has

been another concern that has underlined the high levels of overall inflation. Accordingly,

the same game was played in employment promises. impact of inflation, and ised two crore youth jobs an indication of the govevery year and when ernment's priorities of unemployment started massaging inconvenient increasing, surveys and reports were stopped data rather than acting

on it," he said. "This attempted change in the CPI weightage is not only dishonest, it will also impact the incomes of an estimated 3-4 crore people, including government and semi- government employees," he said

Ramesh pointed out that dearness allowance and salary increments have already fallen compoverty, Ramesh said. In the meantime, the poor have faced difficulty in taking advantage of welfare schemes due to this jugglery, he said.

"Despite the fall in crude oil prices internationally, the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG were increased. During the UPA government, information on comparison of India's fuel prices with neighbouring countries was made public on the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) website. In keeping with its record of opacity, the government removed the data from its website," he

said. Instead, it has allowed record profit-making by oil and gas companies, apart from extorting revenue of Rs 36 lakh crore from the public through taxes on petrol and diesel, the former Union minister said

"A government that is focused on propaganda and data manipulation is not one that can be relied on to work for the people's welfare. Such is the case with this government," Ramesh said.

enforcement.

and international comas being under control, mitments, trafficking even as the ground reality is that the common networks continue to operate across regions, man is facing non-stop often exploiting gaps in price rise," Ramesh said in a statement.

the government is now preparing to reduce the weightage of food items in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This is an attempt to hide the real

pared to the UPA gov ernment - now they are set to fall further.

"This is not a new development. The Modi government has repeatedly tried to mislead the

Similarly, rather than set a transparent poverty line, the Government created a deceptive multi-dimensional poverty index to claim massive reductions in

Congress, is yet to be

given any post in the par-

ty's parliamentary wing.

The Gandhis often face

criticism for making pol-

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Priyanka does enjoy a

reputation of being quick

on the repartee and is

expected make effective

intervention on behalf of

the Congress in the Lok

What she would not

like to do at any cost

is to overshadow her

brother Rahul Gandhi.

There was clear sign

of it today as she took

oath clutching a copy

of the Constitution. This

sabha

Uddhav Sena won't leave Maha Vikas **Aghadi: Sanjay Raut denies rift rumours**

MUMBAI. Nov 28 (Agencies): Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday confirmed that there was no rift in the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) following the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti's stunning victory in the recently-concluded Assembly polls in Maharashtra. He dismissed the rumours as "baseless" and confirmed that the Uddhav Sena was not leaving the MVA.

On November 23, the Mahayuti swept the state polls by winning a whopping 230 of 288 Assembly seats. The BJP emerged as the single largest party, winning 132 seats, its highest-ever tally, while the Eknath Shindeled Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's NCP got 57 and 41, respectively.

In a massive setback, the MVA only managed to secure 46 seats. Congress won 16 seats, NCP (SP) 10, abd Shiv Sena (UBT) 20 seats. Addressing a press conference today, Raut said that the INDIA blocled alliance succeeded in the 2024 Lok Sabha

elections by fighting together.

"If someone savs this (rumours) after the Assembly election results, then it could be their personal opinion. When we won the general elections, no one said that the Uddhav Sena should separate from the alliance," he said.

The MVA demonstrated a remarkable performance in the general elections, winning 31 out of 48 seats. Congress achieved the highest tally with 13 seats, Uddhav Sena nine, and the NCP (SP) eight. On being asked if the Shiv Sena (UBT) might contest separately from the MVA, Raut said the alliance leaders will take a decision regarding this together.

"Why are you guys worried? Just now the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections' results have come ... We will see, we know what to do," he stressed. The Uddhav Sena

leader also weighed in on the continuing suspense over Mahayuti's Chief Ministerial face,



slamming the BJP-led ruling alliance for failing to decide on a name even almost a week after the election results.

"They (Mahayuti) have a full majority. But even after seven days, the Mahayuti was unable to give a new Chief Minister to Maharashtra. What is the reason? Why can't the Prime Minister, Home Minister Amit Shah and their leaders take a decision?" he asked.

Raut's remarks come as Maharashtra caretaker Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, and NCP's Ajit Pawar are scheduled to meet Amit Shah in Delhi on Thursday in an effort to reach a consensus on the issue.

Sources told India Today TV that the meeting will take place at

5.30 pm, with Shinde, who resigned as Maharashtra Chief Minister on Tuesday, slated to reach the national capital by 4 pm

Taking a potshot at the meeting in the national capital today, Raut said that Shiv Sena patriarch "Bal Thackeray's future was never decided in Delhi, it was decided in Mumbai"

He alleged that "Shinde does politics in the name of Bal Thackeray, but their decisions are taken in Delhi. We never went to Delhi and begged"

Besides the Uddhav Sena leader, Congress's Nana Patole has also mocked Mahayuti for failing to reach a consensus and claimed that the BJP's Central leadership was pressuring Shinde to give up his claim for Chief Minister.

Gandhi family in full attendance in Parliament: Priyanka joins Sonia and Rahul

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): Gandhi family scion Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was on Thursday sworn in as an MP from Wayanad Lok Sabha seat.

With Priyanka's entry in the Lok Sabha, there will be three Gandhis now in the Parliament. While the matriarch Sonia Gandhi is a member of the Rajya Sabha, her son Rahul Gandhi and daughter Priyanka are both members of the Lok Sabha. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra reached Parliament with her mother Sonia Gandhi. Being the chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP), Sonia Gandhi is officially the leader of all Congress MPs, while Rahul Gandhi is the leader of the Congress MPs in the Lok Sabha and also the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Ever since Sanjay

Gandhi entered politics in the 1970s, there have been more than one Gandhi in the Parliament on most occasions. The exception was 6th Lok



Sabha when the motherson duo of Indira Gandhi and Sanjay lost in the polls at the aftermath of the draconian Emergency imposed by Indira Gandhi in 1975.

In the last Lok Sabha there were four Gandhis. Besides Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, the mother-son duo of Maneka Gandhi and Varun Gandhi too were members of the Lok Sabha back then. While Maneka lost in the 2024 Lok Sabha general elections, Varun Gandhi was not given ticket by the BJP. Priyanka Gandhi, who

she did following the footsteps of her brother Rahul Gandhi who is often seen carrying a red-coloured copy of the Indian Constitution during his rallies as part of what he calls is a movement to "protect the Constitution" from the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government.

Yet, It will be hard to stop people from comparing Rahul with Priyanka. Congressmen are also desperately looking for a new leader who can effectively challenge Modi.

Priyanka Gandhi won the November 13 Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll with a thumping margin of over four lakh votes. The 52-year-old Congress leader defeated Sathyan Mokeri of the CPI to make her debut in the Parliament.

In the General Elections, Rahul Gandhi had won from both Wayanad and Raebareli. He vacated the Wayanad seat necessitating bypoll to fill up the vacancy paving the way for Priyanka to step in.

INTERNATIONAL

A 'massive' Russian missile and drone attack targets Ukraine's energy infrastructure

KYIV, Nov 28 (Agencies): Russia conducted a "massive" missile and drone attack against Ukraine's energy infrastructure on Thursday, officials said, adding to fears that the Kremlin aims to cripple the country's power generation capacity before winter.

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"Attacks on energy facilities are happening all over Ukraine," Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko said in a post on Facebook. He added that emergency power outages were implemented nationwide.

Ukrainian officials have warned recently that Russia was stockpiling cruise and ballistic missiles, presumably for another pre-winter aerial campaign against Ukraine's power grid. Ukrainian officials have in the past accused Russia of "weaponizing winter."

Around half of Ukraine's energy infrastructure has been destroyed during the almost three years of war with Russia, and rolling electricity blackouts are common. Kyiv's Western allies have sought to help Ukraine protect power generation with air defense systems and funds for rebuilding.



nytskyi, Lutsk, and many other

cities in central and western

The head of Ukraine's presi-

dential office, Andrii Yermak,

said in a Telegram post that

Russia had stockpiled missiles

to strike Ukrainian infrastruc-

ture and wage war against

civilians during the cold

season. "They were helped

by their crazy allies, including

Western governments and

South Korea say North Korea

in recent months has inten-

sified its military support for

The head of the Lviv region

in western Ukraine, Maksym

Kozytskyi, said the attack left

more than half a million house-

holds without electricity.

from North Korea," he wrote.

Ukraine.

Russia

Russia in previous years has targeted Ukraine's electricity generation, aiming to deny civilians critical heating and drinking water supplies during the bitter winter months and break Ukrainian spirits. The attacks also seek to hobble Ukraine's defense industry that is now producing missiles, drones and armored vehicles, among other military assets.

The war has been going in Russia's favor in recent months as its bigger army uses its advantages in manpower and equipment to push Ukrainian forces backward in eastern areas, though its offensive has been slow and costly.

Explosions were reported in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Rivne, Khmel-

Over 280.000 households in the northwestern Rivne region were without electricity because of the attack, according to regional Gov. Oleksandr Koval. Running water supplies were also patchy in affected areas. Some schools in Rivne city switched to online classes.

There were also strikes on the bordering Volyn region, where 215,000 households had no electricity, regional head Ivan Rudnytskyi said. All critical infrastructure that lost power was switched to generators.

Energy infrastructure was also targeted in the western Ivano-Frankivsk region, local officials said. Air defenses were activated there, and emergency power outages were introduced.

Local officials ordered the opening of "points of invincibility" — shelter-type places where people can charge their phones and other electrical devices and get refreshments during blackouts. In Kyiv, where the air raid

alert lasted over nine hours, missile debris fell in one neighborhood, local officials said. No casualties were reported.

Landslide triggered by rain in Indonesia's Sumatra island kills at least 7 people

the main access from the

capital Medan to other

The bus was among

vehicles that had been

cut off by landslides on

the road since Wednes-

More than 10 people

were also injured and

have been evacuated

to the hospital in Medan

Muji Ediyanto, traf-

fic director of the North

Sumatra Regional

Police, said in a video

messager distributed

by Indonesia's National

Search and Rescue

Agency on Thursday

day morning.

city.

districts in the region.



SIBOLANGIT, Nov 28 (Agencies): Seven people have died in a landslide triggered by torrential rains in Indonesia's Sumatra island, officials said on Thursday, adding to the death toll from landslides in the region this week.

Rescuers recovered the bodies of the victims, including a driver and passengers, from a tourist bus that was covered by trees, mud, and rocks in the landslide on the road from Medan city to Berastagi town in Indonesia's North Sumatra province. The route is said that some vehicles remain trapped between the landslide locations along that road.

"It will take at least two days to evacuate them from the landslide. Several vehicles are still trapped by piles (from the) landslides. There are also fallen trees at several points and landslides and the vehicles have not been able to get out of the locations,' Ediyanto said.

Earlier this week, 20 people died after flash floods and landslides at four locations in the mountainsides of North Sumatra province, including in Karo regency that is located less than 20 kilometers from the most-recent landslide location.

Seasonal rains from around October through to March frequently cause flooding and landslides in Indonesia, an archipelago of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile flood plains.

Landslides bury 40 homes in six villages in eastern Uganda, killing at least 13 people

NAIROBI, Nov 28 (Agencies): At least 13 people have died in eastern Uganda after landslides buried 40 homes in six villages, relief officials said Thursday.

The Uganda Red Cross Society said

13 bodies have been recovered and the rescue effort is continuing.

Local media reported that authorities expect the death toll might rise to 30.

The landslides happened after heavy rains

on Wednesday night in the mountainous district of Bulambuli, where landslides are common.

The prime minister's office issued a disaster alert on Wednesday stating that heavy rains across the country had cut off major roads.

Four dead, including two children, in latest migrant shipwreck on **Greek island**

ATHENS, Nov 28 (Agencies): Four people, including two children, have died after a boat carrying migrants ran aground on a rocky shoreline on the eastern Greek island of Samos, officials said Thursday. Sixteen people were rescued, but it remained unclear how many were aboard the boat. The Greek coast guard launched a search-and-rescue operation involving patrol vessels, lifeboats, and land teams to locate any potential missing passengers.

It marks the second deadly incident involving migrants on Samos this week. On Monday, eight migrants -, six children and two women — died in a shipwreck off the island. Samos and other Greek islands in the eastern Aegean Sea are key transit points for migrants crossing from Turkey to the European Union, with arrivals in recent months that Greek authorities say is linked to ongoing wars in the Middle East and parts of Africa.

Cyprus could become a member of NATO when conditions permit, the country's president says

NICOSIA, Nov 28 (Agencies): Cyprus could apply to become a member of NATO once its armed forces receive the necessary training and equipment with U.S. help to bring them up to the standards of the world's premier military alliance, the president of the Mediterranean island nation said Thursday.

President Nikos Christodoulides put Cyprus on a trajectory for possible NATO membership, ending weeks of media speculation about his government's intentions following his meeting with U.S.



Christodoulides said although Cyprus can't join NATO at this time because of objections that Turkey would raise to its potential membership, the Cypriot National Guard shouldn't be denied the opportunity to upgrade its defensive capabilities with U.S. assistance. Turkey, which maintains more than 35,000 troops in the breakaway Turkish Cypriot northern part of ethnically divided

Cyprus, doesn't recognize the island's government, which is based in the Greek Cypriot southern part.

Christodoulides didn't elaborate on how Turkers of uniting the island with Greece.

"And because we don't want the National Guard to lose such opportunities, we're in talks with the U.S. -- and we thank them for their positive response -- on how the Cyprus Republic can make the best use of these opportunities, so when everything is in its place, the Cyprus Republic can become a member state of NATO," Christodoulides told The Associated Press.

"The strengthening of the Cyprus Republic's deterrent capabilities is of the utmost importance, and we take

just 182 kilometers (114 miles) from the Lebanese capital, Beirut -- has given impetus to planned upgrades to its military infrastructure. He said the government is currently in talks with the U.S. for upgrades to a key air base and with the EU for a naval base. Following his meeting with Biden, Christodoulides told the AP of his government's commitment to expanding defense and security cooperation with the U.S.

to the Middle East at

Cyprus' Andreas Papandreou air base on its southwestern edge is currently hosting a U.S. Marine contingent and a number of V-22 Osprey tiltrotor military transport and cargo aircraft prepositioned to assist in potential evacuations from nearby Lebanon and elsewhere.

President Joe Biden in Washington last month. The development goes against Cyprus' longheld policy of neutrality harking back to the Cold War era, when it walked a political tightrope between Washington and Moscow.

ish objections could be sidestepped. But the U.N. is currently working to prepare for a resumption of peace talks between the rival sides in Cyprus, which was split in 1974 when Turkey invaded following a coup by support-

advantage of every opportunity, both in the direction of the United States and NATO, but also the European Union." Christodoulides said

Cyprus' geographic location -- it's the closest EU member state

China's Xi suspends top military official **Miao Hua over corruption allegations**

BEIJING, Nov 28 (Agencies): A top Chinese military official has been removed from office and is suspected of "serious violations of discipline", Beijing said Thursday, the latest senior apparatchik to fall in a sweeping crackdown on graft in the country's armed forces. The ruling Chinese Communist Party "has decided to suspend Miao Hua from duty pending investigation", Wu Qian, a spokesman for Beijing's defence ministry, told a press briefing. Wu did not provide

further details about the charges against Miao, an admiral and member of Beijing's powerful Central Military Commission (CMC)

But "serious violations of discipline" are commonly used by officials in China as a euphemism for corruption.

Miao headed the CMC's Political Work Department, the top



tions," Wu said.

he added.

are ill-intentioned. China

expresses its strong dis-

satisfaction with such

slanderous behaviour,"

A former navy com-

mander, Dong was

appointed defence

minister in December

following the surprise

removal of predecessor

Li Shangfu just seven

Li was later expelled

from the Communist

Party for offences

including suspected

bribery, state media

said. He has not been

His predecessor, Wei

Fenghe, was also kicked

seen in public since.

months into the job.

military body's most important office.

Beijing has deepened a crackdown on alleged graft in the armed forces over the past year, with President Xi Jinping this month ordering the military to stamp out corruption and strengthen

its "war-preparedness". The intensity of the anti-graft drive in the military has been partially driven by fears that it may affect China's ability to wage a future war, Bloomberg reported citing US officials this

year. At the same briefing, Wu denied reports that Defence Minister Dong Jun has been placed under investigation for corruption.

"The reports in quesout of the party and tion are pure fabricapassed on to prosecutors over alleged cor-"The rumour-mongers ruption.

> The country's secretive Rocket Force -which oversees China's vast arsenal of strategic missiles, both conventional and nuclear -- has come under particularly intense scrutiny. In July, a top Chinese

> official in the Rocket Force, Sun Jinming, was kicked out of the party and placed under investigation for corruption.

At least two other highranking officers connected to the Rocket Force, a relatively new unit of the Chinese military, have also been removed for graft.

Blizzard leaves South Korea buried in snow, 3rd highest in nearly 120 years

SEOUL, Nov 28 (Agencies): A blizzard has left South Korea grappling with very heavy snowfall for a second day on Thursday, with dozens of flights cancelled, ferry operations suspended and at least five people reported dead in a cold snap, though conditions showed signs of easing. The snowfall was the third-heaviest in Seoul. the capital,

since records began in 1907, the Yonhap news agency said, citing data from the city. "It's been snowing a

lot today," said 73-yearold Lee Sook-ja as she tucked into some soup at Namdaemun market, one of the biggest in Seoul. "It's freezing and chilly, but having a cup of hot fish cake soup really helps warm me up."

More than 40 cm (16 inches) of snow piled up in parts of Seoul by Thursday morning, forcing the cancellation of

more than 140 flights, although weather officials subsequently lifted heavy snow warnings in the city's metropolitan area.

Yonhap reported at least five snowfallrelated deaths in the province of Gyeonggi adjoining Seoul since Wednesday, four people when structures collapsed under the weight of snow, and one in a traffic accident when a bus skidded on an icy road.

Police said 11 people were injured on Wednesday evening in schools including kindergartens closed in Gyeonggi province, authorities said.

> The unusually heavy November snow has been attributed to warmer-than-usual temperatures of the seas west of the Korean peninsula encountering currents of cold air.

Neighbouring North Korea has also received more than 10 cm (4 inches) of snow in some areas between Tuesday and Wednesday, state broadcaster Korean Central Television said.

a 53-vehicle pile-up on

a highway in the central

city of Wonju in Gang-

Seoul's main airport,

Incheon, was the worst

affected, with passen-

gers facing delays of

about two hours on aver-

age, while 31% of flights

were delayed and 16%

cancelled on Thursday,

plane tracking website

Authorities said about

142 flights were can-

celled, and 76 ferry

routes suspended, while

media reported some

By noon, about 1,285

train delays.

Flightradar24 showed.

won province.

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CUJ organizes lecture on "How to Prepare for Career and Interviews"

Top News Report

JAMMU. Nov 28: The Training and Placement Office of Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized an enriching "Guest Lecture" for B.Tech students on the topic "How to Prepare for Career and Interviews".

The event offered valuable insights into real-life situations, specialized knowledge, practical skills, diverse perspectives, and meaningful connections, crucial for students' professional growth.

Ashish Bhalla, former Ex-HCL IT and Campus Head, graced the occasion with his presence, delivering an engaging and



a dynamic and interactive Q&A

segment, enabling students to

engage directly with the indus-

The event concluded with

special remarks from Prof.

try expert.

informative session. His wealth of experience provided students with practical tips and strategies to effectively prepare for their careers and interviews. The session was followed by Rakesh Kumar Jha Professor, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Professor, and other esteemed faculty members. Their presence underscored the importance of such initiatives in helping Students Bridge the gap between academic learning and industry expectations.

Yashwant Singh Registrar, Dr.

The Training and Placement Office remains committed to bringing in seasoned corporate professionals to inspire and guide students, offering them the tools to excel in their careers. These efforts are aimed at equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed and pursue their passions.

Course held at Basohli

Third day of PETs/REKs Refresher

conducted under the

direction of District

Youth Services and

Sports Officer Kathua,

S.S. Sambyal, and was

supervised by ZPEO

Basohli, Tara Singh. All

officials deployed for

the course were pres-

ent throughout the day.

The day featured dis-

cussions on the rules

Top News Report

BASOHLI, Nov 28: The third day of the refresher course for Physical Education Teachers (PETs) and Rehbar-e-Khel (REKs) took place at Model Higher Secondary School Basohli.

The program was

and regulations of various games, including Volleyball, Kho Kho, and Cricket, as well as guidelines for conducting a structured Morning Assembly. A friendly cricket match between two teams highlighted the session, promoting sportsmanship and teamwork.

The refresher course is aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of the participants to ensure better outcomes for players. The department's vision focuses on achieving fair and commendable results for the holistic development of sports in the region.

Chhatr Parishad Chunav held at SPPND GDC Samba

Top News Report

SAMBA, Nov 28: SPPND Government Degree College, Samba, successfully conducted the Chhatr Parishad Chunav (Student Council Elections) for the academic session 2024-25, marking the continuation of this democratic tradition for the second consecutive year. The elections aimed to instill leadership qualities and democratic values among students.

Key positions contested included Presi-

dent, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Joint Secretary.

The event commenced with the National Anthem, followed by the election process under the guidance of Prof. Narayan Dutt (Election Commissioner) and Prof. Smriti Manchanda (Election Observer).

From a pool of 44 class representatives, the students emerged as winners include Prince Choudhary (Semester V), President, Varun Singh and Manshu Devi (Semester III), Vice Presidents, Aditya Singh Sumbria (Semester III), Secretary,



Mehak Sharma (Semester I), Joint Secretary, and Ajit Kumar (Semester I), Treasurer. The elected representatives were honoured with badges and sashes during

a felicitation ceremony. Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college, congratulated the newly elected council and encouraged them to uphold democratic principles

while striving for the institution's progress The elections showcased the enthusiasm and dedication of the students, with the new council members pledging to work towards the college's betterment.

The event was efficiently managed by the Student Welfare Committee, led by Prof. Seema Sharma, while the proceedings were conducted by Mitakshi Sambyal and Janvi Pargal. The event was a testament to the college's commitment to fostering leadership and a democratic spirit among its students.

Lok Sabha extends tenure of Parliamentary **Panel on Waqf Bill**

meeting of the committee on November 21, Pal had said its draft report is ready. He indicated that the committee's consultation with stakeholders is over and its members will now discuss the report and suggest changes, if any, before it is adopted.

The opposition members took strong exception to this stand in Wednesday's meeting and soon stormed out. They claimed that Birla had assured them that its tenure would be extended.

Opposition parties have stridently criticised the amendments proposed by the bill in the existing Waqf Act, alleging they violate the religious rights of Muslims.

The ruling BJP has asserted that the amendments will bring transparency in the functioning of the waqf boards and make them accountable.

Often drawing comparisons with her grandmother Indira Gandhi for their similarity in looks and way of speaking, Priyanka Gandhi has been the go-to campaigner for the party since her entry into active politics and even before that when she campaigned for her mother Sonia and brother Rahul.

And more than both, she is the one who many say has the easiest touch when it comes to communicating with people, individuals and crowds, and also in articulating the party's viewpoint on a range of issues. That she is often seen with her brother, sometimes teasing, sometimes chiding and always affectionate, has added to the image of the convivial politician.

Frequently referring to her childhood, the pain of her father Rajiv Gandhi's assassination and her mother's grief, she steered the Congress' campaign during the general election, adroitly walking the tightrope between striking a familial chord and discussing national-level issues. She proved to be a strategist, orator and mass mobil-

FROM PAGE 1 Dwivedi

very important - progressive and peaceful," General Dwivedi added.

He highlighted in his keynote address how the Indian Army not only safeguards the nation's borders but also contributes to national development, security and strategic growth.

According to an official statement by the Ministry of Defence, General Dwivedi also mentioned how Security is a "vital enabler of sustainable growth."

The COAS highlighted, "that security is a vital enabler of sustainable growth, not an obstacle, and that the Indian Army is a key provider of security for a "Progressive" and "Peaceful" India by 2047," according to the statement.

Mentioning the role of the army in contributing to disaster relief, he said that the National Disaster Management Authority was conceptualised under General NC Vij. who himself had experience of the Bhuj earthquake in 2001.

'As far as Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in concerned, one of the GoC-in-C (General Officer Commandingin-Chief) of Southern Command, he conceptualised NDMA, this was NC Vij, who had first hand experience of the Bhuj earthquake in 2001. He was the southern army commander, he camped there months together for resuscitation of the township," the General said.

In 2023, Mehta wrote to then Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla flagging a "serious security lapse" after Malik was brought to the Supreme Court to appear in a case.

Malik, serving life sentence in a terrorfunding case, was brought to the highsecurity apex court premises in a prison van escorted by armed security personnel without the court's permission.

Voicing surprise at his presence, Mehta informed the apex court there was a procedure for high-risk convicts to be allowed into the courtroom to argue their case personally

The CBI said Malik, the top leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, was a threat to national security and cannot be allowed to be taken outside the Tihar jail premises.

The apex court on April 24, 2023, issued notices on the CBI's appeal following which the incarcerated JKLF chief wrote a letter to the registrar of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2023 seeking permission to appear in person to plead his case.

Mishra also met Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju in the national capital.

The spokesperson said Mishra discussed several minority affairs-related issues concerning the people of Ladakh with the minister, including scholarships for students of the UT.

Dy CM surprise-checks PWD Jammu office, finds 70% staff absent

dissatisfaction after finding that not only were many employees absent, but some of the on-duty workers also misled him regarding the absentees. "It is unacceptable that some on-duty employees lied to me about the situation, which is why those responsible have been suspended," he stated

The Dy CM confirmed that the Chief Engineer (CE) had been summoned to the Secretariat for an explanation regarding the absenteeism and the mismanagement in the office. He highlighted that the government was determined to uphold its commitment to the people. "This is a people's government now, and those who do not work for the people will face action," he added. The Dy CM further mentioned that such surprise inspections would continue across various government offices to ensure accountability and efficiency. "It seems we will have to go to every office," he remarked, signaling a tough stance against those who fail to meet their responsibilities.

Constitution copy in hand, Priyanka Gandhi takes oath as LS MP

Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chief Sonia Gandhi, husband Robert Vadra, son Raihan and daughter Miraya watching from the galleries.

Congress MPs earlier met at the CPP office in the Parliament premises where Priyanka Gandhi was greeted and congratulated by leaders.

After taking oath, Priyanka Gandhi completed the formalities and then shared a warm hug with her brother and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Ravindra Chavan (Congress), who won the Nanded bypoll also took oath in Marathi in the name of god. The bypoll was necessitated following the demise of his father Vasantrao Chavan recently.

The House was adjourned after the oaths as opposition members came to the Well of the House and raised slogans, demanding a discussion on the Adani issue and the Sambhal violence.

As MPs exited the House, leaders made a beeline to congratulate Priyanka Gandhi and on the steps of the Makar Dwar. Congress MPs gathered as Rahul Gandhi clicked a photograph of Priyanka Gandhi with the Samvidhan Sadan in the background

Priyanka Gandhi also met the Congress president after taking oath and took his blessinas

She took the plunge into active politics in 2019 and was later appointed Congress general secretary. Five years after that, Priyanka Gandhi begins her journey as an elected representative of the people.

With a winning margin of more than 4.1 lakh votes, she surpassed the tally of her brother Rahul Gandhi from Wayanad in Kerala

Priyanka Gandhi's entry into Parliament comes at a difficult time for the party, which has been jolted by electoral defeats in Haryana and Maharashtra. It would be interesting to see if she is able to give a much-needed fillip to the grand old party and help put it back on the electoral track.

all rolled into one.

Most of her speeches are akin to a conversation with the crowd, establishing a connect and giving people the impression that here was a person who was known to them, someone sharing her feelings and thoughts with them.

As star campaigner and strategiser, Priyanka Gandhi helped the Congress make impressive gains in some states as well as in the Lok Sabha polls held earlier in the year. Her campaign helped the Congress get 99 seats in the general election, up from 52 in 2019.

Priyanka Gandhi has often been projected as a possible challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi and also as a successor to Congress veteran Sonia Gandhi in the family pocket borough of Rae Bareli

However, soon after the Election Commission announced the Wayanad bypoll, the Congress declared that Privanka Gandhi would be its candidate from the seat in Kerala. Rahul Gandhi, it decided, would retain the Rae Bareli parliamentary constituency in Uttar Pradesh and vacate the Wayanad seat he won for the second consecutive time.

Congress leaders from Wayanad handed over the election certificate of the Wayanad parliamentary by-election to Priyanka Gandhi on Wednesday and conveyed their best wishes.

Born on January 12, 1972, Priyanka attended New Delhi's Modern School and the Convent of Jesus and Mary. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, and also has a master's degree in Buddhist studies

Her entry into Parliament has been long awaited by party's workers and supporters and they are hoping she will provide the booster shot the party needs in its difficult phase at the hustings going forward.

"Transformed the theme of terrorism to tourism in J-K": COAS **General Upendra**

The General also mentioned how India is preparing for the 2036 Olympics by developing a talent pool through various sports programs and organising events like the Durand Cup and Kashmir Premier League.

Highlighting further the commitment of Viksit Bharat, he said that the Army also plays a significant role in India's self-reliance. He said that 85 pc of their capital expenditure is spent on 'Made in India' defence hardware.

"It is also driving the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, contributing significantly to local economies, such as in Ladakh," the COAS said

SC issues notice to **Yasin Malik and others** on CBI's plea to transfer trial in two cases

that courtroom in jail," SG Mehta submitted the court.

The matter has been posted for next hearing December 18.

The top court was hearing a CBI plea against the September 20, 2022 order of a Jammu trial court that directed Malik, serving life term in Tihar jail, to be produced before it physically to cross-examine the prosecution witnesses in the kidnapping case of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of politician Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Observing that even Mumbai terror attack convict Ajmal Kasab was given a fair trial, the bench had earlier said that it could order trial to take place inside the jail besides asking the judge to come to the national capital for the proceedings. Mehta had said Malik physically appearing in the Supreme Court had raised security concerns previously.

An assistant registrar took up his request on July 18, 2023 and said the apex court would pass necessary orders — a decision the Tihar jail authorities reportedly misconstrued to allow Malik to appear and argue his case.

Mehta referred to the CBI's contention in its appeal against the trial court order to bring Malik to Jammu for in-person examination of the witnesses in the kidnapping case, and said under Section 268 of the CrPC a state government may direct certain people to not be shifted from the confines of a prison.

On September 20, 2022, a special TADA court in Jammu directed Malik to be physically produced before it on the next hearing for him to cross-examine prosecution witnesses in the kidnapping case.

The CBI challenged the trial court order before the Supreme Court as appeals in TADA cases are only heard by the top court.

Rubaiya Sayeed was abducted near Lal Ded Hospital in Srinagar on December 8, 1989 and freed five days later after the then BJP-backed V P Singh government at the Centre released five terrorists in exchange. Sayeed, who now lives in Tamil Nadu, is a prosecution witness of the CBI, which took over the case in early 1990s.

Malik is lodged in Tihar jail after he was sentenced by a special NIA court in May, 2023 in a terror-funding case

LG requests Centre for **Status Quo in Ladakh's** budget allocation

budget by Rs 976 crore, which is a very serious issue, according to the spokesperson

"The Lt Governor requested the Finance Minister to maintain the status quo of the budget allocation for the capital component to UT Ladakh for the current financial year 2024-25 and not to reduce the budget for the region's overall development and the timely completion of the ongoing project works," the Raj Bhavan spokesperson said. He said the finance minister assured him to look into the matter.

Srinagar shivers at -2.1°C, Shopian freezes at -5.5°C

Celsius — 1.5 degrees down from the previous night's minus 0.6 degree Celsius. The night temperature was 1.7 degrees Celsius below the normal for this time of the season.

Qazigund — the gateway town to the valley in south Kashmir — recorded a low of minus 3 degrees Celsius, which was the season's lowest so far.

The minimum in Pahalgam tourist resort, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra, settled at minus 5 degrees Celsius — the coldest weather station in the Valley.

It was also the coldest night of the season at the resort. The famous ski resort Gulmarg registered a low of minus 2.5 degree Celsius, while Kupwara shivered at minus 2.3 degrees Celsius.Kokernag in south Kashmir was the only weather station in the valley where the minimum settled above the freezing point at 0.2 degree Celsius, the officials said. The Met department said the weather would likely stay generally dry until Friday evening, after which there is a possibility of light rain or snow at isolated places in the higher reaches till December 1. From December 2, there are chances of light rain or snow at scattered places in the higher reaches over two days. The weather is likely to stay generally dry from December 4-6, after which light rain or light snow is possible at isolated places in the higher reaches over two days from December 7,

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Kashmir's youth packed with talent, committed to grooming them for bigger platforms: ADG CRPF

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SRINAGAR, Nov 28: Additional Director General (ADG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), for Jammu and Kashmir Zone, Rajesh Kumar, lauded the immense talent among the youth of Kashmir and stated that the CRPF is committed to nurturing their potential.

Speaking at the sideline of a sports tournament organized by the CRPF here in Srinagar, Kumar highlighted the importance of such initiatives in shaping the future of the youth. "There is huge talent

in Kashmir. The CRPF will continue to groom this young talent and provide them platforms to shine.

We want them to reach the heights of

national and international tournaments, like the IPL," Kumar said. He announced plans to expand the scope of the tournament in the coming years. "From next year, we

will make this tournament even bigger. We will provide incen-

tives and better kits to support the players," he added. Kumar also appealed

to the youth to actively

participate in these initiatives and contribute to positive societal change.

"We want these voungsters to not just continue excelling in sports but also stand with us in the fight against social evils like drug abuse. Together, we can work to end this menace.'

This year's tournament, built on the success of last year's edition, saw an overwhelming response from the youth. Kumar noted, "The participation was much higher this year, and the enthusiasm of the players was truly inspiring." The CRPF reiterated its promise to support the youth in building a brighter future. "We will continue these efforts

to bring out the best in our young talents," Kumar added.

Bukhari urges administration to ensure adequate power supply

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 28: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Thursday expressed deep concern over "unscheduled. frequent, and prolonged power outages in Srinagar city and other

parts of the valley." In his statement issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Unfortunately, the government is failing to ensure the



required power supply to consumers in Jammu and Kashmir. Reports from across Srinagar city and other parts of the valley indicate that the power department is not adhering to its own outage schedule. Unscheduled and frequent power cuts in both metered and non-metered areas are causing immense problems for residents."

"With the harsh winter and Chillai Kalan yet to begin, if the government fails to provide adequate power now, one can only imagine the situation in the coming days. Officials say J&K faces a 700 MW power shortfall.

The government must act quickly to bridge the gap between allocation and demand," he added.

Prof Majid Jahangir assigned additional charge as Principal GMC Bla

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 28: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has issued an order assigning Prof. (Dr.) Majid Jahangir, Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis & Imaging at Government Medical College, Srinagar, as the new Principal of Government Medical College, Baramulla. This decision comes following the retirement of Prof. (Dr.) Ruby Reshi, the current Principal, effective November 30, 2024. According to Govern-

ment Order No. 827-JK (HME) of 2024, Prof. Dr Jahangir will assume the additional responsibilities from December 1, 2024, alongside his

existing duties. The move is aimed at ensuring smooth administrative operations and uninterrupted patient care at the Baramulla institution. The order was signed by Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir's Health and Medical Education Department.

Kashmir Motor Drivers Association start bus services from Kund to Anantnag

Top News Report

KULGAM, Nov 28: The residents of various areas of Kund in Kulgam district has appreciated Kashmir Motor Drivers Association (KMD) for starting bus service from kund to Anantnag. The bus Service would cater to the areas of Kund, Churat, Chowgam, Bonigam, Vessu, and Mirbazar. The residents of these



areas have expressed ager Kashmir Motor their gratitude to Man-

(KMD) Anantnag for starting the bus service on the kund Anantnag route.

general public of Kund valley particularly students.

Complementing the KMD management, the residents said that it is a great step of the authorities to connect the far Anantnag towards flung areas of Kund with Anantnag.

They added that the bus service will prove economic, time efficient and comfortable to the tion.

The timing of bus service on 8:15 AM from Waltangoo towards Anantnag and return timing is 5:15 PM from

Kund. Meanwhile people of Kund valley have hailed the efforts of Kashmir Motor Drivers Associa-

ASSOCHAM organizes discussion on 'Current Challenges of Adult Immunization Against Influenza & Way Forward'

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SRINAGAR, Nov 28: The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) hosted a roundtable discussion on 'Current Challenges of Adult Immunization Against Influenza & a Way Forward' in Srinagar today.

The event brought together leading medical professionals, officials from the J&K Health Department, and **ASSOCHAM** members to deliberate on the pressing need for adult immunization against influenza. Dr. Parvaiz Koul, Former Director of SKIMS Srinagar, presented an insightful and detailed presentation on the subject. Highlighting the importance of influenza vaccination, he addressed various queries from the audience, emphasizing the role of preventive measures in mitigating health risks associated with influenza.



"Every stakeholder must play their part in advancing influenza vaccination programshealthcare providers who administer the vaccines, prescribers who advocate for them, policymakers who design effective strategies, and the government, which must allocate resources to establish a robust adult immunization framework," Dr Koul Said. "While COVID-19 vaccines have set a precedent, there is a a lot scope for comprehensive adult vaccination program in our country, despite its proven success worldwide. It's high time we collectively step

up to bridge this critical gap," he added. Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Nodal Officer, National Health Mission (NHM). J&K while appreciating the session organized

in India, stating, "India currently has a large burden of both noncommunicable and infectious diseases such as influenza, leading to higher possibility

Dr. Rizwana Habib, HOD OBSTS & GYNAE GMC, Srinagar also suggested that the Influenza Vaccine should be added in Ayushman Bharat Yojna.

Dr. Anjum Afshan, Epidemiologist and Director of Health Services, Kashmir, added, "Influenza causes lot of increase in burden of respiratory disease during winter season especially in elderly population, people comorbidities especially COPD etc. A shot if influenza vaccine given

Army conducts lecture for women empowerment at Samote



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Nov 28: Women have always

Government Higher Secondary School, Samote

of providing women in villages with the same education and opportunities as men.

Drivers Association

empowerment at the

by ASSOCHAM said. "Such sessions bring together all the stakeholders, which provides them a platform to discuss their ideas under one roof. We have noted down their suggestions & will apprise it to the higher authorities at appropriate platform for proper implementation." Pushpak Khare, Regional Director at Abbott India, highlighted the dual burden of non-communicable

and infectious diseases

addition to academic

training, the coaching

program emphasizes

character building and

physical fitness. Regu-

lar sessions with Indian

Army personnel inspire

students by giving them

a glimpse of life in the

The discipline instilled

armed forces.

of complications including hospitalization and prolonged ICU stay."

"More than 95% of Vaccine Preventable Disease associated deaths have been reported in adults in India. Reputed Indian and global societies recommend annual influenza vaccination in high-risk groups, and this is backed by robust scientific studies. Vaccination is key for building healthier and safer communities," he added.

in early winter can prevent it from 40-60% in this susceptible population." The discussion under-

scored the urgent need for increasing awareness and adoption of adult vaccination programs to combat the challenges posed by influenza. Participants shared insights on the integration of immunization initiatives within public health systems to enhance accessibility and efficacy.

played an important role in society, contributing significantly to nationbuilding and helping achieve greater milestones.

However, their contribution has often been more prominent in major towns and cities, while rural and backward areas have remained aloof due to lack of awareness, opportunities, and available facilities.

In light of this, the Indian Army conducted a talk on women

The talk focused on women empowerment and various schemes aimed at inculcating skills among women to make them self-reliant. Providing skills and job opportunities to women would not only improve their social and financial standing but also enable them to contribute constructively to the progress and growth of the nation.

The lecture was well received by the audience, who acknowledged the importance

A total of 64 students and 8 teachers attended the lecture. Prominent local residents and women expressed their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Indian Army for organizing this event on women empowerment.

This lecture on women empowerment will enhance goodwill within the community and help increase employment opportunities, further supporting the growth of the region.

Army organizes coaching classes for students at Rajouri

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Nov 28: The Indian Army's ongoing coaching classes for Sainik School and Military School aspirants in the South of the Pir Panjal region have emerged as a transformative initiative for local students from Rajouri, Poonch, and Reasi. These classes provide invaluable support to young minds aspiring to a future in the armed forces

Launched to address the educational needs of students in remote and underprivileged areas, the program offers rigorous preparation for entrance exams,



focusing on core subjects like Mathematics, English, and General Knowledge. The initiative has

become a beacon of hope for students, many of whom previously lacked access to quality coaching and are now better equipped to compete with their peers through this program is seen as a key factor in their overall development. The response from the local community has been overwhelmingly positive.

Parents have expressed their gratitude for this initiative, which they believe is a game-changer for their children's futures. As the program continues, many students from the region are already showing remarkable progress.

This initiative by the Indian Army is not just about academic success; it symbolizes hope, empowerment, and the promise of a brighter future for the youth.

Army organizes awareness talk on drug abuse at Sial Sui



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Nov 28: The Indian Army organized an impactful awareness talk on drug abuse, highlighting the growing concern and the need for collective action to combat this menace.

The event was held at Government Higher

Secondary School, Sial Sui, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from teachers and students

The session was led by the Indian Army, who shed light on the physical, mental, and social consequences of substance abuse.

They emphasized the importance of making

informed decisions, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and fostering a supportive environment for the youth.

The talk also included interactive discussions, real-life stories, and preventive measures aimed at equipping participants with the knowledge and tools to stay drug-free. Emphasizing the importance of mental and physical health, the long-term impact of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society was also discussed.

The Indian Army remains committed to its role as a pillar of strength in the community, extending its efforts beyond defense to ensure a safer and healthier society.

Such events play a vital role in building a safer, healthier, and drug-free society. The event concluded with a pledge by students and teachers to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drugs and work towards a brighter future.

SPORTS

India back in contention: 5 teams in home stretch of race to WTC Final

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): The race for a place in the World Test Championship (WTC) 2023-25 final is heating up with New Zealand, Sri Lanka and South Africa still in contention. In fact, the Proteas will also face Pakistan in a twomatch series later this year. Along with them, India and Australia are also fighting for a spot in the summit clash in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

India are placed at the top while the Proteas are at fifth, but there is a difference of less than 6 in terns of point's percentage between them. Hence, it goes without saying that the top five

teams do not have much room for error and complacency. India recently reclaimed their top spot after winning the Perth Test by 295 runs, and it would keep them in good stead before the Adelaide Test from December 6.

India, however, need to win the series 4-0 to book a berth in the grand



finale without having to depend on other results to go in their favour. New Zealand, Sri Lanka riding high on confidence New Zealand, in the

meantime, rose like a phoenix from the ashes after they defeated India 3-0 in their overseas Test series. The likes of Mitchell Santner, Ajaz

Patel and Will Young made sure that the Black Caps handed India their first Test series defeat at home since 2012.

The Kiwis will face Ben Stokes' England in a three-match Test series, starting November 28 at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch. New Zealand became champions in 2019-21, but could not put their best foot forward in the 2021-23 season. After taking over from Tim Southee, Latham has a golden chance to lead his team to glory next year.

As far as Sri Lanka are concerned, they did not perform well in the previous two editions of the championship. But after beating the Kiwis at home, they will look to strengthen their chances of qualifying for the WTC final. Before the Champions Trophy and Indian Premier League (IPL) take place, the finalists for the WTC will be known, and all five teams will be looking to strain every

sinew.

for 2nd Test

Rohit Sharma all smiles as

Indian team lands in Canberra

ling kit and looked styl-

ish yet comfortable in

their airport look. India

will face Australia in

the 2nd Test match

at the Adelaide Oval.

The much-anticipated

Test match will start on

December 6 and will be

India boast of a decent

record in the Pink ball

Test, although they

have not played a lot

of it. India has played

four matches and won

three of those. However,

played with Pink ball.

CANBERRA, Nov 28 (Agencies): The official social media handle of the BCCI shared a special video of Team India's travel day out. The Indian team, led by captain Rohit Sharma, landed in Canberra from Perth. The players looked in a very relaxed and chilled out mood as they arrived for the 2nd Test in Australia's capital.

The Indian team were donning their travelIndia's only loss in pink ball Test came against Australia in 2020. India infamously bundled out to their lowest total in Test cricket for just 36 runs as Australia won the 1st Test by 8 wickets. Meanwhile, India hosted three Pink ball Tests at home and won all of them against Bangladesh, England and Sri Lanka.

India beat Australia in the 1st Test match to take 1-0 lead in the 5-match series of the Border Gavaskar Trophy. India registered a 295-run victory over Australia in the 1st Test at Optus Stadium in Perth. They managed to breach the Perth fortress to become the first-ever visiting team to.

Pakistan won't play in India, as they're not sending team here: PCB

LAHORE, Nov 28 (Agencies): The PCB chairman Mohsin Nagvi has made it clear that it is not possible for Pakistan to travel to India for tournaments in future while India continue to refuse to send the team to the neighbouring nation, a situation he termed "unequal."

The fate of the Champions Trophy hangs in balance after BCCI conveyed to ICC its inability to send the team to Pakistan, and the global body has convened a virtual meeting of its executive board members on Friday to take a final decision.

"It is just not possible that while Pakistan keeps on going and playing in India all events the Indian authorities are not willing to send their team to play in Pakistan. We can't have such an unequal situation," Nagvi told reporters last night at the Gaddafi stadium during a visit to inspect the construction work.



Naqvi, however. played it safe regarding the 'Hybrid' model for the Champions Trophy, as earlier he had asserted that PCB would not accept the proposed format.

"All I can assure is whatever happens in the meeting we will come out with good news and decisions which will be accepted by our people," he said.

Naqvi hoped that Jay Shah, who will take over as the ICC Chairman December 5, would take decisions based in the and I'm sure once he moves from the BCCI to the ICC, he will think

about the ICC's benefit, and that's what he should do. "Whenever anyone assumes such a role, he should only consider the interests of that

organisation," he said. There were reports of Pakistan being offered additional financial incentives to accept the Hybrid Model, but Naqvi remained noncommittal.

Naqvi said all such decisions and the outcome of the ICC meeting will be conveyed to the Pakistan government, which will take a final call

Uncapped Webster called into Australia squad for India series

SYDNEY, Nov 28 (Agencies): Australia have added uncapped all-rounder Beau Webster to the squad for the second Test against India as cover for Mitchell Marsh, whose fitness remains a concern.

Marsh had pulled up "sore" following Australia's 295-run hammering in the series opener in Perth earlier this week.

Webster, also a right-hand pace all-rounder like Marsh, has been the stand out performer in the Sheffield Shield over the past two years.

The 30-year-old has collected 1788 runs including five hundreds and nine fifties. He starred in Tasmania's Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales earlier this week, striking a 61 and 49 besides taking five wickets.

"To get a few runs and wickets (for Australia A) was pleasing against a strong Indian side," Webster was quoted as saying by



cricket.com.au ahead of the announcement on Thursday.

"Any time you're playing 'A' cricket, it's the one step below Test level, so it does hold you in good stead. To get the call from 'Bails' (men's selection chair George Bailey) at the end of the NSW game was a really proud moment and I can't wait to get stuck in.

"There's a tight turnaround between the

Adelaide and Gabba Test so I think (I'm there) just to have some cover there for that middle-order role, whichever way they go," he added

Apart from his explosive batting, Webster has added seam-bowling to his abilities, a skill he added to his repertoire just four years ago

He will join the squad in Adelaide next week having been named the Sheffield Shield player of the year last summer and continuing that form this season.

Despite the disappointing show in the series opener coach Andrew McDonald had asserted that there will be no changes in the home team for the pink ball Test in Adelaide, starting on December 6.

Jack Nisbett, meanwhile, has been brought in to replace Jem Ryan, who sustained a foot injury at the weekend, in the Prime Minister's XI to play India in Canberra this weekend.

Sindhu, Lakshya storm into 2nd round

LUCKNOW, Nov 28 (Agencies): Top seeds PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen advanced to the second round of the women's and men's singles, respectively, at the Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament after registering straight-game victories. Two-time Olympics medallist Sindhu

Sindhu, who is returning to the tournament after a two-year hiatus, will next face compatriot Ira Sharma, who triumphed over Deepshikha Singh 21-13 21-19 in her opening match. "I'm happy to be back here after two years. I couldn't play last year because of injury, but it feels great to be playing on I was confident. It was my first match, and I made some mistakes, but overall I'm happy with my performance."

Lakshya will next face Israel's Daniil Dubovenko. "It's always great to play in front of the home crowd. I've competed here in the past, but right now, I'm focusing on my

interest of world cricket and all member boards. "Jay Shah takes charge in December,

defeated rising shuttler Anmol Kharb 21-17 21-15, while Lakshya, a 2021 World Championships bronze medallist, powered past Malaysian qualifier Sholeh Aidil 21-12 21-12.

home soil again," Sindhu said.

"I was playing against Anmol for the first time, and she did well. We've played together in the Asian Team Championships before, so

next match. My goal is to do well in the BWF tournaments and at the World Championships," said Lakshya, the 2022 Commonwealth Games champion.

"I think he could...": Rahul Dravid's big prediction for Virat Kohli in Border-Gavaskar Trophy

NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): Former Indian head coach Rahul Dravid said that star India Virat Kohli could have a big series against Australia during the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy, and getting a century at the start of the series is nice for him. Virat broke his Test century drought of over 500 days and showcased his class in his favourite Australian conditions, slamming a return-to-form century against the Aussies at Perth's Optus Stadium, tiring out the Aussies mentally and physically to set the tone for a 295run win.

Speaking to Star Sports, Dravid said about Virat, "He has been batting really well, even in South Africa months ago when we were there, I thought he was batting really well on a couple of difficult wickets. It is just nice for him to be able to get that hundred at the start of the series. I think he could have a big series." During the match, Virat scored an unbeaten 100 in 143 balls, with eight

fours and two sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of 69.93. After scoring the century, Virat had a sigh of relief as he raised his bat above his head.

Now. Virat has scored his 81st international century and continues his chase for idol Sachin Tendulkar's record of 100 international centuries. This is also his 30th Test century. Now in 119 matches, Virat has scored 9,145 runs at an average of 48.13, with 30 centuries and 31 fifties. His best score is

254*.

Also, with 54 List-A centuries, nine T20 centuries, and 37 first-class centuries, Virat has completed 100 centuries in professional cricket. Virat has also become the seventh player to complete 2,000 runs in Border-Gavaskar Trophy history. In 26 BGT matches, he has scored 2,147 centuries at an average of 48.79, with nine centuries and five fifties. His best score is 186.

This is Virat's seventh Test century in Australia, the most by an Indian



batter, as he has now overtaken Sachin Tendulkar, who has scored six Test tons in Australia. He has also equalled England's Wally Hammond for second-most centuries in Tests in Australia. The most Test centuries in Australia are by England's Jack Hobbs, with nine tons. In Tests in Australia, Virat has scored 1,457 runs at an average of 56.03, with seven centuries and four fifties. His best score is 169.

This is Virat's 12th international century in Australia, the most by any batter. He has scored 3,531 runs in 43

matches and 55 innings at an average of 56.95 in Australia, with 12 centuries and 19 fifties and a best score of 169.

In 35 Tests since the start of 2020, Virat has scored 1,943 runs at an average of 32.93 with three centuries and nine fifties. His best score is 186 in this phase.

Speaking on Jaiswal, Dravid said that Jaiswal has been going from strength to strength, and it is hard to imagine that he made his debut just a year and a half ago in the West Indies.

"It was not long ago that he actually started. And to go to Australia,

to play in Perth, and in your first Test match, get a hundred on Australian soil. I do not think many people have been able to do that. I am sure someone like him, with his hunger, his desire, and his drive, he is only going to keep getting better and better," he concluded.

After a first-innings duck, the 22-year-old opener bounced back with a composed yet aggressive 161-run knock against Australia's formidable bowling attack at Perth's Optus Stadium. In 15 Tests, Jaiswal has amassed 1,568 runs at an average of 58.07 with four centuries and eight fifties. His best score is 214*, and all his centuries have been converted into scores of

150 or more. These matches have all come during the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25 cycle, where Jaiswal is the second-highest run scorer behind England's Joe Root, who has accumulated 1,750 runs in 19 matches, including six centuries and six fifties.

We were on different wavelengths: DC co-owner on Pant's departure from franchise

it (Pant's departure).

There's nothing to do

with money," Jindal told

"Money's never been

an issue for Rishabh.

And money's never

been an issue for us. I

guess the three of us

(Kiran Grandhi, Jindal

and Pant) were on dif-

"He took a call at the

end of it. We tried every-

thing, but he decided

eventually that it was

time to move on," added

So, what were those

"It means the way the

franchise is to run, the

decisions of the fran-

chise, those kinds of

things. There were cer-

tain expectations that

he had and there were

certain expectations we

had. I can just say that

we couldn't align on

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NEW DELHI, Nov 28 (Agencies): Delhi Capitals co-owner Parth Jindal revealed that the franchise did everything possible to retain Rishabh Pant ahead of the IPL mega auction but the star wicketkeeper batter was on "different wavelengths" on how to operate the team, leading to his departure.

The Capitals did not retain Pant and the lefthander was sold to Lucknow Super Giants in the recent mega auction for Rs 27 crore, becoming the most expensive player in the history of the IPL.

"It was just a different philosophy of how he wanted the franchise to operate and how us - the owners - wanted the franchise to operate. That's what caused these things," he said. Jindal also accepted that the expectations of the franchise on leadership role did not match with the idea, which was based on long-term ambition of captaining India, Pant had in his mind.

"We gave him some feedback regarding leadership. We told him ways in which he could improve on that, but we were quite clear that we know his ambitions, we know where he wants to go.

"He's made it amply clear that his dream and desire is to captain India and that starts with captaining an IPL team," he noted.

Jindal said the team management realised that buying back Pant from the auction was an impossible task.

"The minute we didn't retain him, I knew he was gone. We did do the right-to-match for him at Rs 20.25 (crore), but again, the budget went extremely high. We were okay to stretch up to Rs 22-23 (crore)," he added.

LOCAL/ADVT

Shiv Sena, Sant Samaj call for "Chalo Bangladesh" Burnt effigies of fundamentalists, demand to show Sheikh Hasina the way out

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: Angry with the ongoing attacks on Sanatanis and arrests of Hindu leaders in Bangladesh, Shiv Sainiks and Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj from the Sant Samaj on Thursday protested in Jammu raising the slogan of "Chalo Bangladesh" and burnt effigies of separatists.

In Indira Chowk of Jammu, Shiv Sainiks gathered under the leadership of Shiv Sena (UBT) state chief Manish Sahni and Paramadhyaksha Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj of Shri Rajmata Jhandewalan Temple Group, staged a protest holding placards with the words "Ensure the safety of Hindus", "Show Sheikh Hasina the way out", "Chalo Bangladesh" written on them

Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji

Maharaj and Shiv Sena state chief Manish Sahni said in their address that the series of attacks and vandalism on Hindus and religious places in Bangladesh is not stopping. Chinmay Krishnan Das, president of Chittagong ISKCON Dham, who presented his demands through peaceful



Islami are threatening to close down ISKCON, the organization of devotees of Lord Krishna. Sahni appealed to the central government to take strict cognizance and create international pressure to ensure the safety of Hindus and to the Human Rights Commission to take action. Along with demand to way out the former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with immediate effect and to encourage the Hindus, asked for permission to go to Bangladesh also appealed to other Hindu organizations to visit Bangladesh and take care of Hindus. On this occasion Ram Vohra, Meenakshi Bakshi, Jai Bharti,

Vikas Bakshi, Raj Singh, Rohin Manwal, Geeta Lakhotra, Shahsipal, Mangu Ram, Dimple, Jagbir Raj, and many others were present.

'NSG will boost security in Jammu' Permanent hub will ensure quick response to emerging threats: Raman Suri

Top News Report

JAMMU. Nov 28: "Deployment of elite National Security Guard (NSG) commandos in Jammu region by the union home ministry will strengthen the government's anti-terror operations and help wipe out terrorism from the Union Territory (UT) completely. This is the Union Government's steadfast resolve to restore peace and security here and the deployment follows a series of terror incidents in Jammu necessitating rapid and specialized responses to emerging threats". This was stated by Bhartiva Janata Party (BJP) executive member Raman Suri on Thursday.

Raman Suri said that the establishment of a permanent NSG hub in Jammu city will enable

so that people could breathe in a conducive atmosphere and lead normal lives without fear.

Over recent years, districts such as Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, and Poonch have witnessed a surge in terror attacks and by deploying the NSG in Jammu and Kashmir, the government aims to address these challenges comprehensively which deserves applause. The force's proficiency in urban combat, hostage rescue, and long-range sniper operations makes it a vital asset in combating modernday terrorism, Raman Suri said, adding that the induction of NSG units is also expected to provide them with critical combat experi-

GGM Science College felicitates Amarjeet on superannuation

and integrity, Amarjeet is

admired for his ability to

inspire students and col-

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During his tenure, Ama-

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students who have gone

to excel in various fields

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: GGM Science College on Thursday organized a heartfelt ceremony to honor Amarjeet Singh, (Chowkidar) a highly esteemed employee of this College, as he approaches his superannuation at the end of this month

Joining the institution in August 1992, Amarjeet has dedicated 32 remarkable years of his life to GGM Science College. Renowned for his honesty, tireless work ethic, and commitment to the core

discipline.

Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, praised Amarjeet for his exceptional contributions. He highlighted Amarjeet's role as a a pillar of support for the institution. "Amarjeet is not just an

employee but a man of principles and a beacon of inspiration for all of us. His legacy will continue to motivate generations to come," said Dr. Gupta. The event was attended by faculty members, staff, students, and alumni, who came together to celebrate Amarieet's remarkable journey. Many shared heartfelt tributes, recounting anecdotes that

reflected his compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication. As the college community bid farewell, they extended their best

wishes for a fulfilling and peaceful post-retirement life. Amarjeet expressed his gratitude for the love and respect he received, stating, "It has been an honor to serve this prestigious institution. I am grateful for the opportu-

LJKMCL participates in **India International Trade** Fair at New Delhi



ity but also have deep

cultural significance,

representing the legacy

of the local artisans

and farmers. The coop-

erative's participation

in the trade fair was

part of a broader effort

to strengthen the local

economy by linking it

with national and global

markets. The trade fair

witnessed huge par-

ticipation of Indian and

foreign visitors. It also

included visit of various

state and national level

The cooperative by

promoting these local

products, aims to pro-

vide much-needed sup-

port to the traditional

industries, ensuring that

the people of Ladakh

and Jammu & Kashmir

benefit from fair trade

In addition to mar-

keting and promo-

tion, the cooperative

is also actively work-

ing to establish stron-

ger supply chains and

improve the production

capacities of local busi-

nesses. The coopera-

tive has opened a dedi-

cated store in Jammu,

which serves as a local

hub for the products it

This store is intended

to showcase a wide vari-

ety of products made in

the region, serving as a

point of contact for both

local customers and

tourists seeking authen-

tic goods from Jammu,

Looking ahead, the

LJKMCL has ambitious

plans for expansion and

is focused on scaling

up operations to cover

Kashmir, and Ladakh.

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Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 28: Ladakh Jammu Kashmir Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd (LJKMCL) recently participated in the India International Trade Fair held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from November 14 to 27, 2024, which provided an excellent platform to showcase the region's diverse range of traditional and locally produced goods.

LJKMCL, is a newly established cooperative under the J&K Self-**Reliant Cooperative Act** of 1999, with an aim to foster the economic development of the region while enhancing the well-being of local communities in Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

The cooperative's primary objective is to promote local products from these regions, helping to preserve their unique cultural and natural heritage while creating sustainable economic opportunities for the people.

At the fair, the cooperative successfully highlighted the rich craftsmanship, agricultural products, and handicrafts of J&K and Ladakh, drawing attention from both national and international buyers and investors. Through interactive sessions with visitors, the cooperative emphasized the unique qualities of its products, including the spices, saffron, dry fruits, pickles, jams, honey, desi ghee, staples, pulses millets and indigenous handicrafts. These products are not only of high qualwill include the opening of additional stores and online platforms to widen the cooperative's reach.

The chairman of the LJKMCL, Dinesh Kumar has emphasized the development of the cooperative, bringing his vision of self-reliance and community-driven growth to fruition. His leadership is rooted in the belief that local products have immense potential in both domestic and international markets. The cooperative's mission, under his guidance, is not just about business, but about uplifting the entire region by tapping into the collective strength of its people, resources, and culture. Through this initiative, the cooperative is set to bring lasting change, ensuring that the people of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir are well-positioned to thrive in an increasingly globalized

economy. In conclusion, the LJKMCL is a promising venture aimed at enhancing the economic prospects of the region through the promotion of local products. By participating in national events like the International Trade Fair and expanding its operations, the cooperative is not only providing local producers with a platform to showcase their products but also fostering a sense of pride and self-reliance in the region. The continued efforts of the coopera-

swift deployment of commandos in emergency situations. Earlier. NSG units had to be airlifted from Delhi or other hubs, causing delays. The Jammu hub ensures that commandos can now respond within critical timeframes, significantly enhancing operational efficiency. The strength of NSG personnel stationed in Jammu is sufficient to tackle potential emergencies effectively and will help government and security agencies deal with the situation immediately.

He said that the NSG has already demonstrated its capabilities in Jammu, having participated in last month's anti-terror operation in Akhnoor. This marked the first instance of the NSG's involvement in a counterterror operation in the Jammu region. Their role in such operations underscores the government's determination to leverage specialized forces for bolstering the region's security apparatus and wipe out terrorism from here completely

He informed that NSG personnel were first deployed in Jammu and Kashmir in 1989 when Rubaiva Saveed was kidnapped. However, their presence was phased out in the 1990s. Their re-induction signals a shift in strategy, allowing the commandos to adapt to dynamic security challenges while addressing skill atrophy concerns within the force.

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BJP leader Raman Suri remarked that this deployment reflects the Centre's unwavering commitment to maintaining law and order in Jammu and Kashmir. "With this move, we are confident that every possible step will be taken to combat terrorism and secure the lives of citizens. The government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left no stone unturned in building a safer Jammu and Kashmir," he said adding as the NSG begins its operations in the region, its impact on counter-terror strategies will be effective in combating terrorism completely.

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received throughout my career. My heart will always remain with GGM

more regions within J&K and Ladakh, with the goal of creating a robust network for local producers. This expansion tive, are poised to make a lasting impact on the local communities of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.



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