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BRIEFLY

Light snow, rains expected in Kashmir from tonight; colder days from Dec 4

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): Kashmir is set to experience a touch of winter charm as a weak Western Disturbance will bring a spell of light snowfall in higher reaches from tonight.

This weather activity is expected to stay till tomorrow afternoon, with the possibility of brief rain spells in a few plains, particularly in parts of north Kashmir.

Another weak Western Disturbance is on cards for December 02 and 03, with a forecast of similar conditions with snowfall in the mountains and scattered showers in lower elevations.

As these systems clear out, the region will witness predominantly dry weather from December 04 to December 07. However, this calm spell will bring a sharp dip in night temperatures, ushering in colder mornings and frosty nights. Weather experts have advised residents to brace for chilly conditions in December.

Fire damages three industrial units in Bijbehara Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): Three industrial units were damaged in a devastating fire incident in Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag on Friday.

Reports said that three industrial units including a factory owned by a migrant entrepreneur were gutted in a massive fire. The blaze caused extensive damage to the buildings, machinery and materials.

Muzaffar Ahmad, President Industrial Estate Bijbehara while providing details said the fire erupted at Chinar Agro Industries during the early hours of Friday and quickly spread to the adjacent factories. The authorities however are currently investigating the cause of the fire and assessing the extent of the damage to the affected units

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RS proceedings adjourned till Monday amid opposition protest over Adani, other issues

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Friday as opposition MPs protested the rejection of adjournment notices for a discussion on allegations against the Adani Group, and the violence in Manipur and Sambhal.

The House will meet again on Monday.

Soon after laying of listed papers in the morning session, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar



said he had received 17 notices for adjournment of scheduled business under Rule 267 of the House.

The Chairman said he was rejecting all the notices.

This led to a protest by several opposition

MPs who began raising slogans. Expressing anguish, Dhankhar said, "I call upon you (MPs) for deep reflection. Rule 267 is being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption".

The remark was protested by opposition MPs including those belonging to the Congress.

Before adjourning the proceedings for the day, he said similar issues had been raised repeatedly,

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ADGP Anand Jain warns of severe consequences for those harbouring terrorists

JAMMU, Nov 29 (Agencies): Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, warned that people harbouring anti-national intentions or supporting terrorists will face severe consequences.

He urged citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with law enforcement agencies by reporting any suspicious activity.

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severe consequences," Jain said.

He said that citizens must remain vigilant and cooperate with law enforcement agencies by reporting any suspicious activity.

Expressing the resolve of the J&K Police to safe-

guard the region's peace by cracking down on the terror ecosystem and networks, Jain emphasized the importance of attaching the properties of those involved.

He further disclosed that the properties of 29 additional absconding terrorists have been identified.

"The process for their attachment is underway and will be completed shortly, further tightening the noose around terror operatives," the ADGP added.

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Explosives recovered as security forces bust militant hideout in Poonch

SRINAGAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): A militant hideout was busted by security forces in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said today.

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GOC of White Knight Corps reviews security in Rajouri, urges vigilance in counter-terrorism ops



JAMMU, Nov 29 (Agencies): The General Officer Commanding (GOC), Lieutenant General Naveen Sachdeva of the White Knight Corps, accompanied by the GOC of CIF Romeo, visited the Tain area in the Rajouri sector to review the prevailing security situation and operational preparedness.

During the visit, the GOC urged all personnel to uphold their professionalism and vigilance during counter-terrorism operations.

"#GOC #WhiteKnightCorps accompanied by #GOC #CIFRomeo visit-

ed #Tain #Rajouri sector to review the prevalent security situation and operational preparedness," the White Knight Corps posted on X on Thursday.

"GOC exhorted all ranks to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and alertness while undertaking counter-terrorist operations," it added.

Earlier in the day, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Upendra Dwivedi said that while moving towards the goal of 'Viksit Bharat 2047,' the army has been able to transform the idea of Jammu and Kashmir

from "terrorism to tourism."

While addressing an event at Savitribai Phule Pune University on "Indian Army's Role 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 2047, two prefixes are very important - progressive and peaceful,"

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J-K HC issues notice to EC, Govt on plea seeking to declare Chenani assembly poll void

JAMMU, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has issued notice to the Election Commission of India, chief electoral officer, and the J&K government on a NPP(India) candidate Harsh Dev Singh's petition seeking to declare the 2024 assembly election in Chenani segment as null and void.

Former minister Singh lost the election to BJP's Balwant Singh Mankotia by a margin of 15,611

votes. Singh, who heads the National Panthers Party (India), is the cousin of Mankotia, who polled 47,990 votes.

"The court today directed the issuance of notices to the Election Commission of India, Chief Electoral Officer J&K, and the J&K government, among others, after hearing us," Singh's lawyer Aseem Sawhney told agency.

Justice Rajneesh Oswal issued notices to all parties, returnable

within period of four to five weeks, he said.

The court also issued notices to the Home Department, the returning officer of the Chenani assembly constituency, and several others, including the elected candidate from the constituency.

A team of lawyers, led by Sawhney, argued that the Chenani assembly election was vitiated by large-scale corrupt practices, undue influence,

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ED raids Raj Kundra, others in 'Pornographic' films linked money laundering case

MUMBAI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Enforcement Directorate on Friday raided the premises of businessman Raj Kundra, the husband of actor Shilpa Shetty, and some others as part of a money laundering case linked to alleged distribution of pornographic and adult movies, official sources



said. Around 15 locations in Mumbai and some cities in Uttar Pradesh are being searched, includ-

ing the home and office of 49-year-old Kundra and some other persons, the sources said.

The agency is understood to be questioning Kundra at one of these premises.

This money laundering case of May, 2022 stems from at least two Mumbai police FIRs and

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



Lt Sh. Ghara Ram (Ex Head Master)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved
Sh. Ajit Paul Mahajan
(S/o Late Smt Vidya Devi & Lt. Sh Kishan Chand Mahajan)
TENTH DAY will be performed on **Saturday, 30th Nov. 2024** at our residence **Phinter (Billawar)** **12 Noon to 1 PM**
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Smt Sonu Gupta (Wife) Brothers & Bhabhis
Sh Sat Paul Mahajan & Smt Neelam Mahajan
Sh Ram Paul Gupta & Smt Ruby Gupta
Sh Kubir Gupta & Smt Rama Gupta
Sh Indu Bushan & Smt Seema Gupta
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Smt Reva Gupta & Sh Vijay Gupta
Smt Anuradha & Sh Rishi Gupta
Shreyan Mahajan (Son)
Kumud Mahajan (Daughter)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Shreya Mahajan & Nakul Saraf



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(S/o Late Smt Vidya Devi & Lt. Sh Kishan Chand Mahajan)

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



Sh. Ashok Kumar Koul

10TH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform that **10th Day** of our beloved **Smt Nisha Jamwal** W/o Sh Suresh Singh R/o Ward 49, Rajput Mohalla Channi Rama, Jammu will be performed on **Friday 29th Nov 2024** at our residence at 10:00 am.
The **Kriya** will be performed on **Monday (2nd Dec. 2024)** at Channi Rama Park near our residence from 8:30 am onwards.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Sh Suresh Singh Jamwal (Husband)
Mother in law & Father in law
Smt Sudashna Jamwal & Ex Capt Sh Parveen Singh
Sister in laws & Brother in laws
Smt Yogita Jamwal & Sh Goverdhan Singh
Smt Anita Sambhal & Sh Avinash Singh
Son
Mr Pawan Singh Jamwal
Daughter & Son in law
Smt Shilpa & Sh Aditya Chopra
Children :
Kamakhya Jamwal, Harshvardhan Singh
Divyanshi Jamwal



Smt Nisha Jamwal

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Sh Ram Paul Gupta & Smt Ruby Gupta
Sh Kubir Gupta & Smt Rama Gupta
Sh Indu Bushan & Smt Seema Gupta
Sisters & Brothers-in-law
Smt Reva Gupta & Sh Vijay Gupta
Smt Anuradha & Sh Rishi Gupta
Shreyan Mahajan (Son)
Kumud Mahajan (Daughter)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Shreya Mahajan & Nakul Saraf

MAHAJAN FAMILY
M.No. 94191 50056, 94196 22350, 94191 81740, 94191 92083, 94191 18678

OBITUARY
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mummy, Shrimati Uma Pandita** W/o Late Sh Prithvi Nath Pandita of Batapora Sopore J&K, who left for heavenly abode on Monday, November 25, 2024 at Gwalior.
The Tenth Day Kriya will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 9 am.
Venue: Utliya Canal Near Utliya Police Station Behat Road, Gwalior.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Dheer Nath Pandita (Brother-in-law) 088 104 07741
Sh. Pram Nath Pandita and Smt. Rami Pandita (Son & Daughter-in-law) 094191 05543, +91 70424 85077
Shreeta Pandita Bhat W/o Late Sh. Bhushan Lal Bhat (Daughter) +91 94 503 15442
Chandni Kanta & Prof. (Dr) Ashok K. Kataria (Daughter and Son-in-law) 94 159 88743, 94 129 07360
Veerana Pandita Koul & Shadi Lal Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law) 094191 13231, 094191 90008
Sushila Sharma & Nav Ratan Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law) +91 96717 78559, 93556 12805
Vijay Mahajan Pandita & Harsha Pandita (Nephew and his Wife) 091 94235 54015, +91 94240 09442



Smt Uma Pandita

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 Lal Kaul (originally from 81/2 Drabiyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir) Present Address: 160 C, Flat No 102, Miya Wall Colony, Gurugram, Haryana.
The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 2-Dec-2024, Monday at 8:30 am at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurugram, Haryana 122017.
GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Veena Kaul (Wife)
Mrs. Pritika Kaul W/o Late Shri Neeraj Peshin (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mr. Puneet Kaul (Son)
Shri Hira Lal Kaul & Smt. Usha Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Shri. Sarinder Kaul & Smt. Daksh Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt. Pooja Kak W/o Late Mahan Lal Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Vijay Kaul & Shri Bal Kishan Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Janki Peshin (Grand Daughter)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY KAULS, DHARS AND HANDOOS.
PHONE NUMBERS: 9821315272 / 9623551329 / 83830 14569 / 9650019486 / 9148518843



Shri Piaray Lal Kaul

OBITUARY
With a heavy heart and deep sadness we mourn the passing away of **Sh M L Kak**, fondly called as **Rajaji** on 27 th October at his residence at Gurugram. Everdearest **Rajaji** shall be remembered always for his love, affection and compassion for one and all.
Forever in our hearts:
ML Mattoo (Brother-in-law)
Shakuntala Mattoo (Sister-in-law)
Sunita & Dr Virender Kaul
Saveeta & Sanjay Duloo
Deepa Mattoo
Anupa & Vikram Ahi
Tapasya & Harry Chonna



Sh M L Kak

10TH DAY/OBITUARY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Piaray Lal Pandita** S/o Lt. Kailash Ram Pandita originally resident of Nawama (Hardwara) Kashtmir, A/P Block 90-Lane No.7, Flat No.17, Jagti 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. Roopawati W/o Lt. Prithvi Nath - Babi
Mrs. & Mr. Sat Lal Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Mrs. & Mr. Rajinder K. Pandita
Mrs. & Mr. Shadi Lal Pandita
Daughter-in-law
Mrs. Manju Pandita W/o Lt. Veer Jee Pandita
Girja Bhat W/o Raj Kumar Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law
Mrs. Rajni Pandita W/o Lt. Sansoti Nath - Daughter
Grand Children
Ph.No: 9419660299, 9858143772



SH. PIARAY LAL PANDITA

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



Smt Roopawati (Oma Jigri)

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 24 (Sunday) to 3rd. December 24 (Tuesday) at Haridwar (Uttarakhand).
Ravi Koul (Husband)
M - 9779005697
Rohit Koul (Son)
M - 9999423776



USHA KOUL (JAD)

CHOUBARSI
Four years have passed since you left us for heavenly abode. We deeply miss your presence.
CHOUBARSI of our beloved **Sdn. Prabhjot Kaur (Lucky)**, wife of S. Surinder Singh Aandhi.
Aarambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 10 AM, 28 Nov 2024 (Thursday) at Gurdwara Guru Ka Bhag, Channi Himmat Jammu.
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at 10 am, 30 Nov 2024 (Saturday).
KIRTAN AND ARDAS 10 AM- 12 Noon. Followed by Guru ka langar.
Deeply Missed and Remembered By:
S. Surinder Singh Aandhi (Retd XEN PWD)- Husband
Er. Sahbaj Singh- Son
Mannat Kour- Daughter
Prof. Satwant Kaur & Mahant Bhupinder Singh- Mother & Father



S. KULBIR SINGH DEOL

OBITUARY
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Jawahar Lal Kaul (Bada Papa)** originally from R N Mandir Habba Kadal Srinagar who left for heavenly abode on 25/11/2024 at Sainik Colony Sec 49, Faridabad. **Tenth Day** will be held on 03/12/2024 at Faridabad Delhi.
GRIEF STRICKEN FAMILIES
Smt Ratna Kaul (Babi)
W/o Lt Sh Shiban Krishen Kaul
R/o H No. 89, Sec 1, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu
ALL KAUL'S, MALLA'S, DHAR'S, PUTTU'S
(M) 9018122183, 9622049222



Sh Jawahar Lal Kaul (Bada Papa)

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sdn. Kamaljit Kour** W/o S. Karam Singh R/o 11/1, Shakti Nagar, Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 24-11-2024.
Aarambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji at our residence on Friday 29-11-2024 at 10 AM.
Bhog Shree Akhand Path Sahib Ji at our residence on 01-12-2024 at 10 AM.
Kirtan & Antim Ardass at Gurdwara Tahli Sahib, Talab Tillo from 12 PM to 01.30 PM on Sunday, 01-12-2024, followed by **Guru Ka Langer.**
Grief Stricken
S. Karam Singh -Husband
M/s Karam Singh and Sons (Crane Wale)
Sons & Daughters-in-law
S. Gurdeep Singh & Sdn. Harpreet Kour
S. Gurpreet Singh & Sdn. Amandeep Kour
Grand Daughters & Grand Sons
Harleen Kour, Prabnoor Kour, Gagandeep Singh, Jasmeet Singh
Mob. 94192-00527, 94191-81559, 94191-96251



Sdn. Kamaljit Kour

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Ayush Badyal** S/o Sh. Pawan Nath R/o Bhayari Kattan A/P Lower Jallochok W.No. 68, L-2, Near Radha Soami Satsang Char Bha. Baf Brahmana, who left for his heavenly abode on 22-11-2024.
10th Day Kriya with Satgong will be performed on 1-12-2024 (Sunday) at 12 Noon in S.K. Raour along the National Highway Road near Satgong Chhat.
GRIEF STRICKEN (Paternal Side)
Grand Father, Mother
Smt. Kinsho Devi & Sardar Lal (Father & Mother)
Smt. Anandha & Prem Nath (Late Edu Dept)
(Tayas & Tala)
Smt. Raj Kumar & Raj Kumar (Late Edu Dept)
Smt. Nabeem Kumer & Madan Lal (Sr Asst Edu Dept)
Smt. Raj Kumar & Babbaraj (Lucky) - (Late Edu Dept)
Bua & Fufa
Smt. Kamta Devi & Kheer Raj (Pvt. F&C&D)
Smt. Manu Devi & Deo Raj (Asst J&K Police Dept)
Cousin Brothers & Sisters
Dr. Mohi, (KAS) Monika, Er. Shrikant
Dr. Diya, Er. Anshu, Chahal, Kashish
Harsh, Rachal, Radhika, Pannina
Akhil, Arun
Mob: 7008925226, 7008570882, 9419219586



AYUSH BADYAL
16-9-2004 TO 22-11-2024

ONE YEAR REMEMBRANCE
It feels like yesterday that you left us, but the ache in our hearts reminds us how much time has passed since we last saw your smile, heard your laughter, or felt your comforting presence.
In the loving memory of **Mr. Ravinder Singh Trali (Retd. AEE)** S/o Mr. Harbhajan Singh **Aarambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji** will take place on 29-11-2024 (Friday) at 9:30 am at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony, Jammu.
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji will take place on 01-12-2024 (Sunday) at 10:00 am at Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony, Jammu.
Gurbani Kirtan & Ardass followed by **Guru Ka Langer** on 01-12-2024 (Sunday) from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Sainik Colony, Jammu.
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
Kuldeep Kour (Wife)
Shubh Karman Singh Trali (Son)
Rattan Singh (Brother)
Charanjeet Kour (Sister-in-law)
+917006838870



Mr. Ravinder Singh Trali (Retd. AEE)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Monish Gupta** S/o Sh Om Parkash Gupta.
Tenth Day will be performed on **Saturday, 30th of November 2024** at 11:30 am at Jagriti Old Age Home, Billan Bowli Road, Udhampur.
Kriya will be held on **2nd December (Monday)** at Devika Ghat, Udhampur.
GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Heena Kudyar (Wife)
Smt. Sarishtha and Sh Om Parkash Gupta (Mother and Father)
Smt. Dhanvi and Sh Honish Gupta (Bhabhi and Bhalaya)
Smt. Sudershana Gupta (Bua)
Smt. Poonam and Sh. Rajesh Gupta (Aunt and Uncle)
Smt. Dolly and Sh. Sanjay Gupta (Aunt and Uncle)
Smt. Renu and Sh. Kuldeep Gupta (Aunt and Uncle)
Contact No. 9469566987, 8803574080



Monish Gupta

CHOUBARSI
It's been four years since you left us for your heavenly abode. The pain of your physical absence is immense but your loving memories and warmth will always be cherished in our hearts. Your principles and integrity will continue to guide and inspire us always.
Choubarisi of our beloved **Late Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma** S/o Late Pt. Chajju Ram R/o 366-F, Lane No. 6, Shakti Nagar, Jammu will be performed on 30th November, 2024 at 12.00 Noon at our residence.
DEEPLY MISSED BY:
(Daughters-in-law & Sons)
Smt. Richa Sharma W/o Late Sh. Pawan Kumar
Smt. Pooja Sharma W/o Sh. Raman Sharma
Smt. Anjana & Sh. Pradyumn Sharma (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Vandana & Sh. Vivek Modi (Daughter & Son-in-law)



Late Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma

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Smt. Vandana & Sh. Vivek Modi (Daughter & Son-in-law)

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CM Omar, Dr Farooq Abdullah, NC leaders complete Umrah pilgrimage

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 29: A delegation of prominent leaders from Jammu and Kashmir, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, is set to return home this Saturday after completing the holy pilgrimage of Umrah. Along with the Chief Minister were National

Conference (NC) President Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister Javid Dar, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, and NC MLAs Mushtaq Guroo and Tanvir Sadiq.

The group is expected to land in Delhi on Saturday before heading to Jammu and Kashmir. The pilgrimage, a spiritually signifi-

cant journey for Muslims, was marked by fervent prayers for the region's wellbeing.

Nasir Aslam Wani said, "We will reach Delhi on Saturday. We prayed for everlasting peace, prosperity, and happiness for the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

Minister Javid Dar

expressed similar sentiments, stating his prayers were for the collective welfare and harmony of the region's residents of J&K.

NC MLAs Tanvir Sadiq and Mushtaq Guroo echoed these emotions, adding that they sought the Almighty's blessings to bring happiness to the lives of the people of

J&K, to erase their worries and to ensure that peace becomes a lasting reality in the region. The pilgrimage and the heartfelt prayers offered by the leaders symbolize their commitment to the aspirations of the people of J&K and their hope for a future defined by stability, harmony, and prosperity.

Dimple leads protest against attacks on Hindu temples, minorities in Bangladesh



Top News Report

JAMMU Nov 29: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu and Kashmir, led an intense rally on Janipur High Court Road, protesting against attacks on Hindu temples and minority communities in Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The protest included the burning of effigies of the governments of Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Shrine Board in opposition to the ropeway construction project in Katra.

Dimple condemned the attacks on Hindu temples, the killing of Hindus, and forced religious conversions in both Bangladesh and Pakistan.

He alleged that the Bangladeshi army and locals were targeting minority Hindus, dismantling their temples, burning homes, and destroying livelihoods.

He criticized Pakistan for similar atrocities, accusing its army and ISI of facilitating violence against minority Hindus and Sikhs.

Dimple also opposed the ropeway project in Katra, arguing that it would harm the livelihoods of local traders, porters, mule owners, and other stakeholders.

He called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to halt construction and ensure that all affected groups, including traders, hoteliers, and locals in Katra, are consulted before proceeding further.

He stressed the need to protect the traditional economy and religious sanctity associated with the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra.

Dimple urged Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to intervene and safeguard the interests of Katra residents and yatrias.

He issued warnings to Pakistan, Bangladesh, and their respective governments, emphasizing that Indians will not tolerate attacks on Hindus or the destruction of temples.

The protest saw the involvement of prominent leaders, including Vipin Mahajan, Dev Raj, Ram Kumar Das, Ashok Sharma, Nitin Saini, and others.

Godrej Vikhroli Cucina, FBAI honour visionaries of Indian Food Culture at IFBA 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Godrej Vikhroli Cucina, a brand-agnostic food and lifestyle platform by Godrej Industries Group (GIG), in partnership with the Food Bloggers Association of India (FBAI), proudly hosted the India Food & Beverage Awards 2024 (IFBA) at Seven Rivers, Taj Holiday Village, Goa.

Celebrating India's diverse food ecosystem, the IFBA continues to honour individuals and entities whose exceptional work has shaped and redefined the food and culinary industry.

Among the key honorees, Chef Sanjyot Keer was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Contribution to the Hospitality and Culinary Industry award, and Kalyan Karmakar was named the FBAI Star. Additionally, several other winners were recognized for their exceptional work, including food reviewer Prithvish Ashar, who was honoured with the Insta Award for Top Review in Eatery.

The 2024 IFBA recognized talent across 11 main categories, encompassing 33 sub-categories, including Facebook, Instagram, Blog, YouTube, Media, Hospitality, Public Voting, FBAI Star, Industry Support, Education, PR Agency, and Contribution to the Hospitality and Culinary Industry. A total of 155 winners were honoured at this year's ceremony, representing an exciting cross-section of India's thriving food and beverage industry.

The event also show-



cased the integration of several Godrej-owned brands, including Godrej Yummiez, Godrej Jersey, Godrej Real Good Chicken, and Godrej Vikhroli Cucina. Highlights included the Godrej Jersey Yogurt Wall and the Godrej Jersey Sweet Shack, which were stand-out interactive installations designed to engage and captivate the food community. To celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving and give back to the food community, Godrej Foods also hosted a special Thanksgiving Grazing Table featuring products like Yummiez Prawn Rissois, and Yummiez Paneer Pop skewers with Caldine Drizzle. This showcase brought the brand's culinary offerings to life, fostering community spirit and togetherness.

One of the most anticipated moments of the evening was the launch of STTEM 2.0, India's Frozen Snacks Report by Godrej Yummiez, unveiled by Sujit Patil, Chief Communications Officer, Corporate Brand & Communications, Godrej Industries Group, along with Chef Sanjyot Keer, Chef Sabyasachi Gorai, and Kalyan Karmakar.

Speaking on the launch,

Abhay Parnerkar, CEO of Godrej Foods Ltd said, "I am excited to present the second edition of the Indian Frozen Snack Report, which explores the evolving snacking culture in India. As consumers' palates continue to evolve, snacking is becoming an integral part of various occasions, from parties and weekend treats to lifting one's mood. Our report highlights how convenience, taste, and even the emotional connection to snacking are driving this shift. Snacking is no longer just about satisfying hunger; it's about the experience. There's no better platform than IFBA 2024 to launch these findings, as it brings together the key voices shaping the future of food and beverages in India."

Reflecting on the awards, Sujit Patil, Chief Communications Officer, Corporate Brand and Communications, Godrej Industries Group, said, "Vikhroli Cucina stands as a testament to our commitment to nurturing an inclusive and innovative food community. We're thrilled with our longstanding partnership with the FBAI recognizing the outstanding talent and creativity that defines India's culinary

landscape. Honouring these accomplishments drives our shared mission to celebrate and elevate culinary excellence, connecting diverse cultures and flavours from across the country. Congratulations to all the winners for bringing new dimensions to India's food scene, one inspired dish at a time."

"We at Godrej Jersey

are delighted to partner with IFBA 2024. Bringing together the dynamic community of chefs and food bloggers who inspire innovation and redefine the trends in the food and beverage industry. This collaboration reflects our dedication to delivering delightful and high-quality dairy experiences. With our Yogurt Wall and Jersey Sweet Shack, we aim to spark creativity and celebrate the joy of indulgence. Together with FBAI and Vikhroli Cucina, we look forward to fostering connections, sharing stories, and celebrating the passion that drives the F&B space," said Bhubendra Suri, CEO, Creamline Dairy Products Ltd.

KC International School hosts 3rd Edition of 'KCITHON' Marathon 2024

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: KC International School, Jammu, successfully organized the third edition of its annual marathon, 'KCITHON' 2024 - A Run for Health. The event, designed to promote physical fitness and a sense of community, brought together over 200 enthusiastic participants, including students, teachers, and parents, creating a vibrant atmosphere of athleticism and camaraderie.

The marathon began at 9:30 AM with participants from various age groups gathering at the starting line, their excitement palpable. The school's Principal, Anupama Sinha, officially flagged off the event, setting the runners in motion to the sound of cheers from onlookers. The event aimed to encourage teamwork, a spirit of healthy

competition, and the importance of maintaining fitness among all members of the school community.

The occasion was graced by the presence of distinguished guests. Manav Gupta (KAS), Finance Advisor/CAO in the Home Department, served as the Chief Guest, while Vikas Gupta, Inspector in the Sericulture Department, and Chaitanya Chowdhary, President of KC International School, were the Guests of Honour.

The marathon was divided into several categories based on age and role, ensuring inclusivity and fair competition. The Sub-Junior category winners included Atif Sheikh (1st Prize), Mridun (2nd Prize), and Vedant Bahubali (3rd Prize). In the Junior category, the top spots were secured by Haridaan Sharma (1st Prize), Vyom

Jain (2nd Prize), and Samrat Aryan (3rd Prize). For the Sub-Senior category, Divyansh Gandotra claimed 1st Prize, followed by Chinmay Sundeep Bhat and Nalin Pandita in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. In the highly competitive Senior category, Sujal Satish, Aarav Sharma, and Heman Nagota emerged as the top three winners.

Ropeway project, depriving devotees of original form of yatra: Shiv Sena, Sant Samaj Destruction due to tampering with faith: Rajeshwaranand



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Shiv Sena (UBT) and Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj from the Sant Samaj have strongly opposed the ropeway project on the Tarakot road of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra, claiming it disrupts the traditional pilgrimage and undermines the religious sentiments of devotees.

A peaceful protest was held at the Maharaja Hari Singh statue site in Jammu, led by Swami Rajeshwaranand Ji Maharaj and Shiv Sena (UBT) State Chief Manish Sahni, with placards expressing their concerns.

Swami Rajeshwaranand criticized the project for

altering the traditional essence of the yatra. He appreciated the facilities provided by the Shrine Board in the past but argued that the ropeway detracts from the spiritual and economic significance of the pilgrimage.

It was highlighted that the ropeway could adversely affect the livelihood of local workers, including daily wage laborers, porters, mule operators, and small shopkeepers, thereby diminishing the overall importance of the pilgrimage.

Manish Sahni emphasized that the ropeway would bypass significant spiritual landmarks such as Banganga, Charan Paduka, and Ardhkunjari, depriving devotees of a complete yatra experience.

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Sahni proposed that the Rs. 250 crore budgeted for the ropeway be used to develop a Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Yatra Circuit incorporating historical temples of Jammu and Katra, akin to the Lord Shri Ram Temple Circuit in Ayodhya.

The Shrine Board was urged to abandon the ropeway project in favor of preserving the sanctity and traditional nature of the yatra.

The protest saw participation from leaders and workers of Shiv Sena (UBT), members of the Katra Vyapar Mandal, and locals, including Omkar Singh, Ranjit Singh, Pandit Narendra Kumar, and Meenakshi Chhibber.

KDP Wing of DPAP rejects establishment of Housing Society

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has strongly rejected the reported establishment of a Housing Society on behalf of the displaced Kashmiri community, labeling it as an initiative driven by self-styled leaders with no meaningful contribution to the welfare of the displaced population over the past 35 years of exile.

The leaders alleged that the Housing Society plan is a deceptive scheme created by individuals with personal interests rather than addressing the real needs of the displaced community.

They called upon the Government of India, Lieutenant Governor of J&K, and Chief Minister of J&K not to support such initiatives in the name of the migrant community.

The KDP Wing emphasized that the focus should be on resettling the displaced population back in their ancestral districts in the Kashmir Valley with full resettlement and rehabilitation packages.

They demanded restoration of constitutional rights and compensatory measures for the rural majority of displaced people who continue to

face hardships.

The leaders appealed to the displaced community to resist falling prey to "vested interests" and focus on achieving a dignified return policy.

They urged the intellectual leaders, think tanks, and stakeholders of the migrant community to build a united consensus and work together to protect the interests of the displaced people.

The group urged the Central Government and the UT Government to pass a Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy Bill in Parliament, including an allocated budget for displaced Kashmiri Pandits.

The KDP Wing urged the mass exiled community, especially those living in camps, to remain steadfast in their struggle for dignified return and restoration of cultural and social harmony in the Valley. They criticized the Housing Society initiative as a distraction from the real issues of displacement and resettlement.

The statement was jointly issued by Sanjay Dhar (President), Piaray Lal Pandita (Chairman), Raj Kumar Ticku (General Secretary), Daizy Dhar (Mahila President), Renu Razdan (Mahila Working President), Roop Krishen Koul (Vice President), Gowhar Wani (Spokesperson), and several others.

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Tender Notice No. 19/2024-2025 Date: 27.11.2024
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRIy. Store Depot Mech. Workshop, Amritsar for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
1	62245349	MIG MAG SYNERGIC AND MMA INVERTER BASED WELDING PLANT WITH AIR COOLED TORCH 500 Amp. Duties and taxes as quoted by the bidder, insurance and freight as per tender specification.	18 Nos.	02.01.2025

NOTE:- Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. 3665/2024

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R/o Jawala Housing Colony
Old Satwari, Jammu

No. - XEN/SAT/PWD/2024-25/460-06 Dated 10/10/24
16-11-2024

FINAL NOTICE

Subject:- Allotment for contract for Upgradation of Parking at Bhour Garden and Bugh-e-Bahu Jammu (Under Capex Budget).

Reference:- 1. Assistant Executive Engineer Satwari office's letter no AEE/SSD/470-72 Dated 9/10/2024
2. This office letter no XEN/SAT/PWD/2024-25/460-06 Dated 10/10/24
3. Assistant Executive Engineer Satwari office's letter no AEE/SSD/589-91 Dated 22/11/2024

The above said work was allotted to you by the Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Satwari vide Allotment no.XEN/SAT/PWD/2023-24/4468-66 Dated 16/03/2024.

Whereas, as per terms and conditions of the contract you were supposed to start the work within seven (7) days from the date of allotment (i.e. by or before 23/03/2024) and to complete the same within the period of 01 months (i.e. by or before 16/04/2024).

Whereas, even after the lapse of more than 06 months you have only executed 50% of the work and left the remaining work abandoned reasons for which best known to you.

Whereas, time and again you have been issued notices vide above quoted references from divisional as well as sub divisional level for resuming the work but nothing has been done from your side which clearly indicates that you are not interested in completing the work.

Whereas, the time for completion of work has already lapsed and higher authorities are pressing hard for completion of the project. Now the delay in completing the project is unacceptable and has caused significant inconvenience and disruption to our operations. The completion of this work is critical for convenience to the local people

Therefore, keeping in view of all the above-mentioned facts, you are intimated that is the last and final opportunity for you to start the work within 07 days from the issuance of this notice failure to which you will be recommended for the blacklist for working in the PWD department.

DIP/J-7454/24

Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B) Division
Satwari

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION DODA

Extension Notice-I

Due to no bid received of the below mentioned e-NIT of the nursery raising tender floated on the official website of J&K Tender (www.jktenders.gov.in) is hereby extended up to 2nd of December, 2024 Under CAPEX 2024-25.

S. No	e-Nit No	Tender ID
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EDITORIAL

INTERNAL SECURITY

Internal security is the cornerstone of any nation's sovereignty, economic growth, and overall well-being. It refers to the protection of a country's internal peace, order, and the security of its citizens from threats such as terrorism, insurgencies, organized crime, and natural disasters. In a country like India, with a vast population, diverse cultures, and complex geopolitical issues, internal security plays an even more pivotal role in maintaining national harmony and ensuring the progress of the state.

India, being a large and diverse nation, faces significant internal security challenges. The rise of terrorism and extremism in recent decades has posed a severe threat to the country's stability. The insurgencies in regions like Jammu & Kashmir, Naxal-affected areas in central India, and various forms of regional separatism call for robust internal security measures. Terrorist activities, fueled by both internal and external factors, seek to disrupt peace and create fear among the populace. The need for vigilant internal security forces, intelligence networks, and counter-terrorism strategies is paramount to prevent such attacks and maintain law and order.

The threat of radicalization, especially through social media and online propaganda, further complicates the task. Youths and vulnerable groups may fall prey to extremist ideologies that could potentially incite violence, making it necessary to invest in counter-radicalization initiatives. Internal security measures, such as intelligence sharing, surveillance, and community engagement, are vital in preventing such threats from materializing.

Organized crime, ranging from drug trafficking and human trafficking to money laundering and cyber-crime, poses a serious threat to the internal security of any country. Criminal networks not only undermine the rule of law but also fuel corruption and violence. In India, the nexus between crime and politics often complicates efforts to ensure a peaceful society.

Internal security forces must be equipped with both technological and human resources to tackle such crimes. Specialized units like anti-narcotics squads, cybercrime investigation cells, and counter-intelligence agencies play a critical role in dealing with this issue. Strengthening the criminal justice system and ensuring timely prosecution is also essential to curb the widespread influence of organized crime.

Regions in India, such as the northeastern states, parts of Jammu & Kashmir, and the Maoist-affected areas, have experienced insurgencies and separatist movements for decades. These movements challenge the sovereignty of the Indian state and often exploit grievances related to political autonomy, ethnicity, and religion. While these issues are complex, it is crucial to address them through a mix of political engagement and strong security measures.

Internal security forces are responsible for neutralizing the threat posed by insurgent groups. This requires specialized training in counterinsurgency operations and the use of intelligence networks to dismantle rebel infrastructures. However, it is equally important that the government addresses the root causes of insurgency, such as poverty, alienation, and lack of political representation, to ensure lasting peace.

Internal security is not only about protecting the state from human threats but also about safeguarding citizens in times of natural disasters, civil unrest, or humanitarian crises. India is prone to various natural calamities, including earthquakes, floods, and cyclones. Effective disaster management, including the coordination of armed forces, local authorities, and relief organizations, is essential to minimize casualties and damage.

Internal security also plays a role in managing situations of civil unrest, such as protests or riots, which may arise due to social, economic, or political tensions. The ability of law enforcement agencies to handle such situations without resorting to excessive force is crucial to maintaining peace and order.

India's internal security needs to focus on fostering national integration. With its diversity in languages, cultures, and religions, India must ensure that no section of society feels excluded or marginalized. In times of communal tension or ethnic conflict, internal security forces must act swiftly and fairly to prevent violence and ensure the protection of citizens from all communities.

Social cohesion can be maintained through a careful balance between strengthening security measures and promoting inclusivity. Intelligence and law enforcement agencies must be able to distinguish between lawlessness driven by genuine grievances and criminal elements seeking to provoke instability.

In the 21st century, technology plays a pivotal role in strengthening internal security. Surveillance systems, intelligence gathering, data analytics, and cyber defenses are critical in preventing and combating a wide range of threats, from cyber-attacks to terrorism. The integration of modern technologies in policing, such as facial recognition, drones, and artificial intelligence, can help law enforcement agencies respond more effectively to security challenges.

Cybersecurity has emerged as a crucial aspect of internal security, as online threats like hacking, cyber terrorism, and identity theft become more sophisticated. India must invest in advanced cybersecurity infrastructure and training to protect sensitive data and prevent cyber threats that could destabilize the nation.

Effective internal security requires well-coordinated efforts between various law enforcement agencies, including the police, paramilitary forces, intelligence agencies, and local government bodies. Inter-agency coordination is essential in tracking and neutralizing threats across state boundaries or regions with diverse political and social dynamics.

Additionally, community policing and public awareness programs are vital in building trust between law enforcement and local populations. This collaboration can play a significant role in preventing violence and ensuring quick response times in emergencies.

Devkinandan & Baba Bhageshwar's clarion calls for Hindu unity

By: Omkar Dattatray

Hindu unity is the need of the hour in India and realizing its necessity and value Kathavachak and good orator Devkinandan and Hindu religious guru Shri Dhrindra Krishna Shastari popularly known as Baba Bhageshwar have rightly given clarion calls for Hindu unity in the country as unity among different sects of people of the Hindu community is necessary for the safety, dignity of Hindu's and also for keeping Hindu's as majority community in the country called as Bharat in the country's constitution. These calls for unity are neither reactionary nor aggressive and nor communal and sectarian, it only emphasizes that Hindu community which stands divided and thus is subject to exploitation and even assaults should unite to protect itself from the anti-social elements and the radicals among Muslim minority. Moreover planned efforts are underway to change the demography of the country and reduced the majority Hindu community to minority. Therefore the religious gurus, saints, religious orators and Kathavachaks have taken upon themselves the responsibility and mantle of awakening Hindu community so that they forge unity among their divisions and sects so that the community is guarded from the onslaughts of the fundamentalists and radicals and those publicly daring the inhuman and anti Hindu slogans of Sar Tan Se Juda. There is urgent and utmost need and necessity of Hindu unity in the country so that in the only Hindu majority country of the world, Hindu's live with head high and with safety and dignity. As the conditions are emerging in the country and in the face of anti-Hindu sentiments spreading across various parts of the country, there is utmost urgency and need that already divided and fragmented Hindu commu-

nity is united so that they can live with safety and dignity in their own country as the the whole world there is no place for them to live and grow. So there is need for Hindu's to unite and leave behind their divisions, after all the people in the various divisions in Hinduism are after all Hindu's and so they should forge unity among themselves if their religious freedom and their Muths, Minders are to be saved. Realizing the need for unity in the Hindu society, Devkinandan the religious orator and religious guru and popular young saint Baba Bhageshwar have realized the need for unity among different sects and divisions of Hindu society and both these have initiated way and means of awakening the Hindu society. In this regard Devkinandan had recently organized a Sanatan dhram sansad, the aim was to impress and demand the government to accept the constitution of a sanatan board to protect the Hindu temples and muths in the country on the pattern of Waqf board. He organized a big gathering of Hindu saints, seers and common Hindu's in national capital Delhi to awaken them from deep slumber and to unite them to meet the challenges prevailing in the country. Similarly Dhram Guru and saint Dhrindra Krishna Shastri popularly known as Baba Bhageshwar is taking a Pad Yatra in MP's Chatterpur which is attended by thousands of Hindus and hundreds of saints to awaken the Hindu society with the aim and noble mission of forging unity among Hindu community which today stands divided on caste lines. There is utmost need to break the shackles of division in the Hindu society and instead forge unity among Hindus. It is worth mentioning that in the neighboring Bangladesh, Hindu's are being persecuted, killed and enormous atrocities are being meted to them and there the Muslims did not

differentiate between Hindus and Hindus while heaping untold miseries on the innocent Hindu's. So Hindu's in India who are a divided lot should understand that caste division will not give any relief to the divided society but will only increase the chances of their discrimination and atrocities as well as exploitation. Therefore solution to all ills and vices of Hindu society lie on making unity among the divided community so that they will live a life of security and honor in their own country, where the voices of their suppression and exploitation occur because of the interventions of the radicalized Muslim community. Baba Bhageshwar is on the Pad yatra with hundreds and thousands of people in MP's Chattirpur and adjoining areas to awaken the Hindu's from deep slumber with the aim of forging much need and valued unity among the Hindu society which stands widely divided to its detriment. The Hindu's should appreciate the nicety and need of unity among Hindu's and so make concerted efforts to unite the divided Hindu society. It is pertinent to mention that Dhrindra Krishna Shastari of Bageshwar Dham launched the 160 km 'Hindu Ekta Yatra', urging unity and eliminating caste-based discrimination, untouchability and social divisions. The Hindu saint Baba Bhageshwar launched the 'Hindu Ekta Yatra' on Thursday, starting from Bageshwar Dham in Chhattarpur, Madhya Pradesh. The 160km yatra aims to unite Hindu's by addressing and eliminating caste system that continues to divide the community. He emphasized the need to eradicate untouchability, discrimination and social divisions in Hindu religion. Shastri stated that the purpose of this Yatra is to unite Hindu's by removing the caste system and the animosity that divides us. He stressed the significance of nationalism, declaring that love for the country should always

come first. He further said the national anthem should be played everywhere, including in temples and mosques. The ongoing nine day yatra will cover 160 km and is scheduled to conclude in Orchha on November 29. Shastri and thousands of his devotees are walking 20 km every day to spread the message of unity. MP Chief minister Dr Mohan Yadav extended his best wishes to Shastri for the success of the yatra. This Yatra is not against any community and more so against the Muslim community. But surprisingly there is heart burn and head ache among some Moulana's of the Muslim community and they see it as a threat to communal harmony and secularism. It the height that some Muslim leaders have requested the government to stop the Hindu unity march. But it is unlikely to find favor in the rulers who wholeheartedly are supporting this Yatra. This Yatra is not for division and disharmony but for unity in the already divided Hindu society. All should support this Yatra which is for unity among Hindus and at the same time it is not against any community and therefore no community should feel scared from the Yatra as the aim of this Yatra is harmony and not dis-harmony. Dhrindra Shastri needs to be appreciate for embarking on the noble mission and aim of Hindu unity. However it is not that easy to forge Hindu unity and for this noble cause all the Hindus should rise above caste divisions and forge genuine unity among Hindus which is the need and necessity and all should cooperate so that the Yatra will be a success.

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

A Single Workout Can Improve Your Brain

By: Vijay GarG

A UC Santa Barbara study reviewed exercise research on how acute physical activity impacts cognition in young adults. They found that short, intense workouts like HIIT and cycling significantly improve memory, attention, and executive function, with the strongest effects seen after exercise and in activities under 30 minutes.

UC Santa Barbara researchers discovered that single, vigorous exercise sessions, especially under 30 minutes, improve cognitive functions like memory and executive function. Future studies will explore whether combining physical activity with cognitive tasks yields even greater benefits.

a closer look. Their study was recently published in the journal Communications Psychology.

"One of the most consistent findings in the literature is that exercise interventions — something like a program that you would engage in, say, three times a week over several months or years — improve cognition and can even promote neurogenesis (the process by which new neurons are formed in the brain)," said Barry Giesbrecht, a professor in the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences and senior author of the study. "But studies looking at the effects of single, acute bouts of exercise are much more mixed."

Study Focus and Methodology

Focusing on subjects between 18–45 years old, first author Jordan Garrett — who graduated with his Ph.D. from the department in June — and the team screened thousands of exercise studies published between 1995 and 2023 to determine the consis-

tent trends in the literature. Based on the results of their modeling approach, cycling and high-intensity interval training (HIIT) produced the most consistent effects in the improvement of memory, attention, executive function, information processing, and other cognitive functions.

"We found that vigorous activities had the largest effects," Giesbrecht said. "Also, the effects were strongest for studies that tested cognition after exercise, as opposed to during exercise. And lastly, the effects of exercise less than 30 minutes in duration were bigger than those that went beyond 30 minutes. Our work showed the strongest evidence for a positive effect of single bouts of exercise on cognition and that this evidence was impacted by a variety of factors."

Impact on Executive Function and Future Research

Also among their findings, the team discovered that executive functioning was the key cognitive domain impacted by vigorous exercise, such as

HIIT protocols.

"I think that the other intriguing result is that the overall effect of a single bout of exercise was generally on the small side," Giesbrecht said, noting that besides the variability across the experiments, the enhancements may also be small because they are typically measured when the physical activity is not related to the cognitive task. This raises the "intriguing" hypothesis, he added, that perhaps using tasks that require the integration of actions of our body and cognitive systems may result in more pronounced benefits.

Giesbrecht and his team are planning to put this idea to the test "using a combination of lab tasks and real-world activities,"

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Fire and Fury Corps empowers Ladakh's future through football



Top News Report

LEH, Nov 29: In keeping with the continued efforts by the Indian Army to foster community development and empower young talent in remote border areas, the Ultimate Force/the Indian Army along with the Changthang Football

initiative, successfully organized a football tournament for children from the Changthang region.

The event held at Chumathang Astro Turf, brought together over 120 talented students from diverse backgrounds, showcasing the unifying power of sports.

The event was marked by very high levels of enthusiasm, skill and tremendous team spirit. The Fire and Fury Corps is in the process to nurture talent through long-term initiatives, such as sports training camps, infrastructure development and collaborations with local

schools. Through Operation Sadbhavana, Indian Army contributes significantly to the socio-economic development of Ladakh by empowering its younger generation with tools to succeed in life and sports alike. Presiding over the final

event, GOC, Uniform Force said "Our aim is to empower the youth of Ladakh, not just through education but by instilling confidence and teamwork via sports".

This tournament is a step towards creating a platform where children of remote border areas can discover their potential, develop their skills and dream big.

The event concluded with an award ceremony where trophies and medals were distributed to recognize the talent and spirit of the participants.

The success of this tournament has set the stage for many such initiatives aimed at building a brighter future for Ladakh's youth.

DLL JU organizes workshop on 'Employability Skills and Communication Skills' at GDC R S Pura



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Mentoring youth is not a one-time activity; it is an evolving process, we as academicians need to get involved in this activity more rigorously in order to equip our youth with the demands of the global world. Under the guidance of able leader and acclaimed academican, Prof. Umesh Rai, Employment Information cum Advisory Bureau, the Career Counseling Cell of Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu organized one day career counselling workshop on "Employability Skills and Communication Skills" in collaboration with Govt. Degree College, R.S. Pura on Friday.

The programme was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu and Prof. Preetpal Kour, Prin-

icipal of the college. The special resource person was Prof. Garima Gupta, Head of Department, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, University of Jammu. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Counselor, EIAB, DLL, JU coordinated the workshop.

Dr. Priyanka Sharma in her inaugural address elaborated upon the roles and responsibilities of higher education system addressing the needs of the students preparing to enter the world of work. The said workshop is one in the series of programmes under the aegis of EIAB and DLL. She also said that communication skills and employability skills are required to boost employment prospects, enhance job performance, open up more career options, help people become more flexible to changing work situations and boost job happiness.

In her welcome address, Prof. Preetpal Kour,

Principal of the college highlighted the importance and necessity of such programmes for the students. She appreciated the role of Career Counseling Cell in organizing such workshops. She stressed upon students to take benefit of such activities, as such activities can shape their career and lead them to the path of success.

Prof. Garima Gupta, in her presentation, explained, in detail, about employability skills especially communication skills. She also gave insight of the factors that boost the confidence in choosing the right path. She also talked about MOOC and SWAYAM courses apart from careers in languages and journalism.

The faculty members of the college and Prof. Neeru Sawhney, coordinator along with 75 students attended the programme. Prof. Vijayata Anand presented formal vote of thanks.

VC DDC Reasi Sajra Qadir focuses on development and connectivity

Top News Report

REASI, Nov 29: A public Darbar was held on Friday near Jama Masjid Dewal, chaired by Vice Chairperson, District Development Council, Reasi, Sajra Qadir.

The meeting focused on reviewing ongoing developmental works, addressing public grievances, and ensuring effective implementation of schemes in the region.

During the session, residents raised several pressing concerns, including the urgent need for improved road connectivity, completion of unelectrified areas, and addressing unconnected regions of Sub-Division Mahore, viz. Gulabgarh, Mahore, and Chassana.

There was also a strong demand for the construction of proper irrigation canals at Dewal and adjoining areas, as



well as the repair and improvement of the deteriorated condition of the local hospitals.

The public requested the establishment of a Sheep Husbandry office to cater to the needs of the livestock-dependent population. Concerns were also raised about the lack of proper school buildings, with demands for their immediate construction.

The need for timely electricity bill discharges by the Power Develop-

ment Department (PDD) was highlighted, along with requests for the Forest Department to expedite the construction of footbridges in inaccessible areas.

In addition, citizens sought better awareness regarding the Marriage Assistance Scheme offered by the Social Welfare Department to ensure eligible beneficiaries could avail themselves of the benefits.

Responding to these demands, Hon'ble Vice

Chairperson Smt. Sajra Qadir directed PMGSY teams to conduct expedited surveys in unconnected areas, particularly focusing on Ranglail to Dewal, Dewal to Kaindora via Vandara, Paghila to kindora via Gulabgarh and Arbais to Shabras.

She assured the public that swift action is being taken under various developmental schemes to ensure timely progress and completion of ongoing projects.

Key officials, includ-

ing Tehsildar Mahore, Executive Engineers of PWD and PMGSY Mahore, Block Development Officer Gulabgarh, AEE JPDC, AEE Jal Shakti, BMO Mahore, Range Officer Mahore, CDPO Mahore, ZEO Mahore, Agriculture Extension Officer Lar, SDO Sheep Husbandry Mahore, VAS Animal Husbandry Mahore, Horticulture Development Officer Mahore, TSO Mahore, TSWO Mahore, and Incharge Fisheries Department Mahore, attended the meeting to provide updates and address public grievances.

This collaborative effort between the administration and public representatives underscores a commitment to resolving key issues and accelerating development in Mahore and its surrounding areas, ensuring better living standards for all residents.

GGM Science College, GKET unite to empower students through Skill Development



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: In a landmark initiative to enhance employability and empower students with industry-relevant skills, Govt. Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, has entered into a strategic collaboration with GK Educational Trust (GKET), a recognized training partner under the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The collaboration agreement was formally signed by Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, and Mr. Gourav Khajuria, Chairman of GK Educational Trust, in the presence of senior faculty members, including Prof. Vandana, Prof. Lekh Raj, Dr. M. S. Saini, Prof. Parshotam Manhas, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Prof. Surinder Kumar, Prof. Harmeet Kumar, Dr. Ashaq Hussain, Dr. Vinod Bakshi and Shivali Gupta.

This strategic collaboration aims to introduce skill-building initiatives, workshops, and hands-on training programs to benefit the students of

GGM Science College. Founded in 1905 by Maharaja Pratap Singh, GGM Science College holds a rich academic legacy and is currently a part of Cluster University.

The partnership will establish a state-of-the-art Skill Lab on campus, equipping students with practical expertise aligned with modern industry demands. GKET will organize workshops, seminars, and on-the-job training sessions tailored to enhance student employability.

The college will support these initiatives by providing cutting-edge facilities, including fully furnished spaces, high-speed internet access, and video conferencing tools to ensure seamless delivery of programs.

Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science College, expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, that his partnership signifies a milestone in our journey to equip students with skills that meet industry standards.

By joining forces with GK Educational Trust, we aim to produce versatile graduates ready to excel in their careers, Prof Gupta further

added. Notably, free or discounted courses will be offered to underprivileged students, ensuring equitable access to skill development opportunities.

A joint committee comprising members from both institutions will oversee the program's progress, ensuring it adapts to evolving industry requirements and achieves its objectives effectively.

Echoing this sentiment, Gourav Khajuria, Chairman of GK Educational Trust while extending gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College and faculty of GGM Science College especially Dr. Ashaq Hussain for taking this initiative.

He further added that, we are privileged to partner with GGM Science College, an institution with a legacy of academic excellence. Together, we will create pathways for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to acquire practical skills and build rewarding careers.

This collaboration highlights the shared commitment of both institutions to fostering a skilled, self-reliant, and employable generation, laying a strong foundation for a brighter future.

JKEEGA decries step motherly treatment to Power Engineers of J&K, calls Guidance Council on Dec 4

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: A Joint Executive Body meeting of Jammu and Kashmir regions of JKEEGA was held under the chairmanship of Er Pirzada Hidayatullah, President JKEEGA and Er Sachin Tickoo General Secretary JKEEGA, and participated among others by all the Executive council members from both the regions.

The meeting assumed significance in wake of the continuous neglect and alienation on HR issues being felt by the Power engineers of J&K despite elected government in place now.

Throwing light on the issues Er Pirzada Hidayatullah and Er Sachin Tickoo in a joint press statement briefed that basic HR issues like Regularization of Engineers, Assured career Progression despite cabinet decision, issuance of promotions orders of Approved files, issuance of posting orders, charge allowance in respect of in-charge promotions which in other Departments take a single stroke of pen are delayed by years all together.

Further it was briefed that administrative department of JKPDD has failed to implement SAC order of 2019 which had ordered Regularization of all Power engineers to be completed in 2 months time back then. It is pertinent to mention that the current lot of all the Engineers including the Executive Director/Chief Engineer is Assistant Engineer on

Movement Kalki stages protest against atrocities on Hindu community in Bangladesh

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Movement Kalki staged a protest against the ongoing atrocities faced by the Hindu community in Bangladesh. Led by prominent members Vikram Mahajan, Sanjeev Dubey, Advocate Sumeshwar Kohli, and Monika Sharma, the demonstration saw a large turnout of men and women demanding justice and international intervention.

Addressing the gathering, Vikram Mahajan criticized the global silence on the issue, condemning the violence, abuse, and killings of Hindus in Bangladesh. He appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure

that Hindus worldwide are protected from such atrocities. Monika Sharma highlighted the need to learn from history and vowed that Movement Kalki would continue to stand against any form of injustice. Advocate Sumeshwar Kohli called attention to the arrest of Hindu leader Sri Chinmoy Krishna Das, labeling it a grave injustice and urging the international community to take action. Sanjeev Dubey reaffirmed the organization's commitment to defending the rights of the Hindu community, stating that Movement Kalki would not back down until justice is served.

Issues raised during the protest included the con-

demnation of violence against Hindu women, opposition to the arrest of Sri Chinmoy Krishna Das, and calls for international policies to protect Hindus from persecution. The demonstrators appealed for immediate intervention from the Indian government and international authorities. The protest also marked a strong pledge by Movement Kalki to fight against injustice globally, emphasizing solidarity with oppressed communities.

Prominent participants included Sunita Kundal, Ricky Kumar, Deepak Sharma, and many others, who joined the leaders in calling for decisive action to end the suffering of Hindus in Bangladesh.

CVPPPL fails to deliver despite significant investment: Ajeet Bhagat

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 29: Senior National Conference leader and spokesperson for the Chenab Valley Zone, Ajeet Bhagat, has criticized the Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt Ltd (CVPPPL) for its lack of progress in executing major hydroelectric projects, despite being established over a decade ago and receiving substantial funding.

Bhagat highlighted that CVPPPL was formed in 2010 to harness the hydroelectric potential of the Chenab Valley in Jammu and Kashmir. Incorporated on June 6, 2011, as a joint venture between NHPC Limited, JKSPDC, and PTC (India) Limited, the company was tasked with executing major projects, including Pakal Dul, Kiru, Kwar (totaling 2,220 MW), Karthi Hydro Electric Project Stage II, and Dul Hydro Electric Project Stage II. Despite its significant mandate, CVPPPL has failed to deliver any tangible outcomes.

Bhagat alleged that CVPPPL's management has misappropriated funds, with no progress on the assigned projects. He stated that although the corporation employs



nearly 300 individuals, its operations have largely benefited NHPC bureaucrats, with no meaningful advancements in hydroelectricity generation.

Reports submitted to the Central Electricity Authority of India claim instances of fund misuse since 2010. Bhagat further criticized top officials for drawing substantial travel allowances for site visits that yielded no results. He also pointed out the inexplicable decision to establish CVPPPL's corporate office in Jammu—at a cost exceeding Rs 20 crores—despite all project sites being located in Kishtwar. This move, Bhagat suggested, was influenced by NHPC bureaucrats.

Bhagat raised concerns over recruitment practices at CVPPPL, accusing the corporation of favoritism and corruption. Permanent roles have reportedly been given to relatives of NHPC officers, with mini-

mal recruitment of local Jammu and Kashmir residents.

Local youth, according to Bhagat, have been relegated to low-paying contractual roles such as cooking, sweeping, and driving, earning between Rs 11,000 and Rs 18,000 monthly. Many of these contract workers have served since 2013 without being made permanent, while permanent employees—often from out of state—enjoy significantly higher salaries and less demanding workloads.

Bhagat demanded that an independent inquiry be launched to investigate allegations of fund misuse, recruitment irregularities, and the overall mismanagement of CVPPPL. He emphasized the need for transparency and accountability to ensure government funds are utilized for the intended purpose of advancing hydroelectric power generation in Jammu and Kashmir.

He concluded by urging authorities to prioritize local employment in permanent positions and address the grievances of long-serving contractual employees to foster equitable development in the Chenab Valley.

Making his own muqaddar...is the director of the film Sikandar Ka Muqaddar Neeraj Pandey

Till date, his Special 26 remains a benchmark of how to marry entertainment with intelligent cinema. As National Award-winning director Neeraj Pandey returns to the subject of heist with his upcoming film Sikandar Ka Muqaddar, he talks about a range of issues. From being genre agnostic to how he has no idea what critics think of him and why espionage fascinates him, the acclaimed director of movies like A Wednesday and Baby, however, is measured in his responses. Just as his films are, which invariably shun the superfluous language of excessive jargon.

First things first; Sikandar Ka Muqaddar is indeed a tribute to Amitabh Bachchan's blockbuster Muqaddar Ka Sikandar, a film Neeraj so loved while growing up. But beyond tipping the hat in the title, he insists there is no similarity between the 1978 film and his thriller. Rather one of the reasons for this playful take was that it fits the theme and spirit of Sikandar Ka Muqaddar, and draws as much from its storyline. He elucidates, "Sikandar is being chased relentlessly by cop Jasvinder Singh. Even though there is no evidence that Sikandar has pulled off the diamond robbery, Jasvinder's instinct tells him otherwise and over 15 years, he keeps following his moves and in that sense he is shaping/disrupting his destiny."

As a dialogue in the trailer uttered by Jimmy Sheirgill's character of Jasvinder goes,



Yeh Sikandar ka muqaddar hai, aur mein is film ka director hoon, we wonder if that is the director's voice? He laughs, "Oh no, I am not that narcissistic as to devise such ways to express my thoughts. It's just a character speaking."

His characters indeed have always spoken in a unique voice, often as brave-heart spies, a world he understands well for he has many friends in the armed forces and intelligence agencies. Yes, a lot of research goes into creating series like Special Ops and The Freelancer. Delectable touches like Manoj Bajpayee's character receiving the hundred rupee note from a conman, played by Akshay Kumar, in movies like Special 26 too are not off the cuff decisions. Rather, he reveals, "Everything is woven in the bound script."

At the very onset of writing, he

also knows whether it is going to be a film or series. Characters become actors much later when he is closing the script or at times halfway through when he begins to see actors in characters. But be it OTT or theatrical outing, his reasons for casting (actors or stars) have nothing to do with the platform on which his work is premiering. Promoting young talent, opening doors for them, however, is a conscious decision. And that's why his Khakee franchise, whose first outing was directed by Bhav Dhulia, will always have a new voice helming it and a new captain will take over the Bengal Chapter of Khakee. On (re)discovering Avinash Tiwary in Khakee: The Bihar Chapter, even though the gifted actor made his debut in Imtiaz Ali's brother Sajid Ali's Laila Majnu, he says, "Avinash is a fantastic actor, has lot of untapped poten-

tial. And he is only going north." He promises that if viewers loved Tiwary's negative turn in Khakee: The Bihar Chapter they will appreciate him even more in a different avatar as Sikandar.

As the film streams on November 29, he doesn't agree with the widely held presumption that OTT platforms take off the pressure on creators for there are no box-office figures to chase. He says, "It's a myth that numbers don't matter on OTT. Only there is a different mechanism to gauge that. Otherwise how would we have a sense of budgets, feasibility, et al?"

On the possibility of his ambitious project Chanakya coming to life, well, right now it is on the backburner and much-anticipated psychological thriller Crack won't be happening at all. Nor is he, the director of super-hit sports drama M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story, likely to do any sports biopics anytime soon. "For aren't enough being made already," he quips.

Clearly, as a storyteller, Pandey may not have aspirations to go down as the greatest, but to tell stories with a difference and differently is certainly his inimitable style. To the naysayers who think his series at times veer close to Islamophobia and are overtly nationalistic, he offers no defence, except lament the critics' "poor judgement". Besides, as he says, "We make films for audiences and not critics." Of course, more often than not he gets thumbs up from both.

Kareena Kapoor takes a trip down memory lane with 'Notting Hill'



Bollywood diva Kareena Kapoor Khan seems to be a fan of the Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts-starrer 'Notting Hill', which released in 1999. Kareena took to her

Instagram stories, where she shared a post featuring a moment from the film, where Grant and Robert are walking down the alley as they look at each other and smile.

Sharing the picture, Kareena captioned the post with two white hearts.

The romantic comedy film 'Notting Hill' is directed by Roger Michell. The film also stars Rhys Ifans, Emma Chambers, Tim McInnerny, Gina McKee, and Hugh Bonneville in supporting roles. The story is of a romance between a British bookseller (Grant) and a famous American actress (Roberts) who happens to walk into his shop in London's Notting Hill district.

Meanwhile, the 'Jab We Met' actress, is currently enjoying the success of her recent release 'Singham Again', where she reprised her role as Avni. Rohit Shetty's cop drama also stars Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, Deepika Padukone, and Jackie Shroff.

Her film 'The Buckingham Murders' premiered digitally recently. The crime thriller is directed by Hansal Mehta. It had the actress playing a grieving British-Indian detective who is assigned the case of a murdered child in Buckinghamshire.

Malaika Arora, son Arhaan twin in monochromatic outfits, netizens heap praise on the duo

Actress Malaika Arora, was recently clicked with her son Arhaan Khan, and the netizens couldn't stop but rave about the mother-son duo.

A video of Malaika and Arhaan is currently doing rounds on social media in which the mother and the son can be seen twinning in monochromatic outfits.

Social media users said the two looked like teenagers, while other said that they look the same age.

The two have also professionally collaborated with each other as they have started a new venture in the form of a restaurant.

The actress regularly visits the restaurants to keep a check on its operations and quality control to roll out the



best possible experience for its patrons.

In September this year, the actress' father reportedly committed suicide. Her father, Anil Mehta fell from the 6th

floor of his residence in the Ayesha Manor building in the Bandra area of Mumbai at around 9:00 am while the actress was on her way to Pune for an event.

When Parveen Babi spoke about tradition of doing 20 films at a time

Parveen Babi, one of the most popular actresses of the 90's, once spoke about the tradition of doing 15 to 20 films at a time.

An old video of Parveen speaking about the importance of cinema in Indian society has surfaced online. In a rare 1978 interview, Parveen Babi spoke about the significance of cinema in Indian society. At a time when social norms were shifting and entertainment options were evolving, she highlighted the central role that cinema played in the lives of millions.

Babi noted that while other recreational spaces like clubs and cafes became less accessible, movie theatres remained an essential part of India's cultural landscape. "Where else can you sit alone for hours,



simply enjoying what's on screen?" she asked, emphasising the unique experience that cinema offers to audiences.

In the clip, she could be heard saying, "Well, at the moment, I have got about 55 films signed. I am working on about 15. Sounds a bit much doesn't it? It become almost sort of a tradition to do 15, 20 films at a time and to make so many films you take a normal working Indian driving a cab all day. Probably earning 10-15 rupees a day."

She added, "There is nothing else he could do but go into a cinema house and watch a film which costs about 2 rupees...nightclubs are too expensive; hotels are too expensive; there is no other form of entertainment as such. We have strong family ties and we spend the day

with family. But in terms of entertainment, you need cinema and therefore cinema is more fantastic."

Parveen is best known for her unforgettable roles in classic films like "Deewaar," "Amar Akbar Anthony," "Suhaag," "Shaan," "Kaalia," and "Namak Halaal."

At the height of her career, Babi made the unexpected decision to leave the film industry. Later, she was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, which led her to live a solitary life in her later years. Known for her reclusive nature, she seldom made public appearances. Parveen Babi passed away alone in her Mumbai apartment on January 20, 2005. Tragically, it wasn't until 24 hours later that her death was discovered.

The cast and crew of upcoming film Agni talk about the sacrifice of firefighters

Director Rahul Dholakia, along with actors Divyendu, Pratik Gandhi and Saiyami Kher, were seen promoting their upcoming film Agni in Mumbai. Saiyami shared, "I wasn't aware of the significant representation of female firefighters, so my learning began there. I play the role of an investigative officer. Becoming a firefighter involves a very scientific process and these small details were fascinating to explore. I thoroughly enjoyed the physical drills we did — it was an enriching experience." Directed and written by Rahul Dholakia, the film, produced by Excel Entertainment, also features Sai Tamhankar, Jitendra Joshi, Udit Arora and Kabir Shah in pivotal roles.

"They're not even seen as heroes. We often think of them as just workers — some come, do their job, get a thank you and then move on. For individuals and organisations that work so tirelessly for us, representation and respect are crucial. Awareness about their contribution is vital," added actor Divyendu.

Pratik Gandhi reflected on his role too, "We underwent extensive physical training with firefighters and interacted with them and their families. Listening to their stories was incredibly enlightening and touching. These are people who perform extraordinary work for society, yet they receive little praise or recognition. Despite this, they remain deeply passion-



ate about their work, which I found inspiring." On his part, director of the film Rahul Dholakia shared, "We never really think about firefighters. When you travel to the West, you realise the immense value and respect they are given. Delving into the subject, meeting people and understand-

ing their lives, I realised it's a very unique and extraordinary way of life. It's something we seldom talk about or know about. I thought it would make a great story — both cinematically and as a human drama."

Agni will premiere on Prime Video on December 6.

Ed Sheeran announces six-city India tour for 2025

British musician Ed Sheeran is bringing his Mathematics Tour back to India in 2025 with performances planned in six cities, the organisers announced on Friday.

The announcement comes after a sold-out show in Mumbai in March this year, where Sheeran promised fans he would return soon to the country.

Delivering on the promise, the musician is set to embark on his most expansive tour of the country to date, beginning in Pune on January 30 at Yash Lawns, followed by Hyderabad on February 2 at Ramoji Film City, Chennai on February 5 at YMCA Ground, and Bengaluru on February



8 at NICE Grounds.

Sheeran, 33, will then perform in Shillong on February 12 at JN Stadium before concluding in Delhi NCR on February 15 at Leisure Valley Ground.

The Mathematics Tour 2025 in India is promoted by AEG Presents Asia and BookMyShow Live, the live entertainment experiential division of BookMyShow.

Each performance promises an intimate experience with the British artist in his purest form armed with only his guitar and Loopstation.

"The 2025 India tour promises to deliver an intimate and electrifying concert experience, focusing on close-up performances that showcase Sheeran's raw talent and deep connection with his fans. A

more traditional stage design will complement Sheeran's captivating storytelling front and centre, highlighting his soulful vocals, acoustic brilliance and heartfelt lyrics," said the organisers.

Tickets for the tour will be available on BookMyShow and Sheeran's official website.

The tour will draw from all of his albums since 2011, starting with "Plus," "Multiply" (2014), "Divide" (2017), "Equals" (2021) and "Subtract" (2023). The tour also includes a song from 2019's "No. 6 Collaborations Project" ("Blow").

Sheeran had first performed in Mumbai in 2015 and had returned to the city with another performance in 2017.

Modi, Shah to begin 3-day visit to Odisha, discuss internal security at DGP Conference

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 29 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah are scheduled to visit Odisha for three days from Friday, during which they will attend the All India DGP/IGP Conference starting here later in the day.

Ahead of his tour, the Prime Minister in a series of X posts said, "Senior police officers from all over India will take part in this (DGP/IGP) conference. There will be extensive deliberations on enhancing India's internal security apparatus. Different aspects relating to policing and improving public safety will be discussed".

While Shah will arrive in the Odisha state capital earlier, Modi is scheduled to reach the Biju Patnaik International Airport here at about 4.20 pm, according to the official programme.

Keeping in view the traffic arrangements made for the programme, the state government declared closure of all schools at 1 PM in the jurisdiction of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation jurisdiction on Friday, an official release said.

According to the schedule, PM Modi will arrive at the Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar at about 4.20 pm. He is scheduled to attend a felicitation programme at the airport.



He will go to Raj Bhavan at 5 pm and later chair a party meeting at the BJP office from 6 pm to 8.30 pm.

"This afternoon, I will also be addressing a programme organised by @BJP4Odisha in Bhubaneswar. Since assuming office in June this year, the BJP Government in Odisha has been at the forefront of boosting the state's growth trajectory. The state government is taking many measures to improve the lives of the poor and marginalised communities," the PM said in another X post.

The PM will attend the DGP conference on Saturday and Sunday.

According to an official statement, the conference, being held from November 29 to

December 1, 2024, will include deliberations on critical components of national security including Counter Terrorism, Left Wing Extremism, Coastal Security and New Criminal Laws.

The Conference will also provide an interactive platform for senior police professionals and security administrators in the country to discuss and debate diverse national security-related issues, as also various operational, infrastructural and welfare-related problems faced by the police. The deliberations will include formulation and sharing of professional practices and processes in tackling challenges relating to crime control and law and order management, besides internal security threats, an official release said.

Apart from discussion on

security matters, some unique features – Yoga sessions, business sessions, break-out sessions and thematic dining tables – have been added to the conference.

This will also provide senior police officials with a valuable opportunity to present their perspectives and suggestions on critical policing and internal security matters that impact the country to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister has encouraged the annual DGSP/IGP Conference to be organised across the country, since 2014.

The conference has been held in Guwahati (Assam), Rann of Kachchh (Gujarat), Hyderabad (Telangana), Tekanpur (Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh), Statue of Unity (Kevadiya, Gujarat), Pune (Maharashtra), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), New Delhi and Jaipur (Rajasthan).

The conference will also be attended by Principal Secretary to PM, National Security Adviser, Ministers of State (Home Affairs), DGP of States/UTs and Chiefs of Central Police Organisations among others.

Meanwhile, DGPs of all the states and Union Territories and chiefs of various security agencies have already reached the Odisha state capital for the conference.

10 Dead, several injured after bus overturns in Maharashtra



MUMBAI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Ten people were killed and several injured after a bus travelling from Maharashtra's Bhandara to Gondia lost control and overturned today, police said.

Visuals from the accident site show a huge crowd gathered around the vehicle, with police vans, ambulances and cranes deployed to assist those injured.

The incident took place in Bindravana Tola village on the Gondia-Arjuni road in the Gondia district. The bus was on its way from Nagpur to Gondia.

"A State transport bus met with an accident in Gondia district. The bus was en route from the Bhandara depot to Gondia when the bus driver lost control of the

vehicle near Bindravana Tola village on the Gondia-Arjuni road and overturned on the side of the road. Eight people have died and around 30 people are injured," said the police, as quoted by news agency.

The injured have been shifted to the Gondia District Hospital.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has ordered the Transport Administration to provide immediate assistance of 10 lakh to the victims.

"A State transport Shivshahi bus overturned in a horrific accident. Eight bodies have been recovered from the site of the incident, and the death toll is expected to increase. Information about the situation was taken from the local administration.

Instructions have been issued for immediate and proper treatment of the injured," said a CMO statement.

Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis offered his condolences to the bereaved family members.

Taking to his official handle on X, Fadnavis posted, "It is very unfortunate that a Shivshahi bus met with an unfortunate accident near Sadak Arjun in Gondia district in which some passengers died. I pay my heartfelt respects to the deceased. We share the grief of their families."

"The people who were injured in this incident may immediately receive treatment in a private hospital if necessary. I have also told the Collector of Gondia to make arrangements to shift them to Nagpur if required. Senior administration officials have reached the spot and are coordinating relief efforts. I pray to God for the speedy recovery of the injured in this incident," posted Fadnavis on X.

Priyanka Gandhi interacts with opposition MPs in LS amid protests over Sambhal violence, Adani issue

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): A day after taking oath, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday came to the Lok Sabha and joined the opposition protest, standing in solidarity near her seat.

The Wayanad MP entered the House when several opposition members, including those from the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, were protesting against the Sambhal violence and other issues.

Priyanka Gandhi stood near her seat in solidarity.

Amid the protest, she also met and greeted the MPs from opposi-



tion parties.

As she went closer to the front row of the opposition benches to meet other members, DMK MP Kanimozhi was seen gesturing for her to take a seat there. Gandhi had a brief

interaction with Kanimozhi before moving on to greet others.

Leader of the Opposition in the House, Rahul Gandhi, was also seen interacting with the members of the TMC and other parties.

30 Injured during flaming torch procession in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa

KHANDWA, Nov 29 (Agencies): Thirty persons, including women and children, were injured during a flaming torch procession in Khandwa of Madhya Pradesh, an official said on Friday.

The incident occurred around Thursday midnight when the procession was culminating at the Clow Tower in the city, said Khandwa District Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Rai told agency over the phone.

The burning torches were being turned upside down and put in a water-filled container to douse them when a cloud of flame suddenly enveloped the spot for around five seconds singeing

people around, he said.

The official said 30 persons, including women and children, were rushed to the district hospital. Of them, 18 were sent home after primary treatment. The remaining 12 are being treated and all are out of danger, Mr Rai said.

He said a torch procession is taken out every year in memory of three persons, including policeman Sitaram Batham, killed by members of the banned Students' Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) on November 28, 2009. Hyderabad BJP MLA T Raja addressed the gathering at the start of the procession, where tributes were also paid to the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

Birsa Munda's great-grandson, injured in road accident, dies at Ranchi Hospital

RANCHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): Tribal icon Birsa Munda's great-grandson Mangal Munda, who was undergoing treatment at a hospital here after being injured in a road accident, died of "cardiovascular failure" on Friday, an official of the health facility said. He was 45.

Mangal Munda breathed his last at 12.30 am at the state's apex health facility – Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences.

Birsa Munda's descendant sustained severe head injuries after he fell from the roof of a passenger vehicle in Jharkhand's Khunti district on November 25.

"Birsa Munda's kin Mangal Munda died of cardiovascular failure around 12.30 am. He was on a ventilator after being critically injured. We tried our best to save him but failed," RIMS Medical Superintendent Dr Hiren Birua told PTI. Mangal Munda was referred to RIMS on Tuesday from Khunti's Sadar Hospital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed Munda's demise as a loss to Jharkhand tribal society.

"I am deeply saddened by the demise of Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda Ji.



His demise is an irreparable loss for his family as well as the tribal society of Jharkhand. May God give strength to his family in this hour of grief," PM posted on X. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Governor Santosh Gangwar also condoled the death of Mangal Munda.

"I am deeply saddened by the news of the demise of Shri Mangal Munda Ji, a descendant of Lord Birsa Munda, who was undergoing treatment at RIMS. May Marang Buru (supreme tribal deity) grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this difficult time of grief," Soren posted on the microblogging site.

He along with senior officials visited RIMS and met the family members of Munda.

"Mangal Munda ji suffered serious injuries. Doctors tried their best.

We tried hard. We were keeping an eye on his treatment. We were ready to shift him to any other state if required but he was on a ventilator. We did not get time. We will extend all possible support to his family," Soren told reporters after placing a wreath on Munda's mortal remains.

Gangwar, in a message on the social media site, said, "The news of the demise of Mangal Munda, a descendant of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda is extremely sad. My deepest condolences to the bereaved family. May God give strength to the bereaved family to bear this sorrow."

Former union minister Arjun Munda, who was an MP from Khunti, has raised questions over Jharkhand's healthcare system.

"It is a matter of grief for the entire Jharkhand that Mangal Munda, a descendant of Bhag-

wan Birsa Munda, is no longer amongst us. When injured Mangal Munda was brought to RIMS, he lay in the ambulance all night but there was no one to look after him.

"When I got information, I spoke to the officials of RIMS and got him admitted. But this kind of behaviour with a member of a martyr's family raises big questions about the health system," the BJP leader claimed.

The government needs to pay attention so that this does not happen to anyone else, he said.

"Had he been treated on time, his life could have been saved. The state government should be sensitive towards the health system," said Arjun Munda, ex-chief minister of Jharkhand.

Former Jharkhand CM and BJP leader Champai Soren said the death of Mangal Munda is "an irreparable loss for the tribal community of Jharkhand and the entire country".

Meanwhile, the last rites of Mangal Munda are likely to be performed at his ancestral village Ulihatu, around 65 km from Jharkhand's capital Ranchi.

Modi had visited Ulihatu in Khunti last year on Birsa Munda's birth

anniversary on November 15 and had launched several schemes from there.

The prime minister's office, Union Health Minister JP Nadda and the Jharkhand chief minister's office were in touch with the RIMS authorities in connection with Mangal Munda's treatment.

Hemant Soren along with his wife and legislator Kalpana Soren had on Wednesday visited RIMS and enquired about the health condition of Mangal Munda.

According to doctors at RIMS, Mangal Munda had a serious brain injury and there were blood clots on both sides of the brain.

He had undergone surgery on Tuesday under the leadership of Dr Anand Prakash, HoD of the Neurosurgery Department of RIMS.

Born in 1875 in present-day Jharkhand, Birsa Munda had challenged British rule and is credited with mobilising tribals against the empire.

He died in British custody at 25 years of age.

Jharkhand was created on November 15 which happens to be the birth anniversary of the tribal icon, known as 'Dharti Aaba' (Father of Earth).

Big mystery why govt not resisting Parliament adjournments, it has much to feel defensive: Congress

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): With Parliament facing repeated adjournments, the Congress on Friday said the big mystery is why the government is not resisting the interruptions and instead facilitating the aggression of the INDIA parties especially on the Adani issue.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the government has much to feel defensive and apologetic about.

"Yet another day of a washout in the Parliament on the Modani issue. Both Houses adjourned today after only a few minutes. The big mystery is why the government is not resisting the adjournments," Ramesh said in a post on X.

"On the contrary, the government is facilitating the aggression of the INDIA parties on Modani especially - as also on Manipur, Sambhal, and Delhi's law and order. Clearly it has much to feel defensive and apologetic about," the Congress leader said.

His remarks came soon after Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned for the day on Friday as opposition



MPs protested the rejection of adjournment notices for a discussion on allegations against the Adani Group, and the violence in Manipur and Sambhal.

The House will meet again on Monday. Soon after laying of listed papers in the morning

session, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said he had received 17 notices for adjournment of scheduled business under Rule 267 of the House.

The Chairman said he was rejecting all the notices. This led to a protest by several opposition MPs who began raising slogans.

Expressing anguish, Dhankhar said, "I call upon you (MPs) for deep reflection. Rule 267 is being weaponised as a mechanism of disruption".

The remark was protested by opposition MPs including those belonging to the Congress.

Before adjourning the proceedings for the day, he said similar issues had been raised repeatedly, leading to a loss of three working days.

Lok Sabha proceedings were adjourned till noon on Friday following vociferous protests by Opposition members over the Adani controversy and the recent violence in Sambhal in Uttar Pradesh.

Later, the Lower House was also adjourned for the day.

Indian Navy apprehends 500 kgs of drugs after tip-off from Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Indian Navy has apprehended a Sri Lankan fishing vessel with 500 kgs of narcotics.

The Navy on Friday said the operation was based on information received from the Sri Lankan Navy regarding probable narcotics smuggling by Sri Lankan flagged fishing vessels in the Arabian Sea.

Extensive surveillance was undertaken by Indian Naval long range maritime patrol aircraft, the Boeing P8I and also UAVs. The information was also collated from inputs generated at the Information Fusion Centre (Indian Ocean Region), Gurugram. An Indian Naval ship was deployed to augment efforts. Two fishing boats were identified based on continuous inputs from the Sri Lankan Navy and aerial surveillance by Indian Navy aircraft. Subsequently, in a closely coordinated operation Indian Navy teams boarded both boats on November 24-25, leading to the seizure of approximately 500 kg of narcotics (Crystal Meth).

The two boats, along with crew and seized narcotics, are being handed over to Sri Lankan authorities for further legal action.

Putin calls Trump 'intelligent', but warns US President-elect may not be safe

ASTANA, Nov 29 (Agencies): Russian President Vladimir Putin described US President-elect Donald Trump as an "intelligent and experienced politician" capable of finding "solutions", but said at the same time that he did not believe the Republican leader was safe following his assassination attempts.

In July, Trump narrowly survived after a bullet grazed his ear at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania. In a separate incident in September, a man was charged with attempted assassination after allegedly positioning himself with a rifle at one of Trump's Florida golf courses in Florida.

Speaking to reporters in Kazakhstan after a summit, Putin suggested that things could improve once Trump takes office on January 20 next year, agency reported.

"As far as I can imagine, the newly-elected president is an



intelligent and already quite experienced person. I think he will find a solution," he said.

The Russian President said Trump had overcome a "serious test" to return to the White House and that "absolutely uncivilised means of struggle were used against him", referring to the two assassination attempts against the US President-elect during the election campaign.

He feared that Trump was not currently safe.

Putin also slammed the "humiliating and unfounded judicial procedures" against Trump during the campaign. Earlier in June, a jury found Trump guilty on all 34 counts of falsifying business records in his hush money trial, making him the first former US President to be convicted of a felony.

He lashed out at outgoing US President Joe Biden for creating "additional difficulties" for the incoming Trump administra-

tion, referring to Biden's move to allow Ukraine to fire longer-range American missiles, called ATACMS, at targets in Russia.

Putin also threatened that Russia would attack Ukraine again with a nuclear-capable ballistic missile, called 'Oreshnik', following Russia's overnight attack on Ukraine on Wednesday, targeting Kyiv's energy facilities, agency reported.

"We will use the means at our disposal. We do not exclude the use of Oreshnik against the (Ukrainian) military, against military industrial facilities, or against decision-making centres, including in Kyiv, bearing in mind that the Kyiv authorities today continue to attempt to strike our vital facilities," he said.

Earlier, Trump said he would end the Ukraine war "within 24 hours" if he was re-elected to office but did not specify whether he wanted Ukraine to win the war.

4 Killed, over 80,000 evacuated due to heavy floods in Malaysia



KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Agencies): Floodwaters rushing through several states in Malaysia after heavy rains this week forced more than 80,000 people to evacuate and left four dead, officials said Friday.

The National Disaster Command Centre said 80,589 residents were evacuated to 467 temporary shelters in seven states this week, with northeastern Kelantan state and neighbouring Terengganu the worst hit.

A search and rescue team has been mobilised to aid rescue operations in affected states, specifically Kelantan, the disaster centre said in a statement.

Four deaths have been recorded across Kelantan, Terengganu and Sarawak, according to disaster officials.

Heavy rain, which has already lasted several days, is forecast nationwide until Saturday, a meteorological department spokesperson told

agency. Floods are an annual phenomenon in the Southeast Asian nation of 34 million people due to the northeast monsoon that brings heavy rain from November to March.

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said that the floods were "expected to be more severe than in 2014" -- when about 118,000 people fled their homes -- according to the official Bernama news agency.

Thousands of emergency services personnel have been deployed in flood-prone states along with rescue boats, four-wheel-drive vehicles and helicopters, Zahid, who chairs the National Disaster Management Committee, was also quoted as saying.

UK transport secretary quits over decade-old cellphone fraud case

LONDON, Nov 29 (Agencies): British Transport Minister Louise Haigh resigned on Friday over a decade-old fraud conviction for claiming her cellphone had been stolen.

In a letter to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Haigh said "I remain totally committed to our political project, but I now believe it will be best served by my supporting you from outside government."

"I appreciate that whatever the facts of the matter, this issue will inevitably be a distraction from delivering on the work of this government and the policies to which we are both committed," she wrote.

The resignation came hours after Sky News and The Times of London newspaper reported that Haigh had been charged with fraud after she reported that a work cellphone had



been stolen after she was mugged in 2013. She later said she had mistakenly listed it among the stolen items.

After she found the phone and switched it back on, she was called in for questioning by police.

Haigh pleaded guilty to fraud by misrepresentation and was given a conditional discharge.

In a statement before her resignation, Haigh said that "under the advice of my solicitor I pleaded guilty -- despite

the fact this was a genuine mistake from which I did not make any gain.

The magistrates accepted all of these arguments and gave me the lowest possible outcome (a discharge) available."

Haigh, 37, has represented a district in Sheffield, northern England, in Parliament since 2015 and was named to the key transport post after Starmer's center-left Labour party was elected in July.

Persecution not acceptable: British MP on arrest of Hindu monk in Bangladesh

LONDON, Nov 29 (Agencies): British Conservative MP Bob Blackman strongly condemned the atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh and the arrest of Iskcon priest Chinmoy Krishna Das, stating that such persecution of religious minorities is unacceptable.

Blackman raised the issue in the UK Parliament, drawing attention to the plight of the minority Hindu community, which he said is facing life-threatening violence, including arson attacks on their homes and temples.

"Right now the international Society of Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon), who run Bhaktivedanta Manor in Elstree, the largest Hindu temple in this country. In Bangladesh, their spiritual leader is under arrest," the Harrow East MP said.



He was referring to Chinmoy Krishna Das, a religious leader and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, who was detained at Dhaka airport on Monday ahead of a rally. A court in Chattogram denied Das bail on Tuesday, sending him to jail on sedition charges.

Blackman pointed to an attempt in the Bangladesh High Court to ban Iskcon, describing it as "a direct attack on Hindus", and urging intervention from the Keir Starmer-led British

government.

He warned, "Whatever the change of government in Bangladesh, it cannot be acceptable that religious minorities are persecuted in this way."

The British lawmaker also reiterated on social media, "Freedom of religion must be preserved globally."

The arrest of Das has sparked widespread protests and violence in Bangladesh. On Tuesday, clashes in Chattogram between security forces and Das's supporters left a govern-

ment prosecutor dead. Calls for banning Iskcon have intensified in the aftermath.

The situation in Bangladesh has touched off a diplomatic rift with India. The Ministry of External Affairs expressed "deep concern" over Das's arrest and denial of bail, urging Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and other minority communities.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also condemned the Hindu leader's arrest and demanded his immediate release, while calling for the need to ensure religious freedom and the security of life and property for all communities.

Her party, the beleaguered Awami League, criticised the "unlawful arrest of the popular Hindu priest, the denial

of bail and refusal of the regime advisors to acknowledge the violence," stating that it showed minorities' rights to freedom of speech, assembly, and protection had been "trampled completely."

Since the secular government led by Sheikh Hasina was overthrown in August, Hindu groups have reported thousands of attacks against their community. Tens of thousands of minority Hindus have rallied to demand protection from the military-backed interim government and the dropping of sedition cases against Hindu community leaders.

Nobel peace laureate Muhammad Yunus, who leads the caretaker government, has disputed the scale of these attacks, but the protests and international condemnation continue to mount.

Russian defence minister visits North Korea for talks with military, political leaders

SEOUL, Nov 29 (Agencies): Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov arrived in North Korea on Friday for talks with North Korean military and political leaders as the countries deepen their cooperation over Russia's war in Ukraine.

Russia's Defense Ministry didn't say whom Belousov would meet or the purpose of the talks when announcing the visit, and North Korean state media didn't immediately confirm it. Belousov, a former economist, replaced Sergei Shoigu as defence minister in May after Russian President Vladimir Putin started a fifth term in power.

Photos released by the Defense Ministry showed Belousov walking alongside North Korean Defense Minister No Kwang Chol on a red carpet at a Pyongyang airport. North Korean military officials were seen clapping under a banner that read, "Complete support and solidarity with the fighting Russian army and people."

Belousov noted after his arrival that military cooperation between the countries is expanding. He applauded a strategic partnership agreement signed by Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un following their June meeting in Pyongyang, which he said is aimed at reducing tensions by maintaining a "balance of power" in the region and lowering the risk of war, including with nuclear weapons. The June meeting demonstrated the "highest level of mutual trust" between the leaders, Belousov said, and "also the mutual desire of our countries to further expand mutually beneficial cooperation in a complex international environment."

North Korean Defense Minister No also praised the expanding cooperation between the countries' militaries and reiterated North Korea's support for Russia's war in Ukraine, describing it as a "just struggle to protect the country's sovereign rights and security interests." The visit comes days after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met with a

Ukrainian delegation led by Defense Minister Rustem Umerov in the South Korean capital, Seoul, and called for the two countries to formulate countermeasures in response to North Korea's dispatch of thousands of troops to Russia to help its fight against Ukraine. Kim in recent months has prioritized relations with Russia as he tries to break out of isolation and strengthen his international footing, embracing the idea of a "new Cold War."

The United States and its allies have said North Korea has sent more than 10,000 soldiers to Russia in recent weeks and that some of those troops were engaging in combat. North Korea has also been accused of supplying artillery systems, missiles and other military equipment to Russia that may help Putin further extend an almost three-year war. There are also concerns in Seoul that North Korea, in exchange for its troops and arms supplies, could receive Russian technology transfers that could improve its nuclear weapons and missile programs.

"The Russian defense minister doesn't visit North Korea just to celebrate bilateral ties," said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul. "This visit indicates Putin and Kim's military cooperation in violation of international law is about to increase further."

Yoon's national security adviser, Shin Wonsik, said in a TV interview last week that Seoul believes that Russia has provided air defense missile systems to North Korea in exchange for sending its troops.

Shin said Russia also appears to have given economic assistance to North Korea and various military technologies, including those needed for the North's efforts to build a reliable space-based surveillance system, which Kim has stressed is crucial for enhancing the threat of nuclear-capable missiles targeting South Korea. Shin didn't say whether Russia has already transferred sensitive nuclear weapons and ballistic mis-

sile technologies to North Korea.

Yoon's office hasn't said whether the two governments discussed the possibility of South Korea supplying weapons to Ukraine in his talks with Umerov. Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, South Korea has joined U.S.-led sanctions against Moscow and provided humanitarian and financial support to Kyiv. But it has avoided directly supplying arms, citing a longstanding policy of not giving lethal weapons to countries actively engaged in conflicts.

Yoon has said his government will take phased countermeasures, linking the level of its response to the degree of Russian-North Korean cooperation. It wasn't immediately clear whether Belousov will meet with Kim, the North Korean leader. Last year, Kim hosted a Russian delegation led by then-Defense Minister Shoigu and gave him a personal tour of a North Korean arms exhibition, in what outside critics likened to a sales pitch. That event came weeks before Kim traveled to Russia for talks with Putin which sped up military cooperation between the countries. During another meeting in Pyongyang in June this year, Kim and Putin signed a pact stipulating mutual military assistance if either country is attacked, in what was considered the two countries' biggest defense deal since the end of the Cold War.

According to the South's Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Russian report about Belousov's visit came as South Korea scrambled fighter jets to repel six Russian and five Chinese warplanes that temporarily entered the country's air defense identification zone around its eastern and southern seas. It said the Russian and Chinese planes did not breach South Korea's territorial airspace.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said it held telephone calls with Chinese and Russian defense attaches based in Seoul to protest the flights and urge the countries to prevent recurrences.

China jails journalist for 7 years on espionage charges



BEIJING, Nov 29 (Agencies): A Beijing court on Friday sentenced veteran Chinese state media journalist Dong Yuyu to seven years in prison on espionage charges, his family said.

Dong Yuyu, a senior columnist at the Communist Party newspaper Guangming Daily, was detained in February 2022 along with a Japanese diplomat at a Beijing restaurant.

The diplomat was released after a few hours of questioning, but Dong, 62, has been in custody since and was charged with spying last year.

"The Beijing No. 2 Intermediate People's Court convicted Yuyu of espionage, a crime that requires that the prosecution prove that the defendant knowingly acted on behalf of 'espionage organisations' and their agents,"

a statement shared with agency by his family said.

According to the judgement, the Japanese diplomats Dong met with, including then-ambassador Hideo Tarumi and current Shanghai-based chief diplomat Masaru Okada, were named as agents of an "espionage organisation", the statement added.

"We are shocked that the Chinese authorities would blatantly deem a foreign embassy as an 'espionage organisation' and accuse the former Japanese ambassador and his fellow diplomats of being spies."

Under Chinese law, someone convicted of espionage can be jailed for three to 10 years for less severe cases or receive heavy punishment, including life imprisonment, for serious cases.

Dong's work has been published in the Chinese editions of The New York Times and the Financial Times.

He won the prestigious Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University in 2006-2007.

He was also a visiting fellow at Keio University in Japan in 2010 and a visiting professor at Hokkaido University in 2014.

Civil liberties and freedom of expression have dramatically receded in China under President Xi Jinping's decade-long tenure.

The Communist Party maintains tight restrictions on domestic media outlets, and Chinese nationals that work with foreign outlets are routinely harassed.

China is the worst country for jailing media workers with 44 journalists behind bars as of December last year, according to a Committee to Protect Journalists ranking.

In February, a Beijing court handed a suspended death sentence to jailed dissident writer Yang Hengjun after finding the dual Chinese-Australian citizen guilty on espionage charges.

GCW Gandhi Nagar organises lecture on Indian Knowledge System

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Career Counselling Cell of PSPS Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar Jammu hosted an enlightening lecture on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in Collaboration with Cluster University Jammu delivered by Prof. Raj Nehru, the Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University.

Dr Naveen Anand, Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University Jammu; Dr. Ran Vijay, Controller examinations, Cluster University Jammu., Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal GCW Parade Ground; Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul,

Principal GDC Marh Jammu were the Chief Guests for the same.

The event aimed to deepen students' understanding of India's rich intellectual heritage and its relevance in contemporary times.

The formal welcome was given by Dr. S.P Sarswat, Principal PSPS Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar Jammu, who expressed his gratitude to Prof. Nehru for his thought-provoking title for the lecture and highlighted the significance of such events in fostering holistic education.

He stated, "Understanding our roots is vital for building a future that blends tradition

with modernity. That the lecture would provide our students with a fresh perspective on the wealth of knowledge inherent in Indian culture." Key Highlights of the Event was Focus on Indian Knowledge System.

Prof. Nehru provided an in-depth overview of the Indian Knowledge System, encompassing ancient sciences, philosophy, literature, and the cultural ethos that have shaped India's identity.

He highlighted how these systems have contributed to various fields like mathematics, medicine, architecture, and governance. He also deliberated upon Modern Relevance of IKS: During his lecture,

Prof. Nehru emphasized the application of IKS in modern education and skill development.

He encouraged students to draw inspiration from India's intellectual traditions to innovate and adapt to global challenges. The session was highly interactive, with students and faculty engaging in discussions about integrating IKS with contemporary education and skill-building programs.

Prof. Nehru also shared examples of successful applications of traditional knowledge in sustainable development and modern technology.

Prof. Raj Nehru also inaugurated his new book I Am Shiva The

Power of My Consciousness, The Lecture was attended by the Administration of Cluster University, Principals of different colleges of Cluster University and Jammu University, faculty members of different colleges, staff and students of PSPS Government College for Women.

The programme was anchored by Dr Rippy Bawa, Assistant professor English. The official vote of thanks was delivered by Pf. Vijender Kumar, Assistant Professor, Sanskrit who concluded the event with wise saws that the lecture by Prof. Raj Nehru underscores the relevance of the Indian Knowledge System in today's globalized world.

Shivani Charak wins gold medal in Lead climbing in 28th NZ Climbing C'ship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Shivani Charak, the Golden sport climber of J&K, opened the account for the Union Territory by winning a Gold medal in Lead climbing in the Women's category of the 28th North Zone Sport Climbing Championship which commenced today at Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi.

In a tough competition between two international climbers both Shivani and Ritika Rawat of Delhi climbed the same height and the result was determined on the basis of time taken to reach that height in which Shivani emerged victorious as



she had taken 3.08 minutes against Ritika's time of 3.38 minutes.

Meanwhile, Siraj ud Din and Rudra Raput have also qualified for the final round in Lead climbing in the Sub junior Boys category.

Competitions in Bouldering in the Men's category in which Arun Deep Singh of J&K is a strong contender for the medal and lead climbing compe-

titions in other categories were in progress. when the last reports were received. All the climbers of J&K are expected to do well.

Earlier, the team was flagged off from Jammu on 27th November after proper screening by officials of J&K Sports Council headed by Baljinder Pal Singh, Divisional Sports Officer (Jammu).

IIM Jammu organizes blood donation camp

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, in collaboration with Thalassaemia Welfare Society, Jammu, and Govt. Medical College Jammu, organized a Blood Donation Camp at its Canal Road Campus.

This initiative showcased IIM Jammu's steadfast commitment to community service and social responsibility.

The camp drew enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and staff, reaffirming the institute's ethos of fostering a culture of empathy and altruism. 27 donors participated in the blood donation drive.

The camp, conducted with the support of Thalassaemia Welfare Society and medical professionals from Govt. Medical College Jammu, ensured that all protocols and

safety measures were meticulously followed. It aimed to highlight the critical role of blood donation in saving lives and addressing medical emergencies, thereby instilling a sense of civic duty among the participants.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, lauded the participants for their selfless contribution to this noble cause.

Reflecting on the significance of such initiatives, he said, "At IIM Jammu, we believe in nurturing leaders who are not only academically proficient but also socially conscious. Blood donation is a powerful act of humanity, and today's overwhelming participation reflects our community's commitment to making a tangible difference. Such endeavors align with our vision of developing responsible leaders with a strong moral compass."

The camp concluded on a high note, with a significant number of units of blood collected, which will benefit patients in need across the region, particularly those battling conditions like thalassaemia and other life-threatening illnesses.

Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to this life-saving initiative, reinforcing IIM Jammu's mission to create meaningful societal impact.

The event was coordinated by the Student Affairs Office at IIM Jammu, which played a pivotal role in ensuring seamless organization and execution. This initiative reflects IIM Jammu's dedication to promoting inclusivity, social responsibility, and sustainable practices, further cementing its position as a leading socially responsible institution.

Cultural Activist raises concerns over mismanagement in JKAACL

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Prominent cultural activist Mohd. Yaseen once again drew attention to allegations of corruption, financial irregularities, and misuse of resources within the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL). Despite repeated efforts to address these concerns, little progress has been made, and Yaseen has expressed frustration over the lack of action from authorities.

Yaseen, a recipient of the National Scholarship and Fellowship from the Ministry of Culture, initially raised concerns about mismanagement at JKAACL in May 2024, when he met with Suresh Gupta, Principal Secretary of the Department of Culture. He submitted a detailed letter outlining several allegations, including the misuse of government funds meant for cultural promotion. Although the authorities seemed to respond positively, with a follow-up letter issued by Gupta's office on June 4, 2024, instructing JKAACL officials to submit a report, no significant action has been taken.

Despite several reminders and follow-up emails sent by Yaseen between August and November 2024, no updates were received. On September 25, 2024, a committee

was formed to investigate the concerns, but this too has failed to yield results. The committee, led by Sanjeev Rana, has not submitted any findings or recommendations, leaving the issue unresolved.

Central to Yaseen's concerns are allegations of financial mismanagement. Funds allocated for cultural initiatives are being misused, compromising the Academy's ability to promote the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, there are issues with the inefficient allocation of resources, which further undermine the Academy's mission.

Yaseen's repeated calls for transparency and accountability have been met with inaction, and the cultural community now questions whether the authorities are truly committed to resolving the issues. In his latest letter, Yaseen has called for the government to take swift action, emphasizing that the Academy's reputation is at stake. He has also appealed to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his government to ensure that the JKAACL operates with integrity, so that it can continue to preserve and promote the rich cultural legacy of Jammu and Kashmir. Without immediate intervention, the Academy's credibility and effectiveness could be severely damaged.

MLA, JMC Commissioner inspect developmental works, sanitation in Ward 32

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, alongwith MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta, conducted an extensive tour of Ward No. 32 to assess developmental works, sanitation, and civic amenities. The Commissioner engaged with prominent citizens and Swachhata Champions to gather feedback on pressing civic issues.

Among others, Joint Commissioners (H&S) Abdul Star, Joint Commissioner (Works), Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Commissioner (North), Sanjay Badyal, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma and Executive Engineers, of various wings of JMC accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.

During the tour, the Commissioner directed

the relocation of the entry gate of the Bhagwati Nagar transfer station, as suggested by the MLA, to minimize odour and enhance the area's aesthetics. The concerned Officials were instructed to prepare a detailed proposal in this regard. Addressing the issue of plastic waste dumped at the entry road to Bhagwati Nagar, the Health Officer was tasked with organizing waste collection and identifying suitable state land for a scientific waste station.

Regarding immediate patchwork and drain repairs were mandated for Himmat Colony, Ajit Colony, and Ambika Vihar, along with the repair or replacement of non-functional streetlights and clearing of clogged drains were also highlighted. The Commissioner also called for furnishing sanitation workers'

attendance records from the past month to ensure accountability.

Taking serious note of unauthorized construction behind the Revenue Complex at Gol Gujral, the Commissioner ordered its immediate halt and directed the installation of warning signage to prevent further illegal activities. The Deputy Commissioner (North) was asked to verify the jurisdiction of Ambika Vihar and to initiate proposals for drainage works and repairs at the Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh Ji mini stadium, if within JMC limits.

The Commissioner stressed the need for diligent efforts and both short-term and long-term solutions to address civic challenges.

The Commissioner expressed gratitude to MLA Arvind Gupta and the local community for their proactive support.

Samvedna Society organises Health Check-up Camp at Gole Gujral

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organised 89th Free Eye Screening/ General Health Check Up camp at Higher Secondary School Gole Gujral Talab Tillo. The Camp was organised in collaboration with K.D. Multispeciality Hospital Jammu headed by Dr. J.P. Singh. The Camp was inaugurated by MLA Jammu

West Arvind Gupta. A Total of 116 patients were provided free of Cost Treatment including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up by a Expert team of Doctors, Free Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure Tests were done and Medicines were also given to the patients free of Cost.

Speaking during the Camp, Arvind Gupta hailed the work of Samvedna Society and said

that NGO'S like Samvedna are doing commendable work in providing best medical treatment to the common man at their doorstep.

Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra said that this initiative aimed to provide accessible Eye Care and general health services to the People and We are committed for the overall upliftment of the living standard of the locals.

DPS Jammu students win gold medals in National Pencak Silat Championship

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning gold and silver medals in 12th Pre Teen, Sub Junior & Junior National Pencak Silat Championship organized by Jammu and Kashmir Pencak Silat Association held from 16-18 November, 2024. The winners were ahika Sharma (X-G) - Gold medal in 43-47 kg



weight category and Reet Gupta (VII-B) - Silver medal in 72 kg weight category.

Additionally in 2nd All India Pencak Silat Championship, Mahika Sharma won gold medal in 43-47 weight category while Rigved (X-G) also

clinched silver medal in 68-71 kg weight category. The said championship was held in Srinagar from 19-21 November, 2024.

The management of DPS Jammu, President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S. Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated the winner and their parents. They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavors.

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RS proceedings adjourned till Monday amid opposition protest over Adani, other issues

leading to a loss of three working days.

The notices from MPs belonging to opposition parties were for discussion on allegations of corruption and wrongdoings against the Adani Group, communal violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal and ethnic clashes in Manipur.

It was the fourth day in a row of the ongoing Winter Session that the House did not carry out substantial business.

GOC of White Knight Corps reviews security in Rajouri, urges vigilance in counter-terrorism ops

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 Commanding-in-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.

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.

Explosives recovered as security forces bust militant hideout in Poonch

They said that the hideout was busted in the Mankote sector of the Mendhar

area. Two IEDs, RDX, a battery and other things were recovered from the hideout.

ADGP Anand Jain warns of severe consequences for those harbouring terrorists

He said that this robust action reflects the unwavering resolve of the J&K Police to safeguard the region's peace and uphold the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

J-K HC issues notice to EC, Govt on plea seeking to declare Chenani assembly poll void

use of religion for votes, and dissemination of false and misleading information about Singh.

They also accused government servants including the returning officer of bias in the conduct of the elections.

ED raids Raj Kundra, others in 'Pornographic' films linked money laundering case

chargesheets filed against Kundra and others. The businessman and some others were arrested in the case by the police and later granted bail.

This is the second money laundering case against Kundra. Early this year, the ED had attached assets worth Rs 98 crore of Kundra and Shetty in a crypto currency

case. The couple, however, obtained relief from the Bombay High Court against this ED attachment order.

The businessman had told a local Mumbai court in 2021 that there was not even an iota of evidence with the prosecution (Mumbai Police) that would connect the app 'Hotshots', used in the alleged porn films racket, with an offence under law.

According to the probe agency, the 'Hotshots' app was being used by accused persons for uploading and streaming obscene content.

Kundra had claimed there was no evidence of him being "actively" involved in creation of alleged questionable porn content.

He had said he was falsely implicated and was not even named in the FIR and was dragged by the respondent (police) in the case.

The businessman claimed in the plea that he is being made a "scapegoat" for reasons best known to investigators.

The police had filed FIRs on the basis of complaints received from two women, while another one woman had submitted a complaint at the Lonavla police station, around 120 km from Mumbai.

During investigation it came to light that some small-time artistes were lured by giving them breaks in some web series or short stories, police had said.

These actors were called for auditions and were asked to give 'bold' scenes, which later turned out to be semi-nude

or nude scenes, which were against the wishes of the actors, the official had said.

During the police investigation, it also came to light that there were many porn-like apps (applications) which were operating in cyberspace.

The police had told the court that its probe found that Kundra set up Armsprime Media Pvt Ltd, which, through London-based Kenrin Pvt Ltd, bought the Hot Shots app to upload "objectionable videos" on social media.

Kundra's phone contained WhatsApp chats regarding Kenrin and its economic transactions. These conversations also revealed that he had discussed selling 119 adult films to a person for USD 1.2 million, police had said.

Fire damages three industrial units in Bijbehara Anantnag

The locals said that firefighters struggled to control the flames and prevent them from spreading to nearby units.

The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has expressed its deep sorrow over the losses.

FCIK President Shahid Kamili reached out to the Director of Industries & Commerce, Kashmir, and the Managing Director of SICOP/SIDCO to raise concerns about the growing number of fire incidents in industrial estates.

This fire marks the fourth such incident in recent months, following similar disasters in the Lassipora, Burzallah, and Sopore industrial estates.

Chandel praises campaign led by Baba Bageshwar Dham's Peethadheeshwar Dhirendra Shastri to unite Sanatan Dharma

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Senior Hindu Sanatani BJP leader, Raju Chandel, addressed journalists today, praising the ongoing campaign led by Baba Bageshwar Dham's Peethadheeshwar Dhirendra Shastri to unite Sanatan Dharma.

Highlighting the immense success of the campaign in states like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, Chandel urged its expansion to Jammu and Kashmir to unite Hindus across caste divisions.

He called upon BJP MPs Manoj Tiwari and Arun Govil, as well as Dhirendra Shastri, to extend the campaign nationwide, including states like Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Kolkata.

Chandel emphasized that this movement could



establish "Ram Rajya" across India, sparking a revival of Sanatan Hindu unity and awakening a nationwide wave of Sanatan Dharma. He lamented the plight of Hindus being targeted by Jihadis domestically

and abroad and called for collective action to address atrocities and protect the Sanatan Hindu identity. Drawing attention to the impact of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, he pointed out the declining

population of Sanatani Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus in the region, urging them to unite and resist further marginalization. Similarly, he highlighted the plight of Hindus in states like Bihar and Kolkata, calling for solidarity among Sanatanis to combat ongoing atrocities.

Citing historical examples from Pakistan and Bangladesh, Chandel noted the drastic decline in Hindu populations—from 27% to 1% in Pakistan and from 40% to 13% in Bangladesh—due to killings and forced conversions. He warned that Hindus in India risk facing a similar fate unless they rise against divisive forces and resist the threat of "Ghazwa-e-Hind."

Chandel also reflected on the history of Jammu

and Kashmir under Sanatan Dogra kings, whose vast empire once stretched from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to Afghanistan and parts of Russia. He expressed regret that Article 370 contributed to the decline of the Sanatani Hindu population in the region, with some adopting Christianity under duress.

Chandel concluded by placing hope in religious leaders like Dhirendra Shastri, Anirudh Acharya, and Shri Devkinandan Thakur, asserting that their campaigns could revive the morale and faith of the Hindu community. He appealed for collective efforts to strengthen Sanatan Dharma, unite Hindus, and address the existential threats facing the community.

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes seminar on "Traffic Awareness"

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Nov 29: As a part of ongoing efforts to promote road safety, Government Degree College (GDC) Neeli Nallah, Udhampur in collaboration with IQAC of the college, organized a seminar on "Traffic Awareness Programme" today under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof. Dr. Seema Arora.

The program aimed at educating the stakeholders about the importance of road habits. The seminar commenced with an introduction by the NSS Program Officer, Prof. Shaista Yasmeen at seminar hall of the college.

She welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the seminar, emphasizing the role of the Traffic Awareness in spreading awareness about critical societal issues. Several NSS volunteers and students presented speeches on traffic awareness.

Priya Devi of Semester 3rd, Sheetal Sharma of Semester 5th and Rameek Sharma of Semester 3rd got 1st first position, 2nd Position and 3rd



Position respectively. The seminar was adjudged by Dr. Akhter Hussain, Dr. Mubariq Mahire and Neha Devi.

The Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, delivered a motivating address to the students. She appreciated the efforts of the NSS department and students in organizing the seminar.

She highlighted real-life examples of the consequences of traffic violations and encouraged everyone to be vigilant and disciplined road users.

She also encouraged the faculty members of college to educate students on the importance of adhering to traffic rules and fostering a culture of road safety. The whole event was a simple yet effective initiative by the NSS department.

It successfully created awareness about traffic rules and inspired students to adopt safe practices as responsible citizens. In the end she appreciated the staff members for conducting the event. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by the NSS PO.

She expressed gratitude to the principal, faculty members, and students for their active participation and enthusiasm.

"Inspired by the success of the Traffic Awareness Program, Government Degree College Neeli Nallah remains committed to fostering responsible citizenship and ensuring that the lessons learned today pave the way for safer roads and a brighter tomorrow," she added.

Shrine Board dedicates new waiting hall for devotees at Bhawan

Top News Report

KATRA, Nov 29: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board has dedicated a state-of-the-art waiting hall at Bhawan to provide enhanced comfort and convenience to the pilgrims visiting the revered Shrine. This newly created facility is part of the Board's continuous efforts to upgrade amenities for the growing number of devotees undertaking the sacred yatra each year.

The waiting hall, spanning 1600 sq.ft., accommodates 100 pilgrims at a time and is conveniently located near Ram Mandir in the main Shrine Complex. Equipped with modern amenities, it features ample seating, lockers, drinking water facilities



and well-maintained separate washrooms for men and women devotees. The spacious well-ventilated hall shall facilitate near 1500 devotees per day adding to the existing daily capacity of 600 devotees at the waiting hall located near Room No. 4, Kalika Bhawan.

Following the poojan, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board formally

inaugurated the waiting hall. CEO highlighted the significance of the new facility stating that created as per the directions of Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT), this waiting hall is a vital addition to the amenities at Bhawan towards ensuring that devotees can focus on their spiritual journey without facing logistical challenges. He added that over the years, the Shrine Board has undertaken several

initiatives to enhance the pilgrimage experience including improved tracks for hassle free pilgrimage, added catering outlets, medical facilities and enhanced accommodations. The new waiting hall at Bhawan marks yet another milestone in this journey of transformation. We are committed to continually upgrading the infrastructure and facilities at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine to provide a seamless experience for every pilgrim," he said.

This new facility also incorporates a digital information screen to provide live darshans and real-time updates on the yatra schedule besides other essential announcements. Additionally, the hall includes designated counters for

inquiry and assistance while ensuring smooth management of the pilgrims. These features are expected to significantly enhance the efficiency of services at Bhawan.

Pilgrims have welcomed the initiative with enthusiasm and gratitude. Many have expressed that the waiting hall will make their spiritual journey more comfortable, especially during adverse weather conditions and times of high footfall. It provides them with a place to rest and rejuvenate before proceeding for darshans.

Among those present on the occasion were Jt. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB; SDM and Tehsildar Bhawan; Pujaris, other officers and staff of Shrine Board and pilgrims at large.

Dr. Ritu Singh felicitates Tilak Raj Sudan for his remarkable world record achievement

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: In a heartwarming and inspiring event hosted by Delhi Public School Jammu, under the aegis of the Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation, Tilak Raj Sudan was honored for his extraordinary achievement in setting a World Record for the longest solo car ride by a specially-abled individual on the highest motorable road in the world.

Covering an astounding 2,200 kilometers across Rajouri, Srinagar, Leh, Ladakh, Pangong, and Manali, Sudan's remarkable journey carried the powerful message of "Mera Badalta Naya Jammu and Kashmir-Leh Ladakh." Earlier, he was given a warm welcome in the school starting with the tilak ceremony, accompanied by the melodious tunes of our talented school band.

Despite being 100% specially-abled due to a spinal cord injury, Sudan defied all odds, completing this extraordinary feat and proving that with determination, no challenge is insurmountable. His achievement stands as a beacon of hope and resilience, inspiring countless individuals across the nation. The event was



further graced by Raman Gupta, a leading businessman from Jammu known for his philanthropic work and social activism, and Sandhya Dhar, a celebrated disability rights activist and founder of the JIGER Foundation, Jammu.

Dr. Ritu Singh, Founder of Delhi Public School - Jammu, Nagbani & Katra and co-founder of Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation, meticulously hosted this event as a part of her ongoing work to uplift specially-abled individuals and accomplishing her mission to support and empower them.

In her address, she expressed her deep admiration for Tilak Raj Sudan, applauding him as a symbol of extraordinary courage, self-determination and inclusivity.

"Sudan's achievement reflects the indomitable power of the human spirit. He has shown us all that obstacles can be

overcome with sheer willpower and self-belief. His journey exemplifies inclusivity in its truest sense, where barriers fall and the strength of character takes the lead," Dr. Ritu Singh remarked.

She further emphasized the need to foster a culture of inclusivity and empowerment, where individuals of all abilities are celebrated for their strength and perseverance.

Dr. Ritu Singh's stirring words underscored the importance of courage and self-determination, urging the young students in attendance to draw inspiration from Sudan's journey. "His story is a shining example for future generations, teaching us that with determination and resilience, one can not only overcome challenges but soar beyond them," she added.

As part of the felicitation, Dr. Ritu Singh presented Tilak Raj Sudan, Raman Gupta, and Sandhya Dhar

with potted plants, beautiful paintings, and Khadi certificates on behalf of the Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation, in recognition of their outstanding achievements and their role in inspiring others.

In his acceptance speech, Tilak Raj Sudan shared the trials and triumphs of his inspiring 11-day journey.

He extended heartfelt thanks to the Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation and DPS Jammu for recognizing his efforts. He also expressed deep gratitude to his wife, Sakshi Sudan, and his son, Om, for their unwavering support, acknowledging that their belief in him was instrumental in his success.

The guest couple also presented a soul stirring song on companionship and strong bond between partners which connect with everyone present there at a deeper emotional level.

Earlier, Ruchi Chabra, Principal of DPS Jammu, lauded Sh. Sudan for his remarkable display of resilience and passion, becoming a beacon of hope and inspiration for society.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Meenu Gupta, Vice Prin-

icipal of DPS Jammu, who expressed her gratitude to the distinguished guests, faculty members, and students for making this event memorable. The school choir added to the event's uplifting spirit with a moving musical performance.

The event left a lasting impact on all in attendance, especially the students, who were deeply inspired by Sudan's story of perseverance, courage, and triumph. Through events like these the Maharaja Hari Singh Social and Educational Foundation continues to lead by example, recognizing individuals who bring about positive change in society and working on the motto that a society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable members. One such task of benevolence is reflected in giving employment to a specially abled lady Parul in DPS Jammu.

Through the foundation's initiatives, it is breaking down barriers, fostering inclusivity, and creating opportunities for those who might otherwise be overlooked. Its commitment to nurturing values of resilience, courage, and community service in future generations remains steadfast, fostering a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

GDC Paloura organizes felicitation-cum-interactive session



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: Department of History, GDC Paloura organised felicitation cum interactive session on the successful completion of internship programme, which was the part of the curriculum of the students of Sem-5th under NEP. The Internship programme was carried by centre for studies in Museology, University of Jammu on "Museology and conservation" including documentation, preservation and conser-

vation and exhibition.

Sem 5th students of Dept. of History shared their experiences & views regarding the internship programme they had attended at centre for studies in Museology, University of Jammu. Museums collect, preserve, interpret and display objects of artistic, cultural, or scientific significance for the education of the public. With the help of PPT presentations students highlighted the importance of Museums as store houses of knowledge.

They shared their experiences of visit to Dogra Art Museum, Sheikh Noor Ud Din Noorani museum as well as Herbarium & Museum at University of Jammu and discussed the documentation & preservation techniques & exhibition of artefacts preserved in the museums. Further they talked about their heritage walk at Mubarakh Mandi Complex and discussed different architectural styles used in Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

Dr. Kulvinder Kour, Principal of the college lauded the effort of the faculty & students for completion of the programme. Prof. Geetanjali Multani HOD, Department of English, applauded the students on beautiful presentation of their internship and congratulated them on successful completion of the same. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to the students.

GDC Samba organises awareness workshop on Promotion and Implementation of Biotechnology Park

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SAMBA, Nov 29: Institution's Innovation Council of the College in collaboration with J&K Science Technology and Innovation Council organised a one day awareness workshop on Promotion and Implementation of Biotechnology Park at Gatti Kathua.

The programme aimed at educating the students, researchers and potential entrepreneurs about the opportunities and advancements within the biotechnology sector.

Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the host College and Chief Guest inaugurated the event and highlighted the importance of Biotechnology and how it impacts varied aspects of our lives including

agriculture, environment and industry.

She lauded the efforts of the IIC in organising such an informative and meaningful workshop.

Dr. Shally Sehgal, Central University of Jammu enlightened the students on the opening of a biotechnology park at Gatti Kathua and its immense benefits for the young students and researchers of the region.

Prof Rahul Sharma, PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar in his extensive presentation reiterated that Biotechnology parks serve as innovation hubs where research, development and commercialization of biotechnological innovations takes place.

Dr. Sanjay Khajuria, Chief Scientist SKUAST & Guest of Honour for the event, in his address reiterated his commitment

towards harnessing natural resources and biodiversity of Samba region. He enlisted varied initiatives taken by his department in preservation of natural crops and fruits in the Samba unit.

He demonstrated the latest drone technology used to nourish and nurture the agricultural land. The resource persons stressed that there was an imperative need to encourage a startup culture in the education institution so that the young learners are empowered with sufficient employable skills. Faculty and students from GDC Kathua also attended the programme.

Dr Ranjodh Singh, President IIC presented the formal vote of thanks while Prof Surbhi Dubey compered the programme.

Intra College essay writing competition held at GCW Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 29: The Department of Urdu GCW Udhampur organized an Intra College essay writing competition on the topic "Urdu Zaban: Masayil Aur Imkanat" under the aegis of IQAC here on Friday.

The programme was organized under the able guidance of the college Principal Dr. Nalini Pathania.

The competition aimed to encourage students to express their thoughts and opinions on a given topic, while also promoting critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

The objective of the essay competition was to provide a platform for students to showcase their writing skills and to promote awareness about the importance of Urdu Language and Literature. This type of competition and other literary events promote writing skills and critical

thinking among students. Students were required to submit their essays within a specified word limit. A total of thirty (30) students from various departments participated in the competition. The participants were from different semesters and disciplines.

The competition was judged on the basis of content, language, and overall presentation.

A panel of 2 Judges, consisting of Dr. Mool Raj and Dr. Sareer Ahmad Bhat, faculty members and experts in the field, evaluated the essays. First Prize was bagged by Makha-

na Begum, Department of Urdu/5th Semester, whereas Second and third Prize was secured by Sakshi Thakur, and Shabroza Bano Department of Urdu/5th Semester. The essay competition was a huge success with active participation of students.

Gautam Gambhir will be back before Adelaide Test vs Australia: Assistant coach

ADELAIDE, Nov 29 (Agencies): The Indian cricket team's assistant coach Abhishek Nayar confirmed that head coach Gautam Gambhir will return to Australia and rejoin the Indian squad before the second Test against Australia, scheduled to begin on December 6 in Adelaide. Gambhir had flown back to India due to a "personal emergency," missing the two-day pink-ball warm-up game against the Prime Minister's XI in Canberra.

"Gauti bhai will be here soon. I am not sure about the exact date yet, but he will be in Adelaide before the Test match starts," Nayar told the media on Wednesday.

The Indian team management also expressed pride in the rise of young players like Harshit Rana, who recently donned the India jersey. "Two years ago, Harshit was unsure about his future in Delhi cricket. To now



represent India and perform as he did is truly heartening to see," Nayar added.

The warm-up game against the Prime Minister's XI, starting November 30, will serve as critical preparation for the team ahead of the Adelaide day-night Test. The match will use the pink Kookaburra ball, offering valuable practice for the visitors under conditions that mimic the upcoming challenge.

The Australian PM's XI, led by all-rounder Jack Edwards, features a mix of promising young talent and seasoned players like Scott Boland and Matthew Renshaw. With no official status, the match will allow both sides to bat and bowl freely.

Meanwhile, Shubman Gill has resumed practice, showing promising signs of recovery from a thumb injury that kept him out of India's 295-run victory in

the series opener in Perth. The young batter was seen facing deliveries from Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets.

However, Gill's return may lead to a reshuffle in the batting order. KL Rahul impressed as an opener in Rohit Sharma's absence during the first Test, raising the possibility of Rahul batting at number three, with Gill potentially slotting in at number five.

Rohit Sharma is expected to return as an opener alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal for the upcoming matches, giving the team a stable start at the top. The warm-up match against the Prime Minister's XI will likely provide more clarity on India's batting strategy for the remainder of the series.

India currently lead the five-match series 1-0 and will aim to maintain their dominance in the second Test in Adelaide.

Shubman Gill returns to nets after recovering from thumb injury



CANBERRA, Nov 29 (Agencies): Shubman Gill returned to the India nets on Friday, showing enough signs of a full recovery from a thumb injury that ruled him out of the series opener against Australia in Perth.

Gill's absence was not felt in Perth as India won the game by 295 runs but considering

his impressive run on the previous tour, the visitors need him at his best throughout the five-match series.

The top-order batter was seen facing Yash Dayal and Akash Deep in the nets ahead of the pink-ball warm-up game against Australian PM's XI starting Saturday.

In Gill's absence,

Devdutt Padikkal came at number three for India but could not deliver.

However, it is not a given that Gill will return to his usual batting position as K L Rahul excelled as an opener in Perth in skipper Rohit Sharma's absence.

While Rohit is expected to open alongside Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rahul could come in at three pushing Gill to number 5.

It remains to be seen if India experiment in the batting order in the warm-up game as all batters would be allowed a hit in the middle considering it is not a first-class game.

England Board bans players from competing in PSL, but IPL allowed

LONDON, Nov 29 (Agencies): In a fresh setback for the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has barred its players from competing in the Pakistan Super League during the domestic season. The newly-drafted policy would prevent England's players from playing in the PSL, Sri Lanka's Premier League, and a few other global leagues during the English summer months. With this decision, the ECB aims to safeguard the quality and integrity of its own domestic competitions like the County Championship, Vitality Blast, and the Hundred.

The policy also prevents players from participating in two parallel leagues. For instance, earlier, players could participate in another event after their teams were eliminated from

the first. However, this would no longer be a possibility.

The guidelines, however, allow white-ball-only contracts, like Saqib Mahmood to play in PSL and similar leagues. But, those with contracts with the board that include first-class cricket will not be given the NoC required to participate in such leagues. Permission to miss any domestic white-ball games to compete in overseas tournaments would also not be given, as per The Telegraph.

"This policy gives clarity to players and professional counties around our approach to issuing No Objection Certificates. It will enable us to strike the right balance between supporting players who want to take up opportunities to earn and gain experience, while also protecting the integrity of cricket globally," Richard

Gould, ECB chief executive, said on the policy.

T20 and T20 leagues have been growing rapidly all across the globe over the last couple of years. Almost every major cricketing nation across the globe now has a league of its own. A number of 10-over format leagues have also cropped up in the Middle East.

It has also been reported that 74 England-qualified players appeared in franchise tournaments worldwide last year. But the ECB is now keen to change that and encourage domestic cricket participation in its own tournaments.

It also has to be noted that there's once exception in the rule. The English players are still allowed to participate in the Indian Premier League, which takes place in April-May every year.

Simona Halep calls out double standards after Swiatek escapes lengthy doping ban

LONDON, Nov 29 (Agencies): Former World No.1 tennis player Simona Halep slammed the International Tennis Integrity Agency over their double standards while dishing out doping bans. In a lengthy Instagram post, Halep slammed the agency for trying to ruin her career, and being partial against her.

Halep's comments came after the ITIA handed a one-month ban to Iga Swiatek after she tested positive for a banned substance. Halep pointed out at the discrepancy between her ban and the current World No.1's and said that she was left frustrated at the twilight of her career due to the unfair treatment.

"I'm sitting and trying to understand, but it's really impossible for me to understand something like this. I stand and ask myself, why is there such a big difference in treatment and judgment? I can't find and I don't think there can be a logical answer. It can only be bad will from ITIA, the organization that has done absolutely everything to destroy me despite the evidence," Simona Halep wrote on Instagram.

"I really wanted to destroy the last years of my career, I wanted something that I could never have imagined would be wanted. I always believed in good, I believed in fairness, I believed in goodness.



It was painful, is painful and maybe the injustice that was done to me will always be painful. How is it possible that in identical cases happening around the same time ITIA to have completely different approaches to my detriment. How could I accept that the WTA and the players council did not want to return me the ranking that I deserved?!" Halep said.

"I lost two years of my career, I lost many nights when I couldn't sleep, thoughts, anxiety, questions without answers... but I won justice. It turned out that it was a contamination and that the biological passport was a pure invention. And I won something else, my soul remained clean!! I feel disappointed, I feel mad, I feel frustrated, but I do not feel evil even now. I am grateful for the support and unconditional love of those who have been by my side every day. THANK YOU! In all the naughtiness, I also received love because those who offered me love in those moments really knew me! Perhaps this is the biggest victory! As we know well that

every morning the sun rises for everyone, but it's good to rise finding yourself with a flawless soul! And that's how I am, packed and proud of what I am!" concluded Halep.

SWIATEK'S DOPING BAN

World number two and five-times Grand Slam champion Iga Swiatek accepted a one-month suspension after testing positive for banned substance trimetazidine (TMZ), the International Tennis Integrity Agency said on Thursday.

Swiatek tested positive in an out-of-competition sample in August but the ITIA, which runs tennis's anti-doping programme, accepted that it was caused by contamination of her medication melatonin, which was manufactured and sold over the counter in her native Poland.

Swiatek said she had been taking it for jet lag and sleep issues and as there was no significant fault or negligence, the ITIA ruled it was "the lowest end of the range" and offered the reigning French Open champion a one-month suspension which the 23-year-old accepted.

"The player was provisionally suspended from Sept. 12 until Oct. 4, missing three tournaments, which counts towards the sanction, leaving eight days remaining," the ITIA said in a statement."

Swiatek is not the first world number one to fail a doping test this year after Italy's Jannik Sinner, the men's top-ranked player, also tested positive for anabolic agent clostebol.

However, Sinner was cleared of wrongdoing by an independent tribunal ahead of the U.S. Open, which he went on to win. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the tribunal's finding of "no fault or negligence".

With two of the biggest names in tennis escaping lengthy bans for anti-doping violations, questions are being raised about the sport's reputation.

SIMONA HALEP'S DOPING CASE

Simona Halep, the two-time Grand Slam champion and former world No. 1 in women's tennis, found herself at the centre of a major doping controversy that resulted in her suspension from professional tennis.

In September 2023, the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) handed down a four-year ban for anti-doping rule violations, based on

two key charges: a positive test for roxadustat, a prohibited substance associated with blood doping, and irregularities in her Athlete Biological Passport (ABP), which tracks markers indicative of doping.

The tribunal initially upheld the four-year suspension, concluding that Halep's actions were intentional, despite her claim that the roxadustat had come from a contaminated supplement. However, after Halep appealed the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the ruling was revisited. The CAS found that Halep had sufficiently demonstrated that the substance had entered her system through a contaminated supplement, and further considered additional evidence that cast doubt on the ABP irregularities.

As a result, the CAS reduced her ban from four years to nine months, effectively clearing the way for her return to competition in July 2023. This decision was a significant reversal of the ITIA's initial findings, highlighting the complexities of anti-doping cases and the importance of thorough investigations. Halep, expressing relief and gratitude, maintained that she had always upheld her innocence, and her legal team filed a lawsuit against the supplement company involved.

1st Test: Brook hundred rallies England, New Zealand rue dreadful catching on Day 2

CHRISTCHURCH, Nov 29 (Agencies): Star batter Harry Brook hit a counter-attacking hundred to rescue England from a precarious position on the second day of the first Test against New Zealand at Hagley Oval. Brook's unbeaten 132 led England to 319 for 5 at stumps, just 29 runs shy of New Zealand's first-innings total of 348. England began Day 2 under immense pressure, but Brook's composure and flair, supported by Ollie Pope's 77, turned the tables on the Black Caps. Their 151-run partnership for the fifth wicket was the backbone of England's recovery, especially after a shaky start at 71 for 4.

New Zealand will rue a poor day in the field, dropping as many as six catches, including crucial misses off Brook and Pope. Despite the efforts of debutant Nathan Smith, who claimed two key wickets before lunch, New Zealand's sloppiness cost them the chance to dominate. Smith, who dismissed both Jacob Bethell (10) and Joe



Root (0) in the same over, was unlucky to see several chances off his bowling spilt. Tom Latham's drop of England captain Ben Stokes at short cover late in the day epitomized New Zealand's frustrations. Reflecting on the missed opportunities, Smith said: "I thought we bowled pretty well in periods, but yeah, England battled well to get themselves into this position. A couple of catches go to hand there, and it's a completely different story."

Brook's innings was a masterclass in controlled aggression. He reached his seventh Test century with a sublime boundary, having earlier crossed 2,000 career Test runs. His 163-ball knock included 10 fours and two sixes, and his calm presence

at the crease steadied England after the early setbacks. Ben Duckett (46) was England's only top-order batter to show some resistance early on, but his dismissal to Will O'Rourke, caught in the deep attempting an ambitious pull, added to the tourists' struggles.

New Zealand, resuming the day at 319 for 8, added 29 runs to their overnight score, thanks to Glenn Phillips' unbeaten 58. Brydon Carse (4-64) and Shoaib Bashir (4-69) wrapped up the innings for England. Heading into Day 3, England have the perfect platform with Brook and Stokes settled at the crease and would be licking their lips at the prospect of building a match-defining lead that could effectively dash New Zealand out of the contest.

Champions Trophy: Players safety our top priority, says BCCI vice-president

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 (Agencies): The vice-president of the Indian cricket board (BCCI) Rajeev Shukla said on Friday that the players' safety will be of the utmost importance, backing the government's decision to not send the senior men's team to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy. The statement comes hours before the International Cricket Council (ICC) board meeting to finalise the schedule for the 50-over tournament, tentatively scheduled to be held in February-March next year.

"Our discussions are going on. A decision will be taken after looking at the situation. Our top priority is the safety of the players.

Hybrid mode is also an option; discussions are going on," Rajeev Shukla said in New Delhi.

The BCCI, in a letter to the ICC, informed the government's decision and confirmed that the Indian cricket team would not travel to Pakistan.

The Pakistan Cricket Board demanded an explanation from India and even offered to

ease India's concerns over security. PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi, however, has stressed that Pakistan would want to host the entire tournament in their country and that they won't agree to a hybrid model, which would allow India to play their matches at a natural venue.

On Wednesday, PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi reiterated the stance and said the PCB was in constant touch with the ICC. Naqvi even said that India's reluctance to visit Pakistan is unacceptable, especially after Pakistan visited India for the ODI World Cup last year.

However, concerns over Pakistan's ability to host the tournament intensified after Sri Lanka's A team, touring Pakistan, was forced to cut short its series due to violent political protests in Islamabad earlier this week. These protests, sparked by former Prime Minister Imran Khan's political party, raised serious concerns about security in the country, making it clear that Pakistan's ability to host international cricket might be at risk.

The PCB was forced to postpone two 50-over matches scheduled between Sri Lanka A and Pakistan Shaheens, marking an early indication of the mounting pressure on Pakistan's cricket administration.

The ICC Board will meet virtually on Friday to decide the fate of the Champions Trophy. India Today has learnt that a hybrid model is the most favourable outcome. Back channel talks were on to convince Pakistan to agree to the hybrid model, in which India would play their matches in the UAE.

Pakistan agreed to host last year's Asia Cup after India refused to travel across the border. Pakistan hosted only four matches while Sri Lanka, who were picked as the second venue, hosted nine matches, including the final.

India and Pakistan have not played bilateral cricket since the 2012-13 season. India have not travelled to Pakistan for cricket series since the 2008 Asia Cup.

The two teams, however, have met in ICC and Asian Cricket Council tournaments.

IIT Jammu students visit IIM Jammu for Campus Tour

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: In an exciting exchange of ideas and academic collaboration, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu recently hosted a group of M.Tech. students (5 nos.) from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu. The comprehensive campus visit, organized by the Public Relations Office of IIM Jammu, offered the IIT students an opportunity to explore the world-class infrastructure, cutting-edge technology, and academic excellence that define IIM Jammu.

The students were given an immersive guided tour of the campus, starting with IIM Jammu's smart classrooms, which are

equipped with state-of-the-art technology aimed at enhancing the learning experience. These classrooms feature the latest in digital learning tools, promoting interactive teaching methods and providing students with an optimal environment for academic growth. The IIT Jammu students were impressed with the integration of technology into the classroom environment, which they found highly conducive to collaborative and innovative learning.

The tour continued to the Nalanda Library, a central hub for academic resources at IIM Jammu. Known for its vast collection of books, journals, and research papers, the library is designed to support the intellectual development of students and faculty. The IIT stu-

dents had the opportunity to explore the library's extensive resources and learn more about the role of the library in fostering a research-driven culture at IIM Jammu.

One of the key highlights of the visit was the introduction to IIM Jammu's iconic clock tower, which stands as a symbol of the institute's progressive and forward-thinking ethos. The clock tower, which has become a landmark of the campus, serves as a reminder of the institute's commitment to excellence and its ambition to stand as a beacon of academic achievement and innovation.

The visit also provided the IIT Jammu students with an in-depth look at IIM Jammu's modern infrastructure, including its well-equipped

classrooms, recreational areas, and state-of-the-art facilities designed to promote both academic and extracurricular development. The students were impressed by the campus's aesthetic design, as well as the emphasis on sustainability and eco-friendly practices incorporated throughout the premises.

This campus visits not only provided valuable insights into the dynamic learning environment at IIM Jammu but also fostered an atmosphere of collaboration between two premier institutions in Jammu. Such visits strengthen the bonds between leading educational institutes, providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas and the development of interdisciplinary approaches to learning and innova-

tion. By engaging in these interactions, both institutions aim to promote synergy and create pathways for future collaborations. The visit served as a stepping stone for greater academic collaboration, paving the way for joint initiatives in research, development, and innovation.

Through such initiatives, IIM Jammu continues to foster a spirit of academic excellence and innovation, nurturing future leaders who will drive change across industries. These engagements with other esteemed institutions like IIT Jammu further enrich the academic community, encouraging the exchange of ideas and strengthening the region's academic landscape.

AIIMS Jammu achieves milestone, completes 1000 ENT Endoscopies



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: State-of-the-art facility and expert team enable landmark achievement in ear, nose, and throat care at Jammu. The Department of Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu has achieved a significant milestone by completing 1000 ENT endoscopies.

This feat demonstrates the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality patient care and its expertise in diagnosing and treating ear, nose, and throat disorders.

"Completing 1000 ENT endoscopies is a significant achievement, and commitment to providing exceptional patient care. We will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our services. This milestone is not just a number; it represents the trust and confidence that our patients have placed in us. We remain

committed to providing the best possible treatment outcomes for our patients. I am proud of our ENT team's efforts and look forward to many more achievements in the future," said by Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS Jammu.

The Department's expert team of doctors, led by Dr. Darwin Kaushal and Dr. Amardeep Singh, has been instrumental in achieving this milestone. ENT endoscopy is a minimally invasive procedure that allows doctors to visually examine the ear, nose, and throat using a flexible or rigid tube with a camera and light.

This procedure helps diagnose and treat various ENT conditions, such as nasal polyps, sinusitis, upper airway & throat cancer and other laryngeal pathologies.

The success of the ENT Department would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the nursing staff. Our nursing officers have played a crucial role in assisting the doctors during the procedures. Their expertise and dedication to patient care have been invaluable to the team.

"Nursing officers are the backbone of our health-care system," said by Dr. Darwin Kaushal. "Their hard work and commitment to patient care are essential to the success of our department."

The ENT Department at AIIMS Jammu has been at the forefront of providing specialized care to patients with ear, nose, and throat disorders. As AIIMS Jammu continues to grow and expand its services, the hospital remains committed to providing the best possible care to its patients.

The completion of 1000 ENT endoscopies is a testament to this commitment, and the hospital looks forward to achieving many more milestones in the years to come.

CLUJ organizes Capacity Building Training program under Mission YUVA

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 29: The Department of Commerce, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu organised a Capacity Building Training Program under Mission YUVA (Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyaan) in collaboration with IEC Committee of Mission YUVA on Friday under the patronage of Vice Chancellor Professor KS Chandrasekar.

The program focused

on Youth Empowerment, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship. The event witnessed participation from all four Schools of the Cluster University of Jammu, with over 100 students and faculty members actively engaging in the program's objectives.

Dr. Neetu Kumari, Coordinator of the Department of Commerce, warmly welcomed the attendees, emphasizing the critical role of youth engagement in nation-building. She encouraged students to

pursue entrepreneurial ventures to contribute to the economic development of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pawan Parihar, Special Secretary, Department of Labour and Employment, highlighted the importance of Mission YUVA in equipping young minds with essential skills and opportunities for self-employment. He urged the youth to adopt a proactive approach to knowledge-based learning and

to immerse themselves in innovation, skill development, and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jammu, emphasized that the entrepreneurial potential of Mission Yuva participants could be transformed into actionable ventures through proper training and guidance.

He discussed about the ecosystem created by this scheme for growth of youth. He also discussed

about employment status in J&K UT and across the country also. He further elaborated the program design including financial assistance provided by government and its implementation strategy, creation of nano entrepreneurs, MSMEs.

Dr. Vishal Sharma, resource person and Nodal Officer for the Higher Education Department, UT of J&K, provided a comprehensive overview of the program's goals and implementation phases.

Army inaugurates New Computer Center at Khanetar

Top News Report

POONCH, Nov 29: In a ground-breaking initiative to empower students and bridge the digital divide in remote areas, the Indian Army has inaugurated a cutting-edge computer centre in Khanetar, Poonch. This landmark effort aims to equip local youth with essential digital skills, fostering academic growth and career opportunities.

The new facility boasts advanced computers, high-speed internet and dedicated training modules to provide students with a solid foundation in digital literacy. Community members lauded the Indian Army efforts, recognizing the centre as a beacon of hope for the younger generation.

Actor Rahul Motan credits practice for his acting success in television, film



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R S PURA, Nov 29: Actor Rahul Motan mentioned to Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) Members during a felicitation programme organised at Gegian that he credits practice for his acting success in television and film.

Rahul highlighted how his theatre background has significantly shaped his performances in both television and film. He expressed a strong commitment to pursuing theatrical endeavours while continuing his on-screen career.

Rahul emphasized the importance of practice in acting, stating, "Acting is acting; as you practice, you get better." He acknowledged the distinct technical differenc-

es between stage and camera performances but stressed that with experience, actors can adapt effectively. "There are certain technical differences between performing on stage and performing on camera, but you get used to it, he explained.

JKBS' Members included Messrs JKBS' General Secretary R.L. Kaith, Senior Journalist Sansar Singh Motan, Music Director Vicky Kaith, Editor Tejinder Pal Singh, Insp. Darshan Kumar Bassa, Hans Raj Loria, Parkash Chand Motan, Hans Raj Motan, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Gurdas Chand Motan, Des Raj Motan, Rajinder Motan, Vikas Motan, Robin Motan, Narinder Motan, Rahul Motan and Tejinder Motan.

Rakwal demands promotion of tourism in Dessa

Top News Report

DODA, Nov 29: Sheetal Rakwal, an actor and model, has urged upon Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Director Tourism Jammu and DC Doda to promote the scenic tourist destinations in Dessa, Doda.

Rakwal has specifically highlighted the potential of Gutta Dessa, Thana, Manjmi, and Marg Top Dessa and others which offer breathtaking natural beauty and unique cul-



tural experiences.

By promoting these destinations, the government can tap into the vast tourism potential of the region, generate employment opportunities, and contribute to the local economy.

Rakwal is committed to supporting the development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and looks forward to collaborating with the authorities to showcase the beauty and richness of the region.

Five-day Refresher Course for PETs/REKs in Zone Basohli concludes

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BASHOLI Nov 29: The five-day Refresher Course for Physical Education Teachers (PETs) and Rehbar-e-Khel (REKs) in Zone Basohli concluded successfully on Friday at Model Higher Secondary School, Basohli.

Organized under the directions of District Youth Services and Sports Officer Kathua, S.S. Sambyal, and supervised by ZPEO Basohli Tara Singh, the program witnessed full participation from all deployed officials. The final day



featured a friendly cricket match, discussions on the rules and regulations of games like Basketball, Kho-Kho, and Cricket, as well as sessions on morning assembly protocols and the significance of flag hoisting.

The course aimed to equip participants with

updated knowledge and skills to enhance player performance and achieve commendable results in school sports.

The initiative was lauded for its focus on promoting physical education and fostering teamwork and discipline among educators.

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