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BRIEFLY

Three houses damaged in massive fire in Chattabal

SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): Three houses were damaged in a massive fire in Chattabal area of Srinagar today morning, officials said. An official told that fire broke out in one of the houses in Danawari locality of Chattabal early morning today. He said soon after fire tenders reached to the spot to douse off the flames. "No injuries or casualties have been reported in the incident," he said, adding that cause of fire was being ascertained.

Former MLA Devsar, Ghulam Hassan Parray, passes away in Qazigund

QAZIGUND, Nov 30 (Agencies): Ghulam Hassan Parray, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Devsar, who won the 1972 elections as an independent candidate, passed away on Saturday at the age of 95 in his ancestral village of Shampora, Qazigund, in Anantnag district.

Parray had secured his historic victory in the 1972 assembly elections by defeating Congress candidate Manhor Nath Koul with a margin of 1,351 votes. It was the only election he contested during his political career.

Hundreds of people from various walks of life attended his funeral prayers held at his ancestral graveyard in Shampora on Saturday morning. Basharat Saleem Parray, his grandson, told Rising Kashmir that the late leader had been briefly unwell before passing away peacefully at home.

He said, "Parray contested the 1972 elections as an independent candidate against a strong Congress opponent. Despite the odds, the people of the then-vast Devsar constituency, which included Qazigund, chose him as their representative." In the 1972 elections, Parray secured 9,406 votes, while Congress candidate Manhor Nath Koul garnered 8,055 votes. Jamaat-e-Islami candidate Mohammad Afzal Malik finished third with 1,375 votes.

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Over 5.59 Lakh aspirants apply for 4,002 Police Constable Posts in J&K



JAMMU, Nov 30 (Agencies): More than 5.59 lakh job aspirants are slated to appear in an examination for 4,002 vacancies of police constables in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. The test is scheduled to commence

across the Union Territory from Sunday. A group of youngsters, meanwhile, staged a demonstration here, reiterating their demand for age relaxation and rescheduling of the examination. "A total of 5,59,135

candidates are scheduled to appear in the exams for 4,002 posts of constables (home department) to be held on December 1, December 8 and December 22," Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Recruitment Board (SSRB) Chairperson Indu Kanwal Chib said at a meeting here.

The meeting of the civil administration and police department was convened by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo to take stock of the preparations made by the deputy commissioners to conduct the exams.

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J&K Police conducts raids in Batamaloo, HMT areas of Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): Police on Saturday said it conducted raids at multiple locations in the city as part of investigations against suspects allegedly involved in spreading malicious and seditious propaganda aimed at provoking people into unlawful and violent activities.

A spokesperson said the searches were carried out in the Batamaloo and HMT areas of Srinagar city in a case under section 13 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act registered



at the Shergari police station.

The investigation is underway against some individuals, who at the behest of adversaries and in criminal conspiracy with others, were found prima facie involved in "orchestrating a campaign of manufacturing fabricated and malicious narrative by way of disseminating twisted and false information to provoke people for unlawful and violent activities", the official said.

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8 guns smuggled from Pak seized in Amritsar, 2 arrested: Punjab Police



CHANDIGARH, Nov 30 (Agencies): The Punjab Police has arrested two people after eight sophisticated pistols smuggled into the country from Pakistan were found in their

possession, a top officer said on Saturday.

They were held from Nurpur Padhri in Amritsar, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

"In a major blow to

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SED directs private schools to calculate 3-year age for nursery admissions as of Nov 30

SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): The School Education Department (SED) has directed all the private schools to reckon the three years age of kids seeking admission in Nursery or Anganwadi centres on November 30 of the same year.

The circular instructions have been issued by the department fol-

lowing the representations received from several parents regarding fixation of a deadline for calculation of the minimum prescribed age for the children seeking admission in Nursery in wake of the restoration of the November-December academic calendar in Kashmir division and winter zones of Jammu division.

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Higher reaches experience light snowfall in Bandipora

SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): The higher reaches in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora received light snowfall on Saturday amid the prediction of more light rain and snow during the next 24 hours, officials said.

They said the Razdan top along the Bandipora Gurez road received light snow.

As a precautionary measure, the administration has suspended vehicular movement on Gurez Bandipora road.

Meanwhile, the night temperatures across Kashmir witnessed a rise due to overcast skies.

The Meteorological Department (IMD) said that Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 1 degree Celsius, up from the previous night's minus 1 degree Celsius. MeT said that Qazigund, Pahalgam, Konibal, Pulwama, and Shopian weather stations were the only

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Woman dead, 2 missing after car plunges into Chenab river in Doda

JAMMU, Nov 30 (Agencies): A woman was killed and two other passengers are missing after a private car skidded off the road and rolled down into Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Saturday, officials said.

The accident took place near Khandote village around 8.30 am and a joint rescue operation by the police, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local volunteers is on to trace out the missing persons, the officials said.

Three persons - Ranjeet Kumar (25) and his relatives Beli Ram (60) and Puran Devi (60) - were travelling from Charya village to Jammu when the car plunged into the river, they said.

Devi's body was found lying on the river bank.

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Stripping Kashmiri Pandit women of their migrant status on marrying non-migrants discriminative, unjustified: HC



SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh recently addressed

the issue of whether a Kashmiri Pandit woman, who migrated from the Valley after 1989 for security reasons, would

lose her 'migrant' status upon marrying a non-migrant. The Court ruled that such women would not lose their migrant status just because of their marriage to a non-migrant [UT of J&K and Others v. Seema Koul and Anr.].

During the 1990s, Kashmiri Pandits were fled the Valley due to a surge in the conflict. In 2009, the State of Jammu & Kashmir

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Hurriyat Conference asks Omar-Led Govt to reinstate employees fired over 'Terror Links'

SRINAGAR, Nov 30 (Agencies): Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Saturday asked the elected government in Jammu and Kashmir to take measures to stop the "injustice" of dismissing employees over alleged terror links and reinstate all those who have been terminated

so far. His remark came a day after two government employees were dismissed from service by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for alleged terror links.

"Two more government employees terminated by the stroke of a pen without any legal recourse! Families ren-

dered destitute before the onset of harsh winters. Punishment and fear is the hallmark of an authoritarian mindset that has been ruling us here," Farooq said in a post on X.

He also called upon the elected government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in

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Gupshup

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Air-Conditioner Rooms with attach Bathroom

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<p>Room No: 2</p>	
<p>Room No: 3</p>	
<p>Room No: 4</p>	

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

Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties


Contact: 9086072548. Email: gupshupjammu@gmail.com

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Lt Sh. Ghara Ram (Ex Head Master) H/o Smt Neelam Devi of Sum Danga.**

TENTH DAY will be performed on **Sunday the 1st of Dec 2024 at 11.00 AM onwards** at our residence **Sum Danga.**

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Neelam Kumari -Wife
Mr Armit Choudhary -Son
Dr. Anu Bala 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
Rtd Capt Kai Dass & Smt Janiko 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, Smran, Minni, Jahnik, Aradhak, & Aarav.
Grand Children: Trishika, Riyanshi
MOBILE NO: 9797603691, 9419758888




Lt Sh. Ghara Ram (Ex Head Master)

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.

Arambh 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 Gurudwara 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. Harpeet 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


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, Antarkish 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 Suneet 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. Suneet Singh Jamwal (Husband)
Mother in law & Father in law
Smt Sudashra 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 :
Kamalkshi Jamwal, Hashvardhan Singh
Divanshi Jamwal




Smt Nisha Jamwal

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and anguish we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Autar Krishan Hangloo S/o Late Karamwati and Late Shriv Ji Hangloo**, erstwhile resident of Hangalgund, Kokernag at present House No. 46, Lane No. 2, Block-A, Roonagar Enclave, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 25.11.2024.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be performed at Muthi Ghat, near Directorate of School Education at 9:30 AM on 03-12-2024.

Grief Stricken:
Smt. Jaya Hangloo (Wife)
Smt. Veena Ji & Sh. TN Hangloo (Bhabhi & Brother)
(Daughter-in-law & Son)
Sunita & Sunil Hangloo
8899309131; 9891115391
(Daughter-in-law & Son)
Achalla & Sanjay Hangloo
9419219591; 9419144824
Daughter & Son-in-Law
Anita & Anil Bhat.
9911221694; 9911225033
Samast Hangloo Parivar
Grand Children: Urvi, Sanyam, Shraavan, Sushain & Soham




Sh. Autar Krishan Hangloo

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: Utlia Canal Near Utlia Police Station Behat Road, Gwalior.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Gopi Nath Pandita (Brother-in-law) 08610497741
Sh. Poon Nath Pandita and Smt. Rami Pandita (Son & Daughter-in-law) 0949105543, +91 70424 80077
Sheela Pandita Shri W/o Late Sh. Shushan Lal Bhat (Daughter) +91 94 93 10 442
Chandra Kanta & Prof. (Dr) Ashok K. Kartoo (Daughter and Son-in-law) 94 105 80743, 94 120 07360
Veena Pandita Koul & Shadi Lal Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law) 094191 13231, 094191 90008
Sushma Sharma & Nav Ratan Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law) +91 96717 70500, 93556 12005
Vijay Mohan Pandita & Hansha Pandita (Nephew and his Wife) +91 9228 54018, +91 94280 09422



Smt Uma Pandita

TENTH DAY/ KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Vijay Kumar Puri (Retd. Officer J&K Bank) S/o Late Sh. Badrinath Puri & Late Smt. Vidya Devi** left for his heavenly abode on 21st Nov. 2024.

TENTH DAY will be observed on 30th Nov. (Saturday) at 11:30 AM at our residence House No.35, Priyadarshini Lane, Patta Palouza, Jammu.

KRIYA will be performed on 1st Dec. (Sunday) at 12 O'clock (Noon) at our residence.

UTHALA will be held on 2nd Dec 2024 (Monday) at Afsar Guest House (Near Jagat Resort / AG Office) Shakti Nagar Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Sangeta Puri (Wife)
Gautam Puri & Dr. Jsha Sharma (Son & Daughter in law)
Dr. Divya Puri & Er. Ashwani Sharma (Daughter & Son in law)
Brothers & Sisters
Sh. Subash Puri & Smt. Ranjana Puri
Late Sh. Ramesh Puri & Smt. Rama Puri
Sh. Suresh Puri
Sh. Vinay Puri (Retd. Officer J&K Bank) & Smt. Vandana Puri
Smt. Krishna Khajuria & Late Sh. Sanyal Pal Khajuria
Smt. Poonita & Sh. Ajay Sharma
Sh. K. K. Sharma (Father in law)
Smt. Sankosh Sharma (Mother in law)
Sh. Aman Sharma (Brother in law)



SH. VIJAY KUMAR PURI (Retd. Officer J&K Bank)


CONTACT NO :
966 3347 896, 9796 203809, 7006364889

10TH DAY/OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Piary 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. Sarsoti Nath - Daughter
Grand Children
Ph. No. 9419660299, 9858143772




SH. PIARAY LAL PANDITA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Piary Lal Kaul S/o Late Shri Moti Lal Kaul** (originally from 81/2 Drabiyar, Habba Kadal, Srinagar, Kashmir) Present Address: 160 C, Flat No 102, Miya Wali Colony, Gurugram, Haryana.

The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** will be performed on 2-Dec-2024, Monday at 8:30 am at Shree Gauri Shankar Mandir, New Palam Vihar, Block T, Sector 109, Gurugram, Haryana 122017.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Veena Kaul (Wife)
Ms. Priita Kaul W/o Late Shri Neeraj Pestiin (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Mr. Puneet Kaul (Son)
Shri Hira Lal Kaul & Smt. Usha Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt. Surinder Kaul & Smt. Daljit Kaul (Brother & Sister-in-law)
Smt. Pooja Kaul W/o Late Mahesh Lal Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Smt. Vijay Kaul & Shri Bal Kishan Kaul (Sister & Brother-in-law)
Vamika Peshin (Grand Daughter)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY KAULS, DHARS AND HANDOOS.
PHONE NUMBERS: 9821315327 / 9823551339 / 03839 14569 / 9850019404 / 9149516943




Shri Piary Lal Kaul

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 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, Kalypto 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)

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that 10th Day of our beloved **Sh Om Parkash Khajuria (Retd. ZEO) R/o Lane No. 17, Greater Kailash, Jammu** will be performed on Sunday 1st Dec 2024 at our residence at 11:00 am.

The **Kriya** will be performed on Monday (2nd Dec. 2024) at our residence.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Prem Lala (Wife)
Sons and Daughters in law:
Ashok Khajuria (Retd. Principal)
& Smt. Asha Sharma (Led)
Vijay Khajuria (Principal) & Smt. Anita Sharma
Daughters & Sons in law:
Smt. Sudesh Kumari W/o Late Sh Ashok Kumar
Dr. Suman Sharma W/o Sh Vijay Kumar Sharma (JKAS)
Grand Children:
Ankanksha, Shivam & Madhav




Sh Om Parkash Khajuria (Retd. ZEO)

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.

Arambh 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 Gurudwara 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. Harpeet 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/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Sudesh Tuli W/o Shri Ved Parkash Tuli** on 22 November 2024.

10TH DAY will be performed at our residence House No 10 , Sectar 2, lower Roop Nagar, Jammu on Sunday 1 December, 2024 at 11 AM

Uthala will be performed on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at Aap Shambhu Mandir, Roop Nagar, Jammu from 3 to 4 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Rajeev Tuli and Neetu Tuli
Dr. Sanjeev Tuli and Bindu Tuli
Grand Daughter and Grand Son
Pranjali, Anandita, Rudraksh and Anish
Contact No 9818109788, 9818366883



Smt. Sudesh Tuli


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) Charanjeet Kour (Sister-in-law)
Rattan Singh (Brother) Rattan Singh (Brother) +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. Sarfista and Sh Om Parkash Gupta (Mother and Father)
Smt. Dhanvi and Sh Monish Gupta (Bhabhi and Bhaiya)
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

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 Bhatnagar Kothari A/P Lower Jallochack W.No. 08, L-2, Near Rishi Shrami (Satsang) Ghar Bani Bar (Bhatnaga, who left for his heavenly abode on 23-11-2024.**

10th Day Kriya with Satsang will be performed on 1-12-2024 (Sunday) at 12 Noon in S.K. Resort alongside National Highway Road Near Satsang Ghar.

GRIEF STRICKEN (Paternal Side)
Grand Father, Mother
Smt. Krishna Devi & Sardari Lal (Father & Mother)
Smt. Anuradha & Pawan Nath (Late Edo Dept) (Taya & Taya)
Smt. Raj Kumar & Raj Kumar (Late Edo Dept)
Smt. Neelam Kumari & Madan Lal (Sr. Asst Edu Dept)
Smt. Rajni Kumari & Balwant Raj (Uncle) - (Late. Edo Dept)
Bua & Fufa
Smt. Kanta Devi & Khem Raj (Retd. FA/CAD)
Smt. Meenu Devi & Des Raj (Asst J&K Police Dept)
Cousin Brothers & Sisters
Dr. Mohit, (IAS) Morhita, Er. Shaktini
Dr. Dya, Er. Anshu, Charvi, Kashish
Heeh, Rach, Rachika, Parvina
Akash, Ayra
Mob: 7066292926, 796579882, 94192 9586



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

GRIEF STRICKEN: FROM MATERNAL SIDE
Smt. Sanjo & Maheshwar Lal (Nana & Nani)
Smt. Anita & Mukham Chand (Govt Teacher)
Smt. Neena & Manu (Niece)
Smt. Asha & Omkar Nath (Hd Man RDD)
Smt. Anji & Parvati Lal (DC J&K Police)
Cousin Brother & Sisters: Aryan, Nibu, Anshu, Riyan, Nidhi

TENTH DAY

गंग लूँ यह मन्त्र की फिर यही जय मिले
फिर यही मोह फिर यही माँ मिले
Miss You Mom

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Santosh Sharma (Sudesh) W/o Late Sh Balraj Sharma R/o Village Rajal Nowshera** who left us for her heavenly abode on 22nd November 2024.

Tenth Day will be performed on 1st Dec 2024 (Sunday) at our residence Lower Jallo Chak, Traith Morh Shiva Colony, W.No. 88 Lane No. 14, near Shiv Public School at 11 AM

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Daughters and Sons-in-law
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Mrs. Suman Sharma and Mr. Vikas Sharma
Mrs. Diptansha Sharma (Sister Lact.) and Mr. Skander (Associate Prof. Jammu University)
Grand Childrens :- Mohan, Daksh, Ariana, Adityan, Aarshia, Anish, Eshan
Deeply Remember by :-
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DSS raises concerns over key issues affecting Jammu Region

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: Gul-chain Singh Charak, former Minister and President Dogra Sadra Sabha (DSS) J&K, while addressing a press conference, told that a meeting of the Executive body was held in the Sabha Bhawan, the members acknowledged the re-establishment of a popular government after six years of President's rule, imposed in J&K on October 31, 2019.

The DSS commended the peaceful conduct of elections despite numerous challenges and extended gratitude to the security forces for ensuring this historic milestone.

The members while appreciating the progress made by the Union Territory government on various development projects, the DSS expressed serious concerns about unresolved issues that either remain pending or deviate from the aspirations of the Dogras, encompassing all communities and sections of society.

The Sabha expressed its satisfaction on the commencement of work on the Tawi Artificial Lake but raised alarm over the recurring breaches in



the Ranbir Canal near Dharap village.

These breaches have at different times deprived irrigation to approximately 64,000 hectares of farmland, resulting in significant agricultural losses and hardships for farmers. The DSS called for a durable and reliable solution to this issue, alongside adequate compensation for affected farmers.

The Sabha also proposed declaring the historic "Ranbir Canal" a protected monument, suggesting its development along the lines of the Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, including the installation of solar power panels to augment Jammu's power supply.

Charak further said that the Sabha executive strongly opposed the UT government's plans to convert the historic "Rani Charaki Palace" into a hotel, citing local senti-

ments and the rules governing protected monuments. It emphasized that any conversion requiring structural changes would compromise the palace's antiquity and historical significance.

Instead, the Sabha urged the government to focus on restoring the monument with the desired pace and precision.

While appreciating the renovation efforts on the "Jambu Lochan" monument, the DSS pointed out that restricted access due to the blocked Gen NC Vij Road and the vehicle parking in front of the monument have obscured its view and diminished its significance.

The Sabha called for the removal of these obstructions to restore the monument's prominence, symbolizing Dogra history and inter-communal harmony that inspired the founding of Jammu city.

The members expressed dismay over the decision to shift archives from the Mubarak Mandi complex, likening the move to leaving the historic complex as a body without its soul. It urged the government to reconsider and relocate the archives, along with about 29,000 books from the old library, to a suitably modified building within the complex.

This would ensure access for scholars and researchers, preserving the historical legacy of the region.

The DSS also lamented the decline of the Jammu Festival, which was initiated by the Sabha to preserve and celebrate Duggar Pradesh's rich cultural heritage. Once a vibrant platform showcasing Duggar culture, the festival has now been reduced to a symbolic exercise.

The Sabha called for sincere efforts to revitalize the festival and uphold the dignity and heritage of the region.

Additionally, the Sabha reiterated its demand for the establishment of a Duggar Satellite Channel in Jammu to promote Dogra culture, language, and traditions. Such a channel, the Sabha

argued, is essential for preserving the identity of Duggar Pradesh in an era of globalization and for providing a platform for the region's artists, writers, and cultural ambassadors to reach wider audiences.

The DSS members expressed collective disappointment with local leaders across party lines for failing to address issues dear to the Dogras. They urged these leaders, elected by the local population, to prioritize the region's aspirations and unite in support of the community's concerns including the restoration of statehood.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, extending best wishes for a successful democratic tenure to all elected representatives and expressing hope that they would work diligently for the welfare of their constituents.

Prominent participants in the deliberations included Col. Karan Singh, G.A. Khwaja, Brig M S Jamwal, Col. Dr. Virendra K. Sahi, Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Amanat Ali Shah, Abdul Majid, Adv. H A Siddiqui, Adv. H C Jaimaria, Jagdeep Singh, Narinder Singh Jamwal, Chhankar Singh, Ravi Singh, Rajeev Kumar and others.

Dr. Manyal meets LG Sinha, discusses several issues

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh constituency in Samba district, on Saturday meets with Manoj Sinha, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, to discuss several critical issues affecting the region. During the meeting, Dr. Manyal presented a series of developmental proposals aimed at empowering local youth, enhancing infrastructure, and resolving long-standing land-related concerns in Ramgarh. Among the key requests were the establishment of a Sports Council Hockey Turf in Village Shama Chak to promote sports and youth engagement, intervention in resolving land ownership issues for displaced persons from PoJK (Chhamb),



the opening of SDM and DSP offices to address administrative and security challenges, and the establishment of skill development institutions to equip the youth with employable skills. Dr. Manyal emphasized that these initiatives would greatly contribute to the

region's overall progress, ensuring sustainable development and improved livelihoods for the people of Ramgarh. He expressed hope for prompt action and support from the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor to address these important concerns.

LAHDC Leh signs MoU with NCUI to develop, strengthen cooperative sector in Ladakh

Top News Report

LEH, Nov 30: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), marking a significant milestone in the development and strengthening of the cooperative sector in Ladakh.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Chairman/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson; Executive Councillor, Stanzin Chospel; Deputy Commissioner/CEO LAHDC Leh, Santosh Sukhadeve; CEO, NCUI, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan; and officers from NCUI.

This collaboration aims to promote sustainable practices and improve livelihood opportunities for farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), entrepreneurs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and cooperative societies in the region. The partnership will focus on key areas such as training, skill development, exposure visits, market linkages, and providing comprehensive support. Special attention will be given to sectors including agriculture, horticulture, handloom, handicrafts, and animal and sheep husbandry. By empowering local communities and



enhancing their capacity to adopt sustainable practices, this initiative is expected to foster economic growth and self-reliance in Ladakh. It also seeks to improve access to markets and create opportunities for growth, contributing significantly to the region's overall development. This MoU underscores the commitment of LAHDC Leh and NCUI to uplift Ladakh's cooperative sector and support its journey toward sustainable and inclusive progress.

Shri Ranbir Campus advances steadily under leadership of Prof. Sridhar Mishra: Mahant Rohit



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: The concluding ceremony of the two-day North Regional Drama Festival 2024 at the Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Kot Bhalwal, was marked by a celebration of cultural and educational achievements. Among the dignitaries honored was Mahant Rohit Shastri, State Awardee and President of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic

Sansthan Trust. The event was graced by the Honorable MLA from Jammu North as the chief guest. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Sridhar Mishra, Director of Shri Ranbir Campus, with Shakti Pathak, Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, serving as the guest of honor. The Saraswat Guest, Rajendra Bhardwaj, former editor of Navbharat Times, also added prestige to the occasion.

Speaking at the event, Mahant Rohit Shastri commended the leadership of Prof. Sridhar Mishra, under whose guidance the campus is making remarkable strides in education and development. He emphasized that Shri Ranbir Campus is emerging as a beacon of quality education and achieving new milestones in its mission to empower students. Mahant Shastri also addressed the students, urging them to use the knowledge and skills acquired at the university for the betterment of Indian society. He encouraged them to remain in the country, contributing to its development and upholding its rich cultural heritage.

The event concluded on a high note, with participants and dignitaries celebrating the university's achievements and its commitment to fostering academic and cultural excellence.

Traffic suspended on Gurez-Bandipora road: SDM Gurez

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 30: Fresh snowfall at Razdan Pass has prompted the suspension of traffic on the Gurez-Bandipora road as a precautionary measure, according to Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Gurez.

The decision was made to ensure the safety of travelers amid worsening weather conditions. The Machil Valley in

North Kashmir's Kupwara district has received fresh snowfall.

Local authorities have urged residents and travelers to stay cautious and avoid unnecessary movement in snow-covered areas. Weather-related disruptions are expected to continue, with authorities monitoring conditions closely.

November ends with 69% rainfall deficit in J&K, Ladakh: MeT

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 30: The Meteorological Department reported a significant 69% rainfall deficit across Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh for the month of November.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said that against a normal average of 35.3 mm, only 10.9 mm of rainfall was recorded in the region during this period.

Kathua district experienced the most severe shortfall, with a 100% departure from normal rainfall, registering 0.0 mm against an expected 28.0 mm. Poonch followed closely, with a 98% deficit.

In Budgam, rainfall stood at 14.9 mm, 90% below the normal 30.1 mm. Srinagar and Jammu districts also faced considerable deficits of 74% and 78%, respectively.

However, Samba district emerged as an exception, receiving 48% more rainfall than average, with 12.5 mm recorded against the normal 8.1 mm. Kupwara district also saw a near-normal pattern, recording only a 3% departure with 48.1 mm against the normal 49.8 mm.

Director Agriculture Jammu inspects Agriculture Engineering Workshop

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, visited the Agriculture Government Engineering Workshop Jammu today to review the ongoing projects, infrastructure, and overall functioning of the workshop.

During the visit, Director Agriculture took an extensive tour of the facility and interacted with the officers and technical staff to understand the status of various agricultural development projects being carried out at the workshop. He assessed the infrastructure, machinery, and resources available, emphasizing the need for maintaining high standards of quality and efficiency in the production and repair of agricultural equipment.

Agri Research Engineer Vinay Kumar briefed the Director on several key initiatives, including the development of infra-



structure, new machinery, repair services for agricultural equipment, and the improvement of existing resources to better serve the needs of the farming community.

Director A.S Reen stressed the significance of timely and effective implementation of all projects to ensure the betterment of agricultural practices and the economic upliftment of farmers. He also directed the concerned officials to

ensure regular maintenance of the workshop's infrastructure and to take proactive measures for enhancing its operational capacity.

Concluding the visit, the Director Agriculture Jammu expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far and encouraged all the staff members to continue their hard work and dedication towards the advancement of agriculture in the region.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT NO. MICD/J/ 50 Dated:28/11/2024 Due on:5/12/2024

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division Krishna Nagar, Jammu, on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms/ reputed workshop owners doing similar nature of works having valid PAN No. and GST No. for below mentioned work. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 'A' -Tender fee and Bid Security Declaration Form, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance to terms and conditions of the tender. Cover 'B' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S.no.	Name of Work	EMD	Performance Security	Cost of tender document	Period of completion	Validity of Rates
1.	Restoration of Electrical machinery of LIS Langar Nowshera damaged due to flooding in month of August 2024 with allied works	Rs 7500.00	3% of the contract value of LI	Rs.200.00	10 Days	120 days

Key points of tender

- Bidding documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from 28/11/2024 (05.00PM onwards).
- The Bid shall be deposited on the web site <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from 28/11/2024 (05.00PM onwards) to 05/12/2024 (Upto 12.00PM).
- The cover "A" containing Tender fee, Bid Security Declaration Form & prequalification/ technical bids shall be opened online on 05/12/2024 (02.00PM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Jammu. In case of holiday or if the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of Cover 'A' the same shall be opened on the next working day or any other convenient day.
- Cover B containing the financial bids in the prescribed BOQ shall be opened after evaluation of the opened technical bids.
- Bids must be accompanied with EMD that should be pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Mechanical Irrigation construction Division Jammu in the form of CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 120 days along with copy of the cost of tender document as mentioned in the e NIT (Notice Inviting Tender). The cost of downloaded tender document shall be in the form of treasury challan favouring Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Jammu by crediting the requisite charge to MH: 0702 (Revenue). The firm claiming any discount/rebate shall attach the relevant supporting document/certificate to the effect. Moreover, all the participating bidders must send EMD, tender fee and other tender documents in original before/on due date i.e.5/12/2024, by hand, post or courier, failing which the bidder/bidders may be barred for participating further in tendering process.
- The complete bidding process will be ONLINE.
- Lowest bidder will submit the performance security in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank equal to 3% of the contract value in addition to the EMD amount along with Tender fee and other relevant documents after opening of financial bid online within 3 days. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office. In case the original documents are not submitted by the lowest bidders after opening of financial bid, the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further tendering process in the division.
- The original documents submitted by the LI should be the same as uploaded online (scanned copies).
- The bids shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period, makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid the earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- All other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>.
- The bidder is advised to visit the site. The bidder should be well versed with the site conditions, distance, head load and other related difficulties to be faced during execution of work.

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EDITORIAL

CALL TO ACT

A nation's strength lies not just in its economic power or military might but in the unity, determination, and moral values of its people. Saving a nation is not merely about preserving its borders but also about nurturing its democratic principles, cultural heritage, environment, and social harmony. It requires the collective effort of citizens to address the challenges that threaten its foundation and future.

Democracy is the cornerstone of a thriving nation. Upholding the rule of law, ensuring free and fair elections, and fostering transparency in governance are crucial. Citizens must actively participate in the democratic process, from voting to holding elected representatives accountable. Education and awareness about constitutional rights and responsibilities empower individuals to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. Promote civic education to create informed citizens, encourage youth participation in political and social activities and Advocate for anti-corruption measures to ensure clean governance.

Unity in diversity is a hallmark of a strong nation. Ensuring that all citizens, regardless of their religion, caste, gender, or ethnicity, feel valued and respected fosters national solidarity. Hate speech, discrimination, and divisive ideologies must be countered with empathy, dialogue, and education.

Actionable Steps include Encourage interfaith and intercultural dialogues, implement strict laws against discrimination and hate crimes, celebrate cultural festivals and heritage to strengthen bonds among communities.

A nation cannot thrive without a healthy environment. Climate change, deforestation, pollution, and loss of biodiversity pose significant threats to future generations. Sustainable development and eco-friendly practices are essential to ensure a balance between progress and preservation.

Actionable Steps include promote renewable energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels, encourage afforestation and community-driven environmental initiatives, implement strict regulations to control industrial pollution and waste.

Economic disparity and unemployment can destabilize a nation. Bridging the gap between the rich and poor, creating job opportunities, and fostering innovation are essential for a resilient economy. A strong economy not only enhances the quality of life but also strengthens national security.

Actionable Steps include Invest in education and skill development programs, support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and startups, strengthen agricultural and manufacturing sectors for self-reliance.

A secure nation ensures peace and prosperity for its citizens. Countering internal and external threats, maintaining law and order, and safeguarding cyber infrastructure are vital. However, national security extends beyond military preparedness; it includes food security, healthcare, and disaster management.

Steps include strengthen intelligence and defense mechanisms, enhance cybersecurity measures to protect critical infrastructure, develop robust healthcare and emergency response systems.

Education is the bedrock of a nation's development. A well-educated population drives innovation, economic growth, and social progress. Research and development (R&D) in science, technology, and humanities play a pivotal role in addressing global and local challenges.

Actionable Steps include increase funding for education and R&D, ensure access to quality education for all, especially marginalized groups, encourage innovation and entrepreneurship through grants and incentives.

Patriotism is not just about loyalty to the flag but also about contributing positively to society. It involves a sense of duty toward fellow citizens, respect for national institutions, and a commitment to the nation's welfare. True patriotism inspires individuals to work selflessly for the greater good.

Actionable Steps include promote national service programs for youth, highlight stories of unsung heroes and local change-makers, encourage responsible use of freedom, emphasizing rights and duties.

Women and youth are the driving force behind a nation's progress. Gender equality and youth empowerment ensure a more inclusive and dynamic society. Equal opportunities for all foster innovation and economic growth while addressing social inequities.

Actionable Steps include implement policies for women's safety, education, and employment, provide platforms for youth to voice their opinions and participate in decision-making, encourage skill development and leadership programs for both women and youth.

Saving a nation requires a multi-dimensional approach that combines individual responsibility with collective action. Each citizen must play their part, whether it is by conserving natural resources, voting wisely, or promoting social harmony. A nation's greatness is reflected in how it treats its people, its environment, and its democratic ideals.

Let us pledge to work together—across political, social, and economic divides—to create a stronger, more united, and prosperous nation. The future of the nation lies in the hands of its people, and together, we can overcome any challenge and ensure a brighter tomorrow.

Bangladesh Main Hindu Kab Tak Pitege aur Katenge ?

By: Omkar Dattatray

It is very unfortunate, sad and disturbing that in our neighboring country Bangladesh which in fact is the creation of iron lay the former Prime Minister Smt Indira Gandhi and so by India is today rising against Hindu minorities there which are some three crore in number .Bangladesh after the stepping and ouster of its ex president Shiekh Hasina is under the grip and total control of the radical and fundamental Muslims who are beating Hindu's and are killing them after being identified as Hindu's. The temples ,properties ,houses, shops et.al are looted, destroyed and burned across Bangladesh perhaps under the shield and passive support of the Younis government in that country .The ISCKON temples are being burned ,stoned and destroyed .The Muslim radicals and extremists are killing minority Hindu's ,beating them and heaping atrocities on the innocent and unarmed Hindu's and asking them to vacate from Bangladesh . The social media is ripe and full of the atrocities on Hindu's in Bangladesh .Hundreds and thousands of young and old Muslims with swords ,sticks ,stones and bricks in big processions across Bangladesh are raising slogans against Hindu's and asking them to leave the country or face serious consequences. Hindu's are being killed for no fault of theirs but simply because they belong to a different faith. Many Hindu's are being forced to convert to Islam and still others are being persecuted . The meek and innocent Hindu's are tolerating all the atrocities because of fear psychosis and there is all-round feeling of insecurity among Hindu's in that country .The Younis government is failing in its duty to safeguard and protect Hindu minorities and in broad day light the Hindu's are being beaten ,threatened ,humiliated and disgraced .The fear psychosis in Bangladesh is at its height and in communally surcharged atmosphere ,Hindu's are feeling most insecure and they have no one to fall back upon .It seems that the present government has given radicals and fundamentalists open licenses to beat ,kill and dishonor Hindu's and even the rulers there seem to be hand in glove with the radicals ,fundamentalists and extremists .The Hindu's are being grinded and are the worst sufferers of human right violations

.The Hindu's in Bangladesh are feeling most insecure and they have no one to fall back upon .The killings ,rapes and loot of Hindu properties are openly taking place in Bangladesh perhaps under the tacit and overt support of Younis regime .The government in Bangladesh is abdicating its constitutional ,moral ,humane and religious responsibility of protecting the life ,limb ,properties and honor of Hindu minority .Anti -Hindu riots and violence by the radicalized and frenzied mobs is a sad commentary on the government and the majority religion of Bangladesh .The killings of Hindu's ,beating them and entering their homes ,stoning the houses ,shops, temples of minority Hindu population is continuing in that country without any respite and this current spate of anti-Hindu violence including their killings is a serious matter .Such unfortunate violence is against the principles of Islam and therefore the anti-Hindu violence should not only be denounced and condemned but needs to be halted .The anti-Hindu violence and killing them without any cause brings disrepute to the peaceful religion of Islam and the radical ,fundamentalist and extremists are busy in desecration to Islam .The wonton and unfortunate killings with sadistic pleasure by the Muslims should stop in the interest of Bangladesh . Fresh violence in Bangladesh against Hindu minorities needs cessation and the religious heads and Moulana's and other religious clerics should rise to the occasion and wake up from deep slumber and issue fatawa against the hooligans who are attacking Hindu temples ,houses ,shops and even killing them and threatening them to leave that country is a very serious issues and should be put down with iron fist and communal harmony restored at the earliest so that Hindu's living there feel a sense of security and their protection of their life and limb as well as their religious freedom should be the top priority of the government there .The violence against Hindu's should be stopped .It is the responsibility of Bangladesh government to ensure protection of Hindu's ,their life, properties and temples and in safeguarding the Hindu minority .But the government there seems to be remote controlled by the indoctrinated and fundamentalists and therefore the attacks on Hindu's and their properties. As Vaish-

navite monk Chinmoy Krishna Das is arrested in Dhaka who was also one time member of ISKCON in Bangladesh ,prompting protests demanding his release .It is disturbing and nauseating that in fresh violence ,at least 91 innocent and unarmed people were killed in various parts of Bangladesh and more than 200 people have been killed in this month's violence mostly as a result of police firing . Former PM Hasina calls it Sabotage. EAM of India issued an advisory against travelling to Bangladesh and also urged those currently in the violence hit country to exercise extreme caution ,restrict their movements and remain in contact with High Commission of India in Dhaka .Hindus in Bangladesh have experienced both historical and ongoing religious persecution and systematic ,violence ,in the form of forced conversions ,documented massacres, genocides ,demolition and desecration of temples ,as well as destruction of educational amid centre's .Hindus in Bangladesh Shiver amid attacks .There have been over 200 instances of attacks ,including five killings ,on minority Hindus in three days of chaos after the fall of Shiekh Hasina regime in Bangladesh .There is continuous persecution of Hindus in Muslim dominated Bangladesh .In total ,according to the Bangladesh -Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Unity Council ,there have been over 2000 attacks on Hindu minority in that country .Three members of a Hindu family have been killed the other day in Bangladesh as a result of fresh anti -Hindu violence and attacks and a total of 912 attacks were documented .Four members of a Hindu family were found murdered last Tuesday in an apartment in Bhairab town of Kishoreganj district ,77 Kms northeast of Dhaka . The deceased have been identified as a 32 year old Jony Biswas ,his pregnant wife and their two children .The deaths sparked tension amid a sharp rise in violence against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh . Even children were not spared and it is the height of persecution and atrocities .Muslim mobs killed an innocent Hindu family. Now the government is hiding the fact . Where are the Human Right Groups ,Amnesty International all the time crying for Muslim injustice but cannot see the cruel and barbaric act on Hindus by radical Islamic mob .It seems that caretaker Bangladesh

government is also involved .MEA's statement in parliament on the fresh anti Hindu attacks and killings comes amid fresh attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh .Centre told parliament that the primarily responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh ,including minorities ,rests with the government of Bangladesh ,"MoS External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said in Parliament .As incidents of violence and vandalism against the minority Hindu community see a sharp upturn in Bangladesh ,genuine questions about attacks on Hindu temples and properties were raised in parliament and concern was also shown about these attacks on Hindu minority .The concern was also expressed about worst kind of human right violations of Hindu's in Bangladesh at the hands of Muslim radicals .Some of the questions included whether there has been an increase in the incidents of desecration and damage to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh .Answers were sought over the response of the Bangladesh government and efforts made by Dhaka to stop such incidents .Indian government has called upon the government of Bangladesh government to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities and their places of worship .Passive response to the anti Hindu attacks in Bangladesh will not help .The Modi government should use its good office and influence to pressurize Younis government to deal with the rioters in Bangladesh with iron hand and ensure security of Hindus .It is so sad that Hindus and Buddhists in Bangladesh have become "third class citizens" and the growing anti-Hindu mindset is alarming said Taslima Nasreen the great writer . One fails to understand how long will the attacks on temples and Hindu properties as well as the killings and assaults on them continue? GOI should intervene and seriously pressurize government in Bangladesh to act against the frenzy mobs who are attacking Hindus and damaging their temples and properties .In short the anti-Hindu violence in Bangladesh should immediately stop and safety and security of Hindus should be ensured.

(The author is a Columnist, Social and KP activist)

How to crack NDA

By: VIJAY GARG

Every exam has its own strategy to select the best students, so it becomes all the more important that a student must under this strategy and perform accordingly. The below points will help a student give his/her best performance on the *NDA* Exam day.

1. Synchronise your class XI & XII preparation with NDA Syllabus

Before coming into a preparation mode for NDA you must have clarity about the NDA syllabus and you should sync it with your 11th & 12th standard physics, chemistry and biology, mathematics, social studies. and General ability, English This ensures that your NDA preparation moves according to what the exam demands and you do not have to put extra effort for NDA preparation. Your efforts will be in the right direction.

2. Know your Strengths and Weaknesses

Before beginning preparation for NDA exam, the candidates must know about their existing level of preparedness for the NDA exam. For this the candidates need to check the last years' NDA papers, and they can evaluate where they stand.

Simultaneously, they can analyze their strengths and weaknesses based on their existing preparedness and the required NDA preparation. This will help the candidates decide how much weightage they have to give to various sections under the limited time frame they have for NDA preparation. Candidates can then utilize their strength and make a strategy to improve their weaknesses during the NDA preparation.

3. Study Material/Training for Preparation

When you think of preparing for an exam like NDA, it is better to have clear concepts and build the right exam temperament. It is important to have proper training to appear for KVPY as merely solving NCERT Problems may not help. A systematic approach and proper guidance is necessary to clear the two stages of NDA Exam. Having clarity of concepts and improving your problem solving ability will help you ace NDA

4. Regular practice and revision
You may have prepared very well for NDA however, it is important that you do regular practice and revision of topics. Also, if one is regular at revising and practicing the chapters you

develop a good command on your speed and accuracy while solving NDA questions. With clear concepts and time management, you ensure a significant rank on NDA merit list.

5. Solving previous year papers

To evaluate the level of your preparation, it is important to solve more and more previous year NDA test papers. You will be able to identify areas you are weak and work out your preparation plan for improving upon them. In the last two weeks of your preparation, you should put special emphasis on previous year papers to give your best efforts in the remaining time-frame before NDA exam. While solving a set of old test papers, you get accustomed to the type of questions asked in NDA You need not worry about any kind of surprise element during the exam.

6. Take good sleep prior to NDA exam day

It is important to have a seven-to-eight-hour sleep a night before the KVPY exam day. Going early to bed in the night prior to the exam day and getting up early in the morning on the NDA exam day will help relax your mind and body, and you will enter the exam hall with

full of energy.

NDA Exam Day Instructions:

Candidates are advised to follow these important instructions alongside do's and don'ts at Exam Day:

Candidates should reach the test centre 45 minutes before the test commences.

Candidates, who reach more than 15 minutes after the scheduled test time, may not be allowed to take the test.

Candidates are required to bring admit card, photo identity and ball pen to the exam centre. Any type of gadget, watch and calculators are not allowed inside the exam centre.

Maintain speed and try to attempt all questions.

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Red Ribbon Club GDC Ramnagar organises Symposium on World AIDS Day

Top News Report

RAMNAGAR, Nov 30: Symposium in connection with World AIDS Day, 2024 organised by Red Ribbon Club (RRC), Govt. Degree College Ramnagar in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society Jammu under the guidance of Prof. (Dr) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal of GDC Ramnagar.

The topic of the event was "AIDS: Prevention and Awareness" event. The participants discussed AIDS: its causes, prevention, treatment through power point presentation.

The symposium fea-



tured keynote address by Prof. Sonia Raj who shared her views with respect to World AIDS Day and about the theme of this year.

There were ten participants in the competition. Students enthusiastically participated and presented their views pertaining

to prevention, management and Battling AIDS.

The participants of the symposium were judged by Prof. Sumita Rao (HOD Zoology), Prof. Eisha Gohil (HOD Psychology) and Prof. Parminder Kumar (HOD IT).

Anjali Sharma, Indrakshi Sharma and Reeta Devi

got the first, second and third position respectively. All the participants were provided with the appreciation certificates whereas winners of the events were awarded with cash prizes.

The college remains committed to its role in raising awareness and fostering the culture of compassion, understanding and responsibility among the students and the wider community.

The Principal shared his valuable views about the prevention and spread of this deadly disease which is affecting the community.

The audience listened with keen attention and

learned many things from the Principal Sir. The technical hand was provided by Prof. Anice Ahmed. At the end the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Sunil Kumar (HOD Dogri).

The organising members of the event were Prof. Ritika Mahajan (Convener RRC), Prof. Sonia Raj, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Jeevan Kumar, Prof. Anice Ahmed, Dr. Zahid Mir and Atif Hussain Malla.

On this occasion, Dr. Sham Singh Kotwal, Prof. Sanjay Malhotra, Dr. Sajjad Bhatt, Prof. Ramesh Kumar, Geetanjali, Ambica Kumari were also present and graced the occasion.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organizes Poster making, Rangoli competitions on World AIDS Day



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JAMMU, Nov 30: Red Ribbon Club of Government Polytechnic Jammu in collaboration with J&K State AIDS Control Society organized a Poster making competition and Rangoli competition in the institution to commemorate the World AIDS Day - 2024 in which more than 100 students participated in the competition with great zeal and enthusiasm and expressed their thoughts through Posters and Rangoli.

Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Govt. Polytechnic Jammu interacted with

the students and educate them regarding how to combat with the disease. The theme of the competition was "Take the Right Path".

The main aim of the event was to make the students aware that HIV continues to be global health concern due to a number of shortcomings, including division, inequality and contempt for human rights and we need to aware the masses for the same.

After that the certificate were distributed among the winners and the participants for their volunteer participation to eradicate HIV-AIDS from the

society.

During this event Er. Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Er. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engineering Department, Er. Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Department, Er. Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Department were present.

The programme was organized by Er. Sanam Gupta, I/c Red Ribbon Club, Er. Sakshi Kapahi, Er. Sajjad Hussain, Ar. Manu Rajput, Er. Arshad Ranja, Er. Itika Sharma, Chamel Singh, and Toshi Devi the members of Red Ribbon Club, Government Polytechnic Jammu.

Dogra Degree College hosts motivational session on success stories

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SAMBA, Nov 30: Dogra Degree College hosted an inspiring session featuring Khushi Gupta, founder of Happy Hearts, a sustainable crochet brand specializing in eco-friendly toys and plastic-free alternatives. Addressing an audience of juniors, Khushi shared her remarkable journey from a creative visionary to a celebrated entrepreneur and change maker, leaving students inspired and motivated to pursue their aspirations with purpose and determination. During her address, Khushi detailed her entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing the challenges and milestones that shaped her success. "The idea of Happy Hearts was born from my passion for sustainability and creativity," she explained. "I started with a simple vision—to replace plastic toys with handmade, biodegradable alternatives—and with persistence, that



vision became a reality."

Her efforts have not only resulted in a thriving business but have also garnered recognition from leading organizations, including Radio Mirchi, FICCI FLO, and the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, solidifying her status as an advocate for sustainability and innovation.

Khushi's narrative resonated deeply with her audience as she outlined essential principles for achieving success. She encouraged students to take the first step, emphasizing that starting with limited resources should not hinder ambition, highlighting the importance of

evolving with challenges. Khushi shared how feedback and perseverance helped refine her products to meet customer needs effectively.

"Failures are not the end but opportunities to learn and improve," she stated.

Khushi urged students to align their goals with meaningful causes, emphasizing that true success lies in creating positive impacts alongside personal achievements.

The session also featured an engaging Q&A segment, during which Khushi addressed students' questions on navigating the challenges

of balancing academics and entrepreneurial ambitions.

She encouraged them to leverage the resources available at the college, actively participate in skill-building opportunities, and cultivate a growth mindset.

Reflecting on her journey, Khushi told the students, "I was once in your position—uncertain but determined. Today, I stand as proof that with perseverance, learning, and purpose, you can turn your dreams into reality."

The event was a conducted successfully by Assistant Professor at the Department of Commerce and Convener of IIC, Ms.

Rachna Devi under guidance of Principal DDC, Dr Bela Thakur.

The session commenced with a warm welcome note by Rachna Devi, Department of Commerce and Convener of IIC at the Department of Commerce and Member at IIC. The session winding up with a formal vote of thanks presented by Amarpreet kaur, Lecturer at Department of commerce and member at IIC.

"Khushi Gupta exemplifies the transformative power of combining creativity with responsibility. Her story serves as an inspiration for all our students to pursue their dreams while making a meaningful difference in society."

Khushi's visit reinforced the college's commitment to fostering an environment that nurtures innovation, resilience, and purpose-driven education. Such interactions aim to inspire students to aim high, embrace challenges, and create impactful futures.

JKSPYM commemorates World AIDS Day 2024



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JAMMU, Nov 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (JKSPYM), through its Targeted Intervention Project for Injecting Drug Users (IDUs), administered by the Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Department of Health and Medical Education, Government of Jammu and Kashmir organised an event to commemorate World AIDS Day 2024.

The event, under the theme "Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right" aimed to raise awareness and inspire action on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse prevention, was

held in collaboration with the Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST) Centre in Channi and the Police Drug De-Addiction, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Care Centre, also located in Channi, Jammu.

I.H. Rather, Superintendent of Police Headquarters Jammu, was the chief guest of the event. He addressed the gathering, speaking about the critical issues of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse prevention, providing valuable insights to IDUs who were clients of OST, drug addicts who were patients at DDAC, their spouses, families and the general public in attendance.

The event was further

enriched by the participation of Dr. Shahnaz Butt, Director of DDRC, and Dr. Gulnaz Choudhary, Medical Officer at DDRC.

Both distinguished professionals shared their expertise on Harm Reduction, the Needle Syringe Exchange Program, and Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST) as key strategies to combat the spread of HIV and support drug users.

A central theme of the event focused on the global goal to end AIDS, emphasizing that this ambitious objective can only be achieved if human rights are prioritized and communities are empowered to lead the charge in addressing HIV/AIDS and related issues.

MIER College hosts workshop on 'Expanding Horizons with Generative AI'



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JAMMU, Nov 30: MIER College of Education (Autonomous), in collaboration with the prestigious Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU), Malaysia, hosted the "Expanding Horizons with Generative AI" workshop on November 28-29, 2024.

This event aimed to equip educators from the School of Education, the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and administrators with advanced skills in leveraging generative AI for academic and administrative purposes.

The initiative, guided by Prof. Abtar Kaur, UNESCO Chair for Harnessing Innovations in Technology to Support Teachers and Quality Learning and Director of the Digital Learning Hub at APU, featured two expert trainers: Jonathan Kovilpillai, Program Manager, UNESCO Chair, and Analisa Binti Hamden, Digital Learning Designer, APU.

Prof. Adit Gupta, Director and Principal of MIER College, opened the workshop, emphasising the critical role of AI in

21st-century education and institutional management.

Participants explored generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot, Claude (LLM), Typeset.io, Elicit.com, and Invideo.io, showcasing their potential to transform academic writing, research, learning design, and administrative operations.

Day one, led by Jonathan Kovilpillai, focused on enhancing writing efficiency and research accuracy with AI tools, demonstrating their application in academic writing and research in the morning sessions and in streamlining research methodologies in the afternoon.

Analisa Binti Hamden shared her expertise on the second day, highlighting AI's impact on learning design and administrative tasks, with practical sessions on creating engaging educational content using Invideo and Pictory.

The workshop concluded with a robust discussion on ethical considerations and future applications of AI in education, coupled with an interactive Q&A session.

Feedback from participants highlighted the workshop's comprehensive approach and the practical relevance of the tools and techniques demonstrated.

This collaboration between MIER College and APU marks a significant advancement in fostering educational innovation and enhancing global institutional capacities.

LAHDC Leh flags off athletes for Paralympic training

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LEH, Nov 30: The Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, proudly flagged off two athletes, Diskit Angmo and Itikar Hussain, from Leh to Hyderabad for Paralympic training.

Accompanying them are Padma Chuskit, Warden, and Mukhtar Ali, Liaison Officer. The team is scheduled to depart for Hyderabad on Saturday.

The athletes will undergo specialized training for para-cycling under the guidance of the Aditya Mehta Foundation. This initiative is designed to prepare them for the upcoming Paracycling Nationals in Hyderabad.

The athletes were identified and selected during a meticulous screening and counseling process held earlier at special schools for persons with disabilities.

This effort is a significant step forward in the 2028 Paralympic Mission, an ambitious program launched by LAHDC in collaboration with the Aditya Mehta Foundation.

The initiative underscores the council's dedication to empowering athletes with disabilities and fostering their potential to excel on the global stage.

The LAHDC extended its heartfelt wishes to these talented individuals as they embark on their journey, representing Ladakh with pride and determination.

Tibet Advocacy Alliance seeks MP Gulam Ali's support for Tibetan Freedom and Culture

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NEW DELHI, Nov 30: The Tibet Advocacy Alliance - India has reached out to senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, urging him to champion Tibet's struggle for freedom and justice in Parliament, at his official residence in New Delhi.

The alliance presented a set of key requests aimed at enhancing India's support for the Tibetan people's ongoing struggle for freedom, justice, and self-determination.

During the meeting, the delegation urged MP

Khatana to recognize Tibet as an occupied nation with a historically independent and sovereign past. They emphasized the importance of affirming the Indo-Tibet border, a move that holds significant geopolitical and cultural implications for India.

The alliance also called for Khatana to make a statement in Parliament advocating continued Indian support for the Tibetan struggle, highlighting its alignment with universal human rights and India's moral responsibility.

In a symbolic gesture of

respect and recognition, the alliance requested India to honor His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, a global figure of peace and compassion, as he approaches his 90th birthday next year. Additionally, they stressed the urgent need to safeguard Tibetan culture and language, which are under threat due to Chinese policies in Tibet.

MP Khatana acknowledged the alliance's concerns and expressed his willingness to consider their requests, underscoring India's historic and spiritual ties with the Tibetan community.

GGMS Chowgam organises farewell party on retirement of Headmaster Dr Mohd Ayoub



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KULGAM, Nov 30: Govt Girls Middle School (GGMS) Chowgam organised a farewell party in respect of honorable retirement of their beloved and honest headmaster Dr Mohammed Ayoub khan of Gund tankipora kulgam. The said headmaster has highly contributed to the Education Department since his tenure.

The farewell ceremony was attended by various dignitaries including Chief education officer (CEO) kulgam Iqbal Hussain, Cluster head Nisar ahmad Baba, Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Devser Mohd Maqbool wani Ex Chief Education Officer Bashir ahmad bhat trali besides other, staff members of Govt

Girls High school Chowgam were present at the event.

He has not only performed his duties regularly but also fought for best interest of teachers and students on every situation. He always used to stand up against the injustice and remained firmly associated with the different associations through out his life. Whenever asked to contribute financially for the Departmental cause, he never refused.

The event commemorated his retirement and dedicated 35 years of service in the fields of education, various staff members along with local dignitaries graced on the occasion the official and prayed for his better and healthy life ahead.

During the event,

speakers lauded the significant contributions of Dr Mohammed Ayoub khan to the education department and extended their congratulations on his retirement. Dr Mohammed Ayoub khan expressed gratitude to all his colleagues for their support and cooperation throughout his tenure.

As a token of appreciation and affection, several mementos were presented to the retiring Headmaster. CEO kulgam conveyed his best wishes to Dr Mohd ayoub khan for his future endeavors and wished him a healthy and prosperous post-retirement life.

Meanwhile People of the area appreciated the service of headmaster Dr Mohammed Ayoub and wished him a happy and healthy post retirement life.

Priyanka Chopra's mother talks about that 'one regret' related to the star

Priyanka Chopra's mother Madhu Chopra has talked about that 'one regret' she still has and ponders over it even today.

Madhu Chopra was in conversation with host Rodrigo Canelas for the "Something Bigger Talk Show" podcast, where she shared that she "regrets" sending her daughter and the global head-turner to a boarding school at the age of seven.

The actress' mother said: "I don't know, was I a mean mother? I still regret it. I still cry over it. It was very hard for me, too...But the thing was, every Saturday, I would leave my work and take a train and come to visit her every Saturday."

"That was becoming disruptive for her because she was not able to adjust to her boarding school. Saturday, she would wait for me to arrive, and then on Sunday, I would stay with her. And all week, the teacher



told me, 'Stop coming. You can't come'. Reflecting on the same, Madhu said that decision is both filled with pride and regret. "So that is one regretful decision, but Priyanka turned out alright. She landed on her feet." Madhu then went on to reflect on a bittersweet chapter of Pri-

yanka's journey as Miss World. "Despite achieving a monumental milestone and becoming the Millennium Miss World, Priyanka's home state, Uttar Pradesh, was hesitant to welcome her," as per the caption mentioned on the podcast's handle on Instagram.

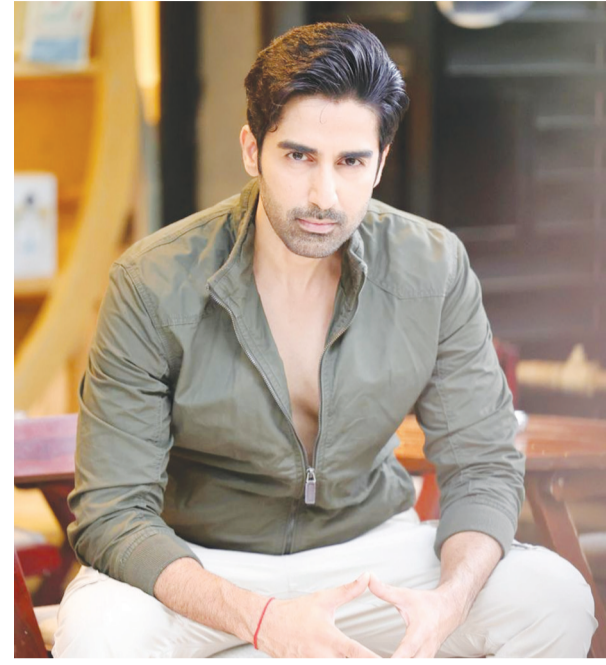
Talking about it, Madhu said: "There was a trend that all these beauty pageants are for 'nari social', shaming women by making them objectifying women. These pageants are not good. But she won this world. They were not ready to welcome her into Uttar Pradesh as such."

She revealed that a leading newspaper had a tough time getting permission for her to come and that took its limitation.

"So they allowed her to come only within the army area and have her welcome party only in the army club with only army officers, no civilians. So to have won such a big title for the country, and it was big then, she was a millennium as well and it was huge."

"She had reams and reams and reams written about her. But then her own home state didn't welcome her as well. But she was not fazed."

Television educates, says actor Ishaan Singh Manhas



Currently seen in Star Plus' show Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua, Ishaan Singh Manhas shared his thoughts on

how TV has evolved and its enduring impact. "Television has always been a powerful medium to shape and

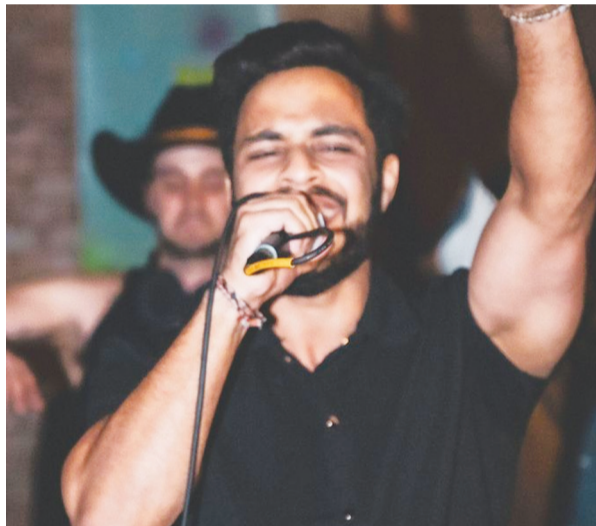
reflect societal values. It doesn't just entertain; it educates and connects people. Through relatable stories and diverse characters, TV has sparked conversations and influenced public opinion, encouraging awareness on issues like gender equality, mental health, and social justice," he says.

For Ishaan, television remains a powerful medium of storytelling. "TV allows for long-form narratives, giving room to explore characters and relationships deeply," he adds. On the rise of streaming platforms, he says, "Streaming platforms have opened new avenues for actors with bold narratives and unconventional characters."

Singer Shahzeb Tejani making waves

Shahzeb Tejani, a singer, composer and lyricist born in Houston, Texas, has released multiple songs in collaboration with Zee Music Company. Inspired by legends like Mohammed Rafi, KK and Sonu Nigam, Shahzeb developed a love for Bollywood music ring his childhood. "These are the singers who were my inspiration and I took up music due to them," he shared.

Shahzeb began performing at family events during his time at Houston College of Architecture, eventually gaining recognition on platforms like YouTube and Instagram. His talent was soon recognised. Shahzeb debuted in 2019 with the song Apna Bana Le Na, under Zee Music Company. In 2022, he col-



laborated with Abhijeet Sawant, the first winner of Indian Idol, on the song Tera Rishta.

In 2023, Shahzeb released his debut album, Bin Kahe, and in 2024 released his first English single, Until You're Mine.

"There is a long way for me to go yet and I am looking towards

the future with much optimism," he beamed. Shahzeb recently took the stage in Dallas, Texas, for the final stop of Yanchan's USA tour. They delivered an electrifying performance on their collaborative track, Teri Yaad, featured on Shahzeb's debut album, Bin Kahe, which was released in 2023.

Australian director Phillip Noyce bags Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

Renowned Australian director Phillip Noyce was honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in Cinema at the gala closing ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. In his acceptance speech, the legendary filmmaker recalled his first experience of watching cinema in Mumbai in 1978.

"What an experience it was! It felt as though I was watching films for the very first time. The Indian audience is unlike any other - fully immersed in the emotion of the film, as though they were part of it. There is nothing like the Indian audience," said an elated Noyce.

Remembering the legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray, Noyce said, "Growing up in Australia,



we were all inspired by the work of Satyajit Ray. I have drawn from his approach in my own work, particularly when casting. Like Ray, when I couldn't find indigenous

Australian actors for my films, I looked to cast real people who could simply be themselves."

He further expressed deep gratitude to Ray, "In the world of Australia,

we filmmakers owe a debt to Satyajit Ray that goes far beyond any award. His influence continues to guide and inspire us." Noyce also shared his thoughts on the evolving nature of filmmaking. "We must once again turn to Satyajit Ray's cinematic philosophy — less is more. As technology evolves, so must we. Let movies become smaller and ideas get bigger. That, I believe, is the future of cinema," he asserted.

Noyce's filmography includes iconic films like Patriot Games, Clear and Present Danger, Salt, The Saint, The Bone Collector and more. His collaborations with celebrated actors like Harrison Ford, Nicole Kidman, Angelina Jolie, Denzel Washington and Michael Caine

underscore his lasting impact on cinema. Noyce has received numerous awards, including the AACTA Awards and the prestigious Longford Lyell Lifetime Achievement Award.

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award, an international honour instituted by IFFI, was previously bestowed upon luminaries such as Martin Scorsese, Bernardo Bertolucci and Dilip Kumar, Wong Kar-wai and Michael Douglas.

Paying a tribute to veterans, seven restored classics were screened at IFFI 2024 as well. These include silent film Kaliya Mardan, Awara, Saat Hindustani, Hum Dono, Harmonium, Devadasu and Seemabaddha.

Want to play a vampire, says Divyenndu



Mirzapur star Divyenndu says he would love to play a vampire in a horror film as it is a genre that he has not explored yet. An alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Divyenndu had his break-out role in the comedy Pyaar Ka PUNCHAMA (2011).

After a string of supporting and lead roles, he gained prominence with crime series Mirzapur, real-life drama The Railway Men, and this year's hit comedy movie Madgaon Express.

"It is important to enjoy the moment and leave it there and move forward, otherwise it will burden you as an artiste. I'm thankful to my fans who appreciate my work. Still, because of that pressure, I don't

want to play the same characters again and again," Divyenndu said.

"I would love to dabble in horror. My lifelong dream is to do a nice horror film and play a vampire. The fun is to play different genres, be different characters, and go out there and express without the fear of failing or how it will be received," he added.

In his upcoming feature, Agni, Divyenndu plays the role of a cop named Samit, who is investigating the mysterious surge in fire incidents in the city with his brother-in-law Vithal, a firefighter (Pratik Gandhi). The action thriller is directed by Rahul Dholakia of Parzania and Raees fame.

Agni marks the second collaboration between

Divyenndu and Gandhi after the release of their blockbuster hit dark comedy feature, Madgaon Express.

Divyenndu is happy about Mirzapur: The Film, which is based on his award-winning crime thriller series, Mirzapur. He played a ruthless goon Munna Bhaiya in the first two seasons of the Prime Video show, which has attained mass popularity.

"I am very excited for my fans. I never think that this is what we should do for fans. But for the first time, because the response has been so much, and they've been so vocal about everything, I'm happy that this should happen. The whole team would come together again. But this is what fans want. So, it would be nice to give them this gift, and hopefully, they'll like it."

Created by Puneet Krishna and directed by Gurmmeet Singh, Mirzapur: The Film, will see actors Pankaj Tripathi and Ali Fazal return as Kaleen Bhaiya and Guddu Pandit. It is scheduled for a release in 2026. Produced by Excel Entertainment in association with Prime Video, Agni will premiere on December 6.

Shraddha Arya's bids goodbye to Kundali Bhagya



It's the end of an era, as Shraddha Arya, who has been the heart and soul of Kundali Bhagya for over seven years, officially bid adieu to the show. Known and loved for her portrayal of Preeta, Shraddha leaves behind a legacy that has touched millions of fans across the globe. Adding another beautiful chapter to her life, the actress recently revealed the news of her pregnancy, making this transition even more special.

Shraddha shared, "Saying goodbye to Kundali Bhagya feels like the end of an era—a chapter that has been my constant for more than seven years. Some things in life become a default setting, and, for me, this show was exactly that. Kundali Bhagya wasn't just a job; it became an inseparable part of me. Preeta is me, and I am Preeta—our journeys are intertwined in ways I never imagined. This show has given me countless memories, a family and love like no other. I have played a mother's role in the show and as I step into motherhood in real life, I realise how much my journey as Preeta prepared me for this chapter of life. It's as if life imitated art and gave me a chance to live it all over again."

Thank you to Ekta Kapoor, my co-stars, Zee TV, and the entire crew for giving me this beautiful space where I could learn, grow, and thrive."

Amid dispute with Dhanush, Nayanthara shares cryptic post about 'karma'

Amid her ongoing legal dispute with actor Dhanush, Nayanthara shared a cryptic post about karma always finding its way back.

The actress took to her Instagram stories and shared a note that read, "Karma Says!!! When you destroy someone's life with lies Take it as a loan, it will come back to you with interest."

The post comes days after Dhanush filed a lawsuit against Nayanthara and her filmmaker husband Vignesh Shivan for the unauthorized use of clips from "Naanum Rowdy Dhaan" in their Netflix documentary Nayanthara: Beyond The Fairytale.

The case was heard in the Madras High Court on November 27. During the hearing, Justice Abdul Quddus directed Nayanthara, Vignesh Shivan, and others to clarify the allegations made against them. Dhanush has also sent a legal notice to the couple, warning them of a lawsuit for using BTS visuals in the documentary.

The notice states that he will seek Rs 10 crore in damages if they proceed with using the clips.

In a recent develop-



ment, Nayanthara's lawyer has responded, stating that their clients have not violated any copyright laws. Rahul Dhawan, representing the actress, clarified that the footage used in the documentary was from the actor's "personal library" and was not owned by Dhanush's Wunderbar Films Private Limited.

On November 16, the 'Jawan' actress posted an open letter on Instagram wherein she criticized Dhanush for stooping to "an all-time low" after he demanded a compensation of Rs 10 crore from her. The demand stemmed from a 3-second clip from Nayanthara's film Naanum Rowdy Dhaan, produced by Dhanush, which was used in the docuseries trailer.

An excerpt from Nay-

anthara's lengthy letter read, "What's even more shocking is your legal notice after the release of the trailer of the Netflix documentary. We were startled to read those lines wherein you questioned the usage of some videos (just 3 seconds) which were shot in our personal devices and that too BTS visuals that are already very much publicly present on social media and claimed a sum of Rs.10 crores as damages for the mere 3 seconds. This is an all time low from you and speaks so much about your character. I wish you were half the person you portray to be on stage in audio launches in front of your innocent fans but clearly you do not practice what you preach, at least not for me and my partner."

NDA cadets must carry forward bonds they made to plan and execute ops: IAF chief

Air Chief Marshal urges NDA cadets to uphold leadership, integrity, and jointmanship in service

PUNE, Nov 30 (Agencies): Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh on Saturday said National Defence Academy (NDA) cadets must carry forward the vast experience of their training to service academies and bonds they made at the institute in planning and execution of operations.

The Air Chief Marshal was the reviewing officer of the 147th course of the NDA and addressed the Passing Out Parade at the tri-service training institute in Khadakwasla. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "The vast experience of training at the NDA needs to be carried forward to the respective service academies, and the bond created here must be carried towards planning and execution of our operations. I am confident that you will all don the mantle of jointness as proudly as you will don your service uniforms." He said as young officers, the role of NDA cadets in any future conflict would be pivotal in ensuring that the enemy designs are defeated and that the territorial integrity of a great nation is not compromised.

"High-quality training imparted at the NDA and other academies of the three services will guide you and equip you with the strength and confidence to boldly face these challenges," he said. He said the NDA is rightly called the cradle of leadership and is undoubtedly one of the finest academies in the world.



"In terms of infrastructure size and quality of training, this academy is unmatched, and you all had the rare distinction of being trained here and being associated with it for the rest of your life," the Air Chief Marshal said.

"Having chosen to voluntarily join the Armed Forces, you made the brave decision to take the route less travelled," he said, addressing the cadets. He said as future military leaders, the cadets will be leading a highly motivated and courageous set of soldiers, sailors and air war-

riors, and trust will be placed in their leadership given the perils of life. "Therefore, it is your sacred duty to lead from the front only through your immaculate personal conduct, professional competence and unquestionable integrity to win the trust and respect. The NDA is not only a cradle of leadership but also a cradle of jointmanship," he said. He asked the cadets never to hesitate to make decisions, be fearless and always trust in their abilities and gut feelings. "Never forget the courage, honour, and sacrifices made by your predecessor. Let their valour be your motivating factor throughout your career. Always remain

physically, strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. Be honest in your dealings and have clean thinking so that you always choose the harder right than the easier wrong," he advised.

As many as 1,265 cadets participated in the parade, of which 357 cadets, including 215 from the Army, 301 from the Air Force and 38 from the Navy, were from the passing out course. The passing-out cadets included 19 from friendly foreign countries (Bhutan, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and Maldives). The cadets will join their respective pre-commissioning training academies.

A contingent of 47 Female Cadets, presently in their third, fourth and fifth terms of training, also participated in the parade. Cadet Ankit won the President's gold medal for earning first place in the Overall Order of Merit. Cadet Yuvraj Singh Chauhan was awarded the silver medal for standing second, and Cadet Jodha Thongiaomayum received the bronze medal for standing third. The Golf Squadron bagged the prestigious 'Chiefs of Staff Banner' for being the Champion Squadron, which was presented during the parade.

Stop atrocities on Hindus immediately, release ISKCON monk from jail: RSS

NEW DELHI, Nov 30 (Agencies): The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Saturday appealed to the Bangladesh interim Government to ensure the atrocities on the Hindus are stopped and ISKCON monk Chinmoy Krishna Das is released from jail immediately.

RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale in a statement also appealed to the Indian Government to continue its efforts to stop the atrocities on the Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh and take necessary steps to build global opinion in its support "as soon as possible".

"The attacks, murders, looting, arson as well as inhuman atrocities by Islamic fundamentalists on Hindus, women and all other minorities in Bangladesh are extremely worrying and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh condemns this," he said. Instead of stopping

this, the present Bangladesh Government and other agencies are only silent spectators, Hosabale said.

"Out of helplessness, a new phase of injustice and atrocities seems to be emerging against the Hindus of Bangladesh to suppress the voice raised by them in a democratic way for self-defense," the RSS general secretary said.

"It is unjust for the Bangladesh government to send ISKCON monk Chinmoy Krishna Das, who is leading the Hindus in such peaceful demonstrations, to jail," he added.

Bangladesh Police earlier on Monday arrested International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) monk Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport area in Dhaka while he was travelling to Chittagong.

"The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh appeals to the Bangladesh Government to

ensure that the atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh stop immediately and release Shri Chinmoy Krishna Das from imprisonment," Hosabale said.

"The RSS also appeals to the Indian Government to continue its efforts to stop the atrocities on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh and take necessary steps as soon as possible to build global opinion in its support," he added.

At this crucial time, the RSS general secretary said, India and the global community and institutions should stand with the victims of Bangladesh and express their support, and demand that their respective Governments make every possible effort to ensure that atrocities on the Hindus and other minorities are stopped in Bangladesh immediately.

This is necessary for world peace and brotherhood, he added.

Parliament must function in broader interest of people: Mayawati

LUCKNOW, Nov 30 (Agencies): Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) president Mayawati on Saturday called on the Centre and the Opposition to ensure that the Winter Session of Parliament focuses on the country's pressing problems rather than partisan clashes.

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister's appeal stemmed from controversies such as allegations against the Adani Group and the Sambhal mosque survey dispute, among others, which led to disruption in proceedings in both houses of Parliament this week.

"Both the government and opposition should ensure that the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament focuses on the country's pressing problems rather than partisan clashes," Mayawati said, according to a BSP statement issued here.

"Parliament must function in the broader interest of people. Both the ruling party and the opposition must demonstrate seriousness to address the challenges facing the nation," she added.

The BSP supremo on Saturday addressed a meeting of senior party leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand in Lucknow and stressed on them the need for Dalits and Ambedkarite communities to unite in their struggle for political empowerment.

She stressed that the fight for the "master key to power" must intensify to free the society from the grip of "casteist and communal" forces, according to an official statement.

Mayawati reviewed the party's organizational progress and directed the officials to address shortcomings at the district and divisional levels.

She hit out at the BJP, accusing it of diverting public attention from pressing issues like unemployment, poverty and inflation by using divisive tactics similar to the previous Congress governments.

"The BJP's promises during the elections are forgotten once in power, leaving fundamental issues unresolved,"



she said, according to the statement.

Mayawati also slammed Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath-led government for prioritizing religious agendas over constitutional responsibilities.

She emphasized that economic struggles, unemployment and lack of education continue to affect millions in Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring Uttarakhand.

"The government's failure to fulfill its responsibilities has pushed the public into deeper poverty and backwardness," she said.

Speaking on the legacy of Dr BR Ambedkar, Mayawati reiterated the BSP's commitment to his vision of a welfare-oriented and egalitarian society.

She announced plans for programmes on December 6 to honour Dr Ambedkar's contributions.

The BSP supporters will gather at prominent sites in Uttar Pradesh like the Ambedkar Memorial in Lucknow and the Dalit Prerna Sthal in Noida, while similar events will take place across other states. Mayawati also addressed the challenges posed by the opposition parties, urging the BSP workers to prepare for electoral battles with renewed vigour. Referring to the recent state election results in Haryana, Jharkhand and Maharashtra, she criticised the influence of money, muscle power and misuse of Government machinery in undermining free and fair polls. She warned that "such practices erode public faith in democratic institutions" and called for "stringent measures to restore trust".

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Cyclone Fengal landfall near Puducherry today; schools, colleges shut in Tamil Nadu

PUDUCHERRY, Nov 30 (Agencies): Heavy rains pounded several parts of north Tamil Nadu and Puducherry on Saturday, under the impact of Cyclone 'Fengal,' affecting normalcy and prompting evacuation.

The downpour was accompanied by gusty winds and what began as intermittent rainfall in coastal regions on the night of November 29, gradually became steady leading to inundation in several areas.

Operations at the Chennai airport were suspended between 12.30 pm and 7 pm. In the neighbouring union territory Puducherry, people living in low-lying areas were evacuated, District Collector A Kulothungan told agency.

The union territory administration sent SMS alerts to around 12 lakh residents cautioning them to remain vigilant in view of 'Fengal' likely to make landfall near the UT later in the day.

In Chennai, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin reviewed the situation at the State Emergency Operations Centre with top officials and later told reporters that all precautionary measures have already

been taken and camps have been set up for people of vulnerable areas. Food was also being distributed to them.

Also, he inspected a pumping station.

Many parts of the city suffered inundation and trees were uprooted. Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) authorities said 22,000 personnel including engineers, officials and sanitary workers were on the job and a total of 1,686 motor pumps of various capacities including 25-hp and 100-hp were in use. As many as 484 tractor-mounted heavy-duty pumps and 137 pumps of 100-hp capacity have been deployed.

The GCC said work was on in a 'war-footing' to clear waterlogging in 134 spots and out of the 9 trees that fell, 5 have been cleared. Out of the 22 subways, traffic flow is smooth in 21. The Ganesapuram subway had already been closed for tasks related to railway bridge work.

Reservoirs that cater to the city's drinking water needs such as Chembarmakkam and Poondi received copious inflow.

Many residents of low-lying Madipakkam

parked their cars on both sides of nearby Velachery flyover.

Residents of similar vulnerable areas too parked their vehicles in safe spots. Roads were largely deserted and civic workers, police, and fire and rescue personnel, deployed in vulnerable places performed rain-related relief/rescue tasks.

State-run transport corporations operated skeleton services in Chennai and nearby areas. Railway officials said EMU train services in all suburban sections in Chennai division will operate with reduced frequency until further notice. An official said that by and large, train (including express/superfast) services have not been affected, though there was some delay.

Due to strong winds with velocities ranging between 65-73 kmph, suburban services between Chennai Beach and Velachery in the MRTS Section were suspended from 12.15 pm onwards, officials announced.

Chennai Metro Rail said its services were operational without any glitches and informed public of parking areas

in specific stations that were prone to inundation.

Airport authorities declared suspension of all operations till 7 pm starting from 12.30 pm.

Departure and arrival schedule of both domestic and international flights were affected. Some of the flights were diverted to Bengaluru and Tiruchirappalli and at least 18 flights were cancelled and 12 other flights were delayed.

As the sea was pretty rough, police put up barricades blocking access to noted beaches including the Marina and Mamallapuram. State-run Aavin milk supply was not affected and power supply continued to be normal in many areas.

The government had already declared November 30 a holiday for educational institutions and requested IT firms to make their employees work from home.

In Puducherry, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) from Arakonam has arrived to engage in relief and rehabilitation works.

According to Collector Kulothungan, cyclone Fengal was expected

to cross the coast in the evening. Control rooms have been opened in the collectorate and also in the line departments.

The entire stretch of beach road and also several tourist spots were closed to restrict public movement. Schools and colleges remained closed today.

Rain alert to residents via SMS

Puducherry experienced heavy rains on Saturday morning prompting the union territory administration to send SMS alerts to around 12 lakh residents cautioning them to remain vigilant as cyclonic storm Fengal is expected to make landfall near here later in the day.

District Collector A Kulothungan told agency that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that people remained safe.

"We have evacuated people from low lying areas and shelter homes are ready to accommodate them. Arrangements were also made to supply food packets," he said adding that National Disaster Relief Force from Arakonam has arrived to engage in relief and rehabilitation works.

Over 150 two-wheelers gutted in fire at Varanasi's Cantt railway station

VARANASI, Nov 30 (Agencies): Over 150 two-wheelers were destroyed in a fire that broke out at a parking stand in Varanasi's Cantt railway station, officials said on Saturday.

There were no reports of any casualties.

The incident took place on Friday night when the fire erupted near the platform one parking stand, according to railway officials.

Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) along with the

fire department rushed to the spot to douse the flames, they said.

The blaze was brought under control but over 150 vehicles were reduced to ashes, they added.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager Lalji Chaudhary expressed regret over the incident.

He said that the parking stand was set up for railway employees and because of the fire there has been a lot of damage. There has been no loss of life of any kind in the fire. Chaudhary said, adding that a committee has been formed to investigate the matter.

Bihar: 2 killed as mobike goes up in flames after road accident

PATNA, Nov 30 (Agencies): A motorcycle turned into a ball of fire on being hit by a speeding vehicle, burning two of its three riders to death in Bihar's Gaya district, police said on Saturday.

The incident occurred in the Atari police station area on the Teusa-Manpur main road near Sidh Shivala, Neeraj Kumar, said SHO of Atri police station.

The deceased were identified as Deepak

Kumar, son of Surendra Yadav, from Pali village and Amarjeet Kumar, son of Ravindra Mistry, from Bandhu Bigha village.

The third rider on the bike, Raju Kumar, also from Pali village, was injured, police said.

"The collision was so intense that the bike's fuel tank burst, resulting in a fire that engulfed the three riders. Two of them were burnt alive and died on the spot while another was seriously

injured due to the explosion," the SHO said.

"The unidentified vehicle responsible for the accident fled the scene, and efforts are underway to locate the errant driver," said the SHO.

The police registered a case of rash and negligent driving and launched a hunt for the driver, Kumar said.

"The condition of one of the victims remains critical.

The police promptly

responded by reaching the scene and ensuring the injured was transported to hospital for treatment," Kumar said.

The incident caused panic among locals who rushed to the scene but were unable to prevent the youths from sustaining serious burns.

The injured youth was admitted to Magadh Medical College Hospital for treatment.

As the news of the accident deaths reached

Pali and Bandhu Bigha villages, the victims' families went into mourning.

Demanding early action against the culprits, the victims' families approached the police for early arrest of the errant driver.

The tragic event highlights the devastating consequences of reckless driving and road safety lapses, underlining the need for respecting traffic rules.

Battered by war, divisions, Lebanon faces long list of challenges after ceasefire deal

BEIRUT, Nov 30 (Agencies): Hours after a US-brokered ceasefire to end the war between Israel and Hezbollah went into effect, Lebanon woke up to the sound of celebratory gunfire instead of Israeli airstrikes and drones buzzing overhead.

It was a rare moment of respite for Lebanon, as bombs stopped falling after a year of war. Thousands of displaced people joyfully drove back to their towns and villages in southern and eastern Lebanon.

But the realization of what lies ahead quickly sank in. Town after town in the south and east as well as parts of Beirut have been destroyed, entire border villages leveled to the ground, and thousands of buildings damaged. The World Bank estimates losses amounting to some \$8.5 billion.

For the tiny and broken Mediterranean country, which has dealt with compounded calamities for over half a decade, the ceasefire deal has brought more questions than answers.

Among them, who will foot the bill for rebuilding? Will Hezbollah fully remove its fighters and arsenals from the south, relocating north of the Litani River — and how will the Lebanese army ensure that it does so? And will Israel ultimately accept the militants being pushed back, battered but not destroyed?

Meanwhile, Lebanon's political paralysis between groups allied and opposed to Hezbollah has only worsened during the war — raising the possibility of instability that could rattle the ceasefire. Anger has grown among some over that they see as the Iran-backed group's decision to provoke another disastrous war with Israel.

Temporary calm or a step toward long-term security?

During the 60-day first phase of the ceasefire deal, based on Security Council Resolution 1701, Hezbollah and Israeli forces are to withdraw from south Lebanon, and the Lebanese military is to step in.

The Lebanese troops are to ensure that Hezbollah dismantles its facilities and military positions and that it doesn't try to rebuild. That's a major point of tension, potentially putting the army in a dangerous confrontation with the more powerful militant group.

The army, largely funded by the United States and other Western governments, is a rare point of unity in Lebanon's tense sectarian power-balancing political system.



But it's always tried to avoid friction with Hezbollah, which is backed by a large constituency among Lebanon's Shiite Muslims.

Hassan Fadlallah, a Hezbollah lawmaker, told reporters Thursday that the group will cooperate with the army to implement the ceasefire. But he also said the military doesn't have the capability to defend Lebanon against Israel — a role Hezbollah has long claimed. He said the group would continue in that role.

"Can anyone say if Israel attacks, we watch?" Fadlallah said. "When Israel attacks our country, we will fight and resist. This is our right."

Mike Azar, a Lebanese commentator, said the army is "in an impossible position."

"To suggest that it can disarm or dismantle Hezbollah's infrastructure is, frankly, absurd," he said in an online post.

A Lebanese military official told The Associated Press that troops' deployment will be gradual into areas of the south, including those from which Israeli troops withdraw. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of not being cleared to speak to the media.

The US and France will also be involved in a monitoring mechanism to make sure Resolution 1701 is implemented.

Its viability is really being put to the test — "if there really is going to be that commitment" by all sides, said Salman Shaikh, who served as political adviser to the UN special envoy for Lebanon during the 2006 war, when the resolution was passed. He now runs The Shaikh Group, a mediation and conflict resolution organization.

Critics of the deal fear the pressure is far greater on Lebanon, and Israel has more space to attack Hezbollah — which it has vowed to do if it

believes Hezbollah isn't abiding by its terms.

With US support, Israel has given itself "almost total freedom to determine when it needs or wants to attack Lebanon again for whatever reason," said Matt Duss, executive vice president of The Center for International Policy, a Washington-based think tank.

Cash-strapped Lebanon needs support for its military and battered country.

Lebanon since late 2019 has been mired in a crippling financial crisis that pushed millions into poverty, destroyed its banking system, and limited the country to just a few hours of state electricity daily.

The Lebanese military has suffered as well, with troops quitting or working second jobs to pay the bills. Yet, the aim of the agreement is for Lebanon to recruit more and deploy an additional 10,000 troops south of the Litani River. Without significant funding — especially with the huge rebuilding costs Lebanon now faces.

The international community in a donor conference in Paris last month pledged USD 1 billion dollars for Lebanon, including USD 800 million for humanitarian assistance and USD 200 million to support the army. But aid groups say none of that funding has materialised yet.

Mercy Corps says Lebanon's gross domestic product shrunk by 6.4% — some USD 1.15 billion — just in the last two months of the war. The organization is scrambling to secure housing and services for displaced people ahead of the winter.

"The worst civilian impacts could still be ahead," Laila Al Amine, Mercy Corps' Lebanon country director, said in a statement.

A looming question is who will foot the bill. Iran has offered to help, but it's cash-strapped and under Western sanctions. Oil-rich Gulf Arab states, who helped rebuild after the 2006 war, are weary of Lebanon's political class and not inclined to step in.

Growing tensions over Hezbollah at home

Even before the war, Hezbollah and its arsenal were a point of contention in Lebanon. Its allies say Hezbollah's militants are crucial in protecting Lebanon, while critics say its weaponry violates state sovereignty and is used to pressure political opponents. They have long demanded Hezbollah be disarmed.

Senior parliamentarian Alain Aoun said Lebanon has a long list of urgent matters to address, including electing a president after over two years of vacuum, securing reconstruction funding and resolving a host of neglected economic issues.

"There are a number of challenges awaiting us," Aoun told the agency.

Hezbollah's opponents were also angered over its decision to unilaterally start firing rockets into northern Israel on Oct 8, 2023. The group said it was acting in solidarity with its ally Hamas in the Gaza Strip and vowed not to stop until a ceasefire there was reached. Critics say it dragged Lebanon into war and brought Israel's destructive bombardment.

Even some of its allies expressed frustration.

Lawmaker Gebran Bassil, who heads a party that for years was Hezbollah's main Christian ally in government, said in a video posted on X that Hezbollah "should be at the service of the state," not the other way around.

Hezbollah's top ally Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who spearheaded negotiation efforts, has long pushed for Hezbollah to decouple its campaign against Israel from the war in Gaza. Now he is calling for parliament to vote for a president in January in order to ease Lebanon's political gridlock — a move that could put Hezbollah's political power to the test.

This is where international funding and political support would also be crucial, says Shaikh.

The international community, he said, needs "to help the Lebanese sort out their issues, which still persist and which are not exclusively just to do with the Israeli actions against them."

US universities urge international students to rejoin before Trump comeback



WASHINGTON, Nov 30 (Agencies): As the United States prepares for Donald Trump to take office as the 47th President in January, a cloud hangs over Indian students and professionals studying and working in the US. Several top American universities have issued travel advisories, urging international students to return to the country before the inauguration amid fears of potential travel bans, reported news agency.

President-elect Trump, who is set to take the oath on January 20, has announced plans to implement sweeping executive orders on his first day in office, targeting immigration and economic policies. This has reignited concerns over disruptions similar to those caused during his first term in 2017, when nationals from seven predominantly Muslim countries faced an immediate travel ban.

The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, issued a detailed advisory urging its international students and staff to consider returning before January 20. "Given that a new presidential administration can enact policies on their first day in office and based on previous

experience with travel bans in 2017, this advisory is made out of an abundance of caution," the university said.

The Wesleyan Argus, Wesleyan University's college newspaper, reported that the university's Office of International Student Affairs (OISA) had issued similar guidance to its students. An email from the office reportedly read: "The safest way to avoid difficulty re-entering the country is to be physically present in the US on January 19 and the days thereafter."

David Elwell, Associate Dean at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), cautioned international students to assess their travel plans carefully amid the unpredictability of the transitions, warning of potential delays in visa processing and the risks associated with being outside the US when new policies are enacted.

"With every election, there can be changes in policies, regulations, and legislation that impact higher education as well as immigration and visa status matters," he wrote in a recent post.

These warnings have particularly resonated

with Indian students, many of whom recall the disruptions caused by Trump's 2017 executive order. That ban had sparked protests, impacted thousands of students and professionals, and raised questions about the inclusivity of US immigration policies.

Universities are taking proactive steps to protect their international students. Yale University's Office of International Students and Scholars hosted a webinar earlier this month to address student fears about possible immigration policy changes. Other institutions are also preparing to challenge any disruptive policies that may be enacted by the Trump administration.

India's Ministry of External Affairs has yet to issue a formal advisory but has acknowledged the situation, urging Indian nationals in the US to remain updated on travel regulations.

The US remains a top destination for Indian students pursuing higher education, with India surpassing China in 2023/2024 to become the leading place of origin for international students. According to the Open Doors 2024 Report on International Educational Exchange, 331,602 Indian students were enrolled in American institutions, marking a significant 23 per cent increase from the previous year. This demographic now constitutes a critical part of the US academic ecosystem.

Floods displace 1.22 lakh people in Malaysia

The death toll remained at four recorded across Kelantan, Terengganu and Sarawak.

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Agencies): More than 122,000 people have been forced out of their homes as massive floods caused by relentless rains swept through Malaysia's northern states, disaster officials said Saturday.

The number surpassed the 118,000 displaced during one of the country's worst floodings in 2014, and disaster officials feared it could rise further as there was no let-up in torrential downpours.

The death toll remained at four recorded across Kelantan, Terengganu and Sarawak.

Kelantan state bore the brunt of the flooding, accounting for 63 percent of the 122,631 people displaced, according to data from the National Disaster Management Agency.

There were nearly 35,000 people evacuated in Terengganu, with the rest of the displacements reported from seven other states.

Heavy rains, which began early this week, continued to hammer Pasir Puteh town in Kelantan, where people could be seen walking through streets inundated with hip-deep waters.

"My area has been



flooded since Wednesday. The water has already reached my house corridor and is just two inches away from coming inside," Pasir Puteh resident and school janitor Zamrah Majid, 59, told agency.

"Luckily, I moved my two cars to a higher ground before the water level rose."

She said she allowed her grandchildren to play in the water in front of his house because it was still shallow.

"But if the water gets higher, it would be dangerous, I'm afraid they might get swept away," she added.

"I haven't received any assistance yet, whether it's welfare or other kinds of help."

Muhammad Zulkarnain, 27, who is living with his parents in Pasir Puteh, said they were

isolated.

"There's no way in or out of for any vehicles to enter my neighbourhood," he told agency.

"Of course I'm scared... Luckily we have received some assistance from NGOs, they gave us food supplies like biscuits, instant noodles, and eggs."

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.

Thousands of emergency services personnel have been deployed in flood-prone states along with rescue boats, four-wheel-drive vehicles and helicopters, said Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who chairs the National Disaster Management Committee.

Bank accounts of Hindu monk, 16 others linked to Iskcon frozen in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Nov 30 (Agencies): Bangladesh authorities have ordered the freezing of bank accounts of 17 people associated with the Hindu spiritual organisation Iskcon, including the recently arrested monk Chinmoy Krishna Das.

The bank accounts have been frozen for 30 days on the orders of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), and directives have been issued to various banks, news agency reported.

The move came after a Bangladesh High Court rejected a plea to ban the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, popularly known as Iskcon. The call to ban the organisation was raised after a violent protest broke out following the arrest of the Hindu monk, who

was accused of killing an advocate.

The Bangladesh government had argued in court that Iskcon was a fundamentalist organisation.

According to the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU)'s order, all types of transactions related to these accounts are frozen for a month, Bangladeshi newspaper Prothom Alo reported.

The agency also instructed the banks and financial institutions to provide information, including updated transaction statements of accounts related to all businesses owned by these 17 individuals, within the next three working days, it said.

The monk, Chinmoy Das, a former member of Iskcon, was arrested on November 25 on sedition charges, claiming

that he disrespected the Bangladesh flag during a protest demanding safety for Hindus in Bangladesh. A sedition case was filed against Das and 18 others.

Das was denied bail and has been sent to jail. India has responded sharply to the arrest and urged the government of Prime Minister Mohammad Yunus to ensure the rights and freedoms of minorities in the country.

Iskcon Bangladesh has refuted allegations linking it to the lawyer's killing, saying the claims were baseless and part of a malicious campaign.

Bangladesh's financial crackdown on the Hindu organisation comes amid international condemnation over the persecution of Hindus in the country and calls for ensuring their safety.

Thailand flooding kills nine, displaces thousands



BANGKOK, Nov 30 (Agencies): Flooding driven by heavy rains in southern Thailand has killed nine people and displaced more than 13,000, officials said Saturday, as rescue teams using boats and jet skis worked to reach stranded residents.

Local media footage showed residents wading through murky, chest-deep water and cars submerged in flooded streets.

"Flooding across eight provinces in southern Thailand has affected 553,921 households and claimed nine lives, prompting agencies to mobilise urgent assistance," the country's disaster agency said on its official Facebook page.

More than 13,000 people had been forced to flee their homes, with temporary shelters set up in schools and temples, it added.

Nampa, a resident of coastal Songkhla province, told state broadcaster Thai PBS she was concerned about the dwindling food supplies.

"We are doing fine now, but I am not sure how long we can stay in this condition," she said.

Two hospitals in nearby Pattani province suspended operations to prevent floodwaters from damaging medical facilities.

Red Ribbon Club of GDC Marheen celebrates World AIDS Day

Top News Report

MARHEEN, Nov 30: Red Ribbon Club of Govt. Degree College Marheen celebrates World AIDS Day by organizing various events such as Debate Competition on November 16, poster making competition on November, expert lecture delivered by Dr. Tejaswani Sharma and Dr. Somani Gupta of GMC Kathua on November 28 and concluded on Saturday by forming Human Chain to mark the observance of World AIDS Day. All the activities were organized under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.)



Anupama Gupta. In her address she elaborates the causes and remedies of the deadly disease i.e. HIV/

AIDS and appreciated the efforts of the Red Ribbon Club to organize awareness Programme about the ill effects of

HIV/AIDS among the students and society. She also asked the students to educate the masses of their locality

about the same.

The programme was organized under the supervision of Dr. Balbinder Singh, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club.

The other faculty members presented in the programme were Prof. Sandeep Choudhary, Dr. Arun Dev Singh, Prof. Anoop Sharma, Dr. Munisha, Dr. Shallu, Prof. Manu, Prof. Suman, Prof. Naresh, Prof. Diksha, Prof. Meenu, Prof. Arpana Prof. Naresh, Prof. Saqib and Prof. Amitika also joined the programme.

Students of the college were actively participated in all the activities.

INARA hosts meeting for Jammu Youth Fest 2024



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: INARA held a meeting at the Amar Singh Club on Saturday marking a key milestone in preparations for the highly anticipated Jammu Youth Fest 2024, poised to be the largest youth festival ever held in Jammu.

The event organizer, Aman Gupta, chaired the meeting, which included distinguished board members and other key stakeholders who gathered to discuss the festival's logistics, programming, and fundraising.

The Jammu Youth Fest 2024 will showcase a diverse array of events, including J&K's Got Talent, a Fashion Show, Cooking Competitions, an Art Festival, E-sports tournaments, a Techno Expo, and a Marathon. Attendees can also look forward to entertainment highlights such as Sufi Night, Live Concerts, and a DJ Night, alongside food stalls, exhibitions, and interactive activities

for all ages. Designed as a platform to celebrate the talent and creativity of youth from across the region, the festival is expected to attract thousands of participants and attendees.

Avni Gupta, who served as the meeting's speaker, led discussions on planning and organizing the festival's ambitious lineup.

Following her address, Deepak Handa shared his expertise in event management, offering insights into logistical arrangements, fundraising strategies, and community outreach.

His guidance will help INARA maximize the festival's impact and ensure smooth coordination among board members and team members.

Key participants in the meeting included Ankur Suri, Raman Gupta, Vinod Malhotra, Abhishek Sachdeva, Sukreet Gupta, MJ Sunny, Radhay Mahajan, Achutam Khajuria, Pankaj Sharma, and Ritika,

among other prominent personalities from J&K's cultural and corporate communities. Together, they discussed INARA's vision for Jammu Youth Fest 2024 and the extensive plans to make this event an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

Aman Gupta expressed his excitement about the festival, stating, "This will not just be an event, but a celebration of the spirit of our youth, a showcase of talent, innovation, and culture, right here in Jammu. Our team and partners are working tirelessly to create an experience that will set a new benchmark for events in the region."

As planning continues, INARA will provide further updates on event details, registration, and partnerships. With Jammu Youth Fest 2024, INARA and its team of dedicated members aim to bring together youth from across J&K, fostering unity, creativity, and cultural pride in an unforgettable event.

Indian Army & Singapore Armed Forces Conclude Joint military exercise "Agni Warrior - 2024"

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces, concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devali (Maharashtra) on 30th November 2024. The three-day exercise conducted from 28th to 30th November 2024, witnessed participation by the Singapore Armed Forces contingent comprising 182 personnel



from the Singapore Artillery and the Indian Army contingent comprising 114 personnel from the Regiment of Artillery. The aim of XAW-2024 was to maximise mutual understanding of

drills and procedures to achieve jointness as a multinational force under the United Nations Charter. The exercise showcased joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation

Equipment by the Artillery of both Armies.

The event was witnessed by Lieutenant General Adosh Kumar, Director General of Artillery, Lieutenant General NS Sarma, Commandant, School of Artillery, and Colonel Ong Chiu Perng, Chief Artillery Officer, Singapore Armed Forces. The dignitaries appreciated the participating troops for displaying high levels of professional acumen and expertise.

The Exercise involved

extensive joint preparation, coordination, understanding of each other's capabilities, procedures and evolution of common interface between Indian and Singapore Artillery procedures. It marked the culmination of successful training by Singapore Armed Forces troops exposing them to intricacies of Fire Power planning. Both sides utilised niche technologies during the exercise and exchanged best practices as part of the joint training.

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Over 5.59 Lakh Aspirants Apply For 4,002 Police Constable Posts In J&K

Chib said the exams for the posts of constable (executive/armed/SDRF) are going to be held on December 1 at 856 centres across 20 districts, for which 2,62,863 candidates are set to appear, with the maximum number of 54,296 candidates appearing from Jammu district.

Similarly, for the posts of constable (telecommunications), the SSRB chairperson said 1,67,609 candidates are going to appear in the exams to be held on December 8 and 1,28,663 are scheduled to appear in the test for constable (photographer) exams on December 22.

The meeting was informed that for the first time, male and female gazetted officers have been deployed at each centre as "frisking supervisors", besides ensuring videography of the exams to ensure transparency, an official spokesperson said.

The chief secretary impressed upon the officers to make adequate arrangements in terms of deployment of staff, including observers, supervisors, invigilators and other personnel, for a smooth conduct of the examinations.

He urged the deputy commissioners to visit as many exam centres as possible, besides forming teams under senior officers in the district administration to examine all the centres set up in their districts.

The chief secretary sensitised them to ensure that no untoward incident of copying or malpractice occurs anywhere and that enough security personnel are deployed at each centre in the district, the spokesperson said.

He enquired with them about the arrangements made for the delivery of both sensitive and non-sensitive exam material to the centres.

The chief secretary also enjoined upon them to personally monitor the whole process till the OMR sheets are sent back to the SSRB by the police department, the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, a group of youngsters, who could not apply for the constable posts due to being over-age, staged a demonstration here and raised slogans against the administration for not providing them a level-playing field.

"We had also dreamt of joining the police and serving the nation but were denied the opportunity by the administration, which failed to hold the examination for years. We have given our representation to the lieutenant governor, political parties and officers seeking age relaxations but all our pleas were ignored," youth leader and social activist Mehran Anjum Mir said.

The protesters reiterated their demand for age relaxation for the posts of constable and sub-inspector, and demanded rescheduling of the constable examination

to allow them to compete as well.

The SSRB has issued a notification for the recruitment of 669 sub-inspectors in the Jammu and Kashmir Police department. According to the official schedule, the application process for recruitment will begin on December 3 and conclude on January 2, 2025.

Woman dead, 2 missing after car plunges into Chenab river in Doda

while the car along with two other occupants had submerged into the river, the officials said, adding the search is on for the missing persons.

Stripping Kashmiri Pandit women of their migrant status on marrying non-migrants discriminatory, unjustified: HC

introduced special job opportunities for migrants to aid their return and rehabilitation in Kashmir.

A Division Bench of Justices Atul Sreedharan and Mohd Yousuf Wani, on November 11, examined whether a Kashmiri migrant woman would forfeit her migrant status merely by marrying a non-migrant, reported Bar and Bench.

In response to this "question of public importance," the Court observed that such a stance would be counterproductive to human nature. It explained that these women had to leave their homes in Kashmir due to no fault of their own, and they should not be expected to remain unmarried just to preserve their migrant status and qualify for jobs in the Valley. The Court attributed this issue to the patriarchal nature of society, asserting that such discrimination could not be justified, especially in employment matters.

The Court also noted that due to the forced migration, it was unrealistic to expect every Kashmiri woman to find a suitable Kashmiri match. It stressed that if a woman had to marry a non-migrant, driven by the natural desire to form a family, it would be unjust and discriminatory to strip her of her migrant status.

Further, the Court pointed out the gender bias in the situation, where male migrants retain their migrant status even if they marry non-migrants, highlighting the inequity rooted in patriarchy.

"Such a situation has arisen only on account of patriarchy that prevails in the human race," the Court remarked. The Court firmly stated that such discrimination should not be allowed in employment matters under the State/UT.

The case arose from an appeal filed by the Jammu & Kashmir government chal-

lenging a Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) order that had directed the appointment of two Kashmiri Pandit women as Legal Assistants in the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction. The women had been removed from the final selection list because they had married non-migrants. The State contended that the women had concealed this fact.

The counsel for the women argued that their migrant status could not be nullified simply due to their marriage to non-migrants. The High Court upheld the CAT's ruling, stating that there was no question of revoking their migrant status.

According to the Court, a migrant is defined as someone who was forced to leave the Kashmir Valley after 1989, a fact that the appellants (State) did not dispute. Therefore, there was no question of disputing the women's status as migrants.

The Court also dismissed the State's argument that the women had failed to disclose their marriage status, pointing out that the advertisement notice did not specify that failure to disclose such information would lead to the cancellation of their candidature.

Furthermore, the State had not shown that any material injustice had occurred due to this non-disclosure. Therefore, this argument was also rejected.

Finally, the Court dismissed the State's appeal and ordered the authorities to issue the appointment orders for the two women within four weeks.

The State was represented by Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli and Advocate Bhannu Jasrotia, while Senior Advocate Bimal Roy Jad, along with Advocates Meenakshi Salathia Kaur and Veenu Gupta, represented the respondents.

J&K Police conducts raids in Batamaloo, HMT areas of Srinagar

He said that the Srinagar district police, after obtaining search warrants from an NIA court, conducted the searches in the houses of Obais Riyaz Dar of Bonpora, Batamaloo, and Sahil Ahmad Bhat of HMT, Zainakot.

Incriminating materials and electronic devices were seized during the raids, the spokesperson added.

He said more such searches in the houses of identified suspects involved in spreading "malicious and seditious propaganda" would be conducted in the coming days.

The official urged citizens to exercise responsibility while using social media platforms and refrain from sharing or uploading inciteful content that promotes false narratives and misleads people, especially the youth, to commit acts of terror.

Hurriyat Conference

asks Omar-Led Govt to reinstate employees fired over 'Terror Links'

the Union territory to reinstate all the employees who have been terminated "in an unjust manner".

"The elected administration should take immediate measures to stop this injustice and reinstate all the terminated in this unjust manner even without a hearing," the separatist leader added.

The two government employees dismissed from service were identified as Abdul Rehman Naika, a pharmacist in the health department, and Zahir Abbas, a teacher in the school education department.

The lieutenant governor invoked Article 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution to terminate the employees after investigations by law enforcement and intelligence agencies "clearly established their terror links".

Under the Article, Since has ordered the termination of several government employees over the past few years.

8 guns smuggled from Pak seized in Amritsar, 2 arrested: Punjab Police

illegal arms smuggling networks, Counter Intelligence, Amritsar apprehends 2 persons from Nurpur Padhr, near Gharinda, Amritsar while they were waiting for another operative to handover the weapon consignment smuggled from Pakistan," Yadav said in a post on X.

A case under the Arms Act has been registered in Amritsar, police said, adding that investigations were underway to establish backward and forward linkages.

Police said it recovered eight sophisticated weapons — four Glock pistols (made in Austria), two Turkiye 9mm pistols and two X-Shot Zigana pistols, along with 10 rounds.

Higher reaches experience light snowfall in Bandipora

places in the Kashmir region where the minimum temperature settled below the freezing point.

The tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir experienced another chilly night, with the mercury settling at minus 1.5°C, 2.8°C below the normal. The previous night the minimum temperature at Pahalgam was minus 3.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg, the renowned ski destination in north Kashmir, registered a minimum of 0.5°C, which is 3.3°C above normal. Gulmarg had registered a low of zero degrees Celsius on the previous night.

North Kashmir border town of Kupwara recorded a low of 3.4 degrees Celsius. The Jammu city recorded 10.7 degrees,

Katra 11.6, Batote 6.5, Banihal 3.1, and Bhandarwah 3.1 as the minimum temperature.

The MeT has predicted wet weather in Kashmir from Saturday.

They said generally cloudy with light rain and snow in higher reaches is expected at isolated places on Saturday.

On December 1, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy, with light rain or snow likely at isolated locations in the higher reaches.

For the next two days, light rain or snow is anticipated at scattered places in the higher reaches.

The weather is likely to remain dry between December 4-7.

SED directs private schools to calculate 3-year age for nursery admissions as of Nov 30

"The issue has been examined viz-aviz the provisions of National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), which stipulates that a child entering Nursery or Balvatika or Pre school or Anganwadi should be above 3 years of age," reads a circular issued by the Principal Secretary SED Suresh Kumar Gupta.

The SED circular reads that it has become imperative to fix a deadline for calculating the minimum age of a child following the restoration of November-December academic session in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division which also remains in compliance with the provisions of National Education Policy (NEP) -2020.

"In light of the above, the date for reckoning the minimum age of the child shall be November 30 of the year in which admission is sought or granted in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division of the School Education Department, for admission in Nursery or Balvatika or Pre School or Anganwadi," the circular reads.

As per the circular, all the educational institutions working in Kashmir Division and winter zones of Jammu Division have been directed to adhere strictly to these guidelines to ensure a hassle-free admission process.

Former MLA Devsar, Ghulam Hassan Parray, passes away in Qazigund

The elections witnessed a 66.78% voter turnout from a total of 29,854 registered voters.

Basharat also added that the late leader's son had contested as an independent candidate in the 2008 assembly elections but could not replicate his father's success.

Harmanpreet Singh hungry for Hockey World Cup glory after two Olympic bronze medals

NEW DELHI, Nov 30 (Agencies): India's men's hockey team captain, Harmanpreet Singh, is eyeing a long-awaited World Cup triumph to add to his glittering cabinet of two Olympic bronze medals. While he cherishes his Tokyo and Paris Olympic successes, the 27-year-old remains determined to end India's World Cup medal drought, which stretches back to their historic gold in 1975 under Ajitpal Singh's captaincy.

In a conversation with agency, Harmanpreet expressed his unwavering ambition to claim both Olympic gold and a World Cup medal during his career. "The way we performed in Paris shows that we can compete with the top teams and win," said the drag-flick specialist. "A World Cup medal hasn't come for a long time, and I want to fulfil that in my career."

India has won three World Cup medals in its history: bronze in 1971, silver in 1973, and gold in 1975. Harmanpreet, who also led India to a Junior World Cup



win in 2016, sees the senior Test team's resurgence as a sign of brighter days ahead. "We will not surrender till we achieve that," he vowed.

Harmanpreet is currently honing his drag-flick skills to stay ahead of the competition and prolong his career. "Drag-flicking is getting tougher, and my goal is to bring in more variations and remain fit," he said.

The Indian team's immediate focus lies on the upcoming FIH Pro League matches and securing the Asia Cup to qual-

ify directly for the next World Cup. Harmanpreet is optimistic about reliving India's golden hockey days with the current generation of players.

The return of the Hockey India League (HIL) after seven years has given Harmanpreet and Indian hockey a fresh shot of energy. At the recent HIL auction, Harmanpreet became the highest-paid player, with the Soorma Hockey Club of Punjab bidding ₹78 lakh for his services.

"The HIL is a great platform

for youngsters to learn and prepare for international hockey. It played a significant role in my own career, and I believe it will help produce future stars for India," Harmanpreet said.

Despite his hefty price tag, Harmanpreet remains unfazed. "There's no pressure. Every match is a responsibility, and I'll approach the HIL with the same mindset."

Interestingly, Harmanpreet's journey in hockey began by chance. Growing up with a love for multiple sports, he was introduced to hockey by a school coach. "Hockey chose me," he admitted, adding that he became an instant fan after picking up the stick at age seven or eight.

Harmanpreet also credited Indian women's hockey team coach Harendra Singh for shaping his career and praised emerging talent like drag-flicker Deepika. "She is in safe hands under Harry sir," he said, confident on the women's team's bright future.

Australia pacer Hazlewood ruled out of 2nd Test against India



ADELAIDE, Nov 30 (Agencies): Pacer Josh Hazlewood was on Saturday ruled out of the second Test against India — a day-night match — starting here on December 6 with a "low grade left side" injury, Cricket Australia announced.

Australia are trailing 0-1 in the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy after a 295-run shellacking in the first Test at Perth.

"Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the match with a low grade left side injury. Hazlewood will remain with the group in Adelaide to prepare for the remainder of the series," the CA said in a media release.

Uncapped pacers Sean Abbott and

Brendan Doggett have been added to the Australian squad for the Adelaide Test.

"Sean Abbott and Brendan Doggett have been brought into the Australian men's squad for the second NRMA Insurance Test match against India in Adelaide.

"Abbott and Doggett join Beau Webster as squad additions for Adelaide," the release said. However, Australia also have the option of bringing in pacer Scot Boland to the eleven in place of Hazlewood.

Hazlewood has a fine record in Pink Ball Tests, as the 33-year-old has taken 5 for eight in five overs in the day-night Test against India here in the 2020-21 series when the visitors were bundled out for 36.

This is also the first time Hazlewood will miss a home Test against India.

Abbott and Doggett have been coming on the back of good efforts in the Sheffield Shield matches recently.

Abbott had figures of 4 for 71 in 16 overs against Tasmania in his last Shield match, while Doggett had picked up a five-wicket haul against Western Australia, and now has 11 wickets in three Shield matches.

The pacer had also bagged his career-best figures of 6 for 15 in the A game against India A in McKay recently.

1st Test: England in charge after Woakes, Carse run through New Zealand on Day 3

CHRISTCHURCH, Nov 30 (Agencies): England tightened their grip on the first Test against New Zealand, ending Day 3 with a commanding position after Chris Woakes and Brydon Carse dismantled the Black Caps' top order. New Zealand were reeling at 155 for six, holding a slim lead of just four runs at the close of play on Day 3 in Christchurch.

The day began with Harry Brook stealing the spotlight, continuing his majestic innings to score a career-best 171. Brook, resuming on 132, showcased a mix of finesse and power, smashing 15 boundaries and three sixes during his 197-ball knock. Together with skipper Ben Stokes, who contributed a gritty 80, Brook propelled England to an imposing first-innings total of 499, giving the visitors a crucial 151-run lead.

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In reply, New Zealand's batting faltered under pressure. Tom Latham (1) and Devon Conway (8) fell cheaply

before tea, leaving the hosts in trouble. Kane Williamson provided a glimmer of hope with a classy 61, becoming the first New Zealander to surpass 9,000 Test runs in the process. However, Woakes struck a double blow, trapping Williamson lbw and dismissing Tom Blundell for a golden duck on consecutive deliveries.

Glenn Phillips briefly resisted but was undone by Carse, falling lbw for 19. At the close of play, Daryl Mitchell (31*) and debutant Nathan Smith (1*) were tasked with salvaging New Zealand's innings. Woakes (3 for 39) and Carse (3 for 22) were the pick of England's bowlers, exploiting the conditions effectively and leaving New Zealand on the back foot.

A result seems almost inevitable on Day 4. For New Zealand, survival will require both resilience and innovation. The lower middle order must draw inspiration from England's tail-end contributions if they are to build on their slender four-run lead.

However, with the top order failing to set a solid platform, this task looks increasingly formidable. England, on the other hand, will look to capitalize on their momentum, aiming to wrap up the innings quickly and secure a manageable chase.

Trust your game like Kohli to turn things around: Ponting tells Smith, Labuschagne

ADELAIDE, Nov 30 (Agencies): Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting advised struggling batters Marnus Labuschagne and Steve Smith to trust their game akin to star India batter Virat Kohli to turn their fortunes around in the remaining four Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Labuschagne was all at sea against Jasprit Bumrah-led Indian pacers in the opening Test at Perth, which the Aussies lost by a whopping 295-run margin, making a 52-ball 2 and 3.

Smith looked equally out of sorts while making a first-ball duck and 60-ball 17 before succumbing to Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj in the first and second innings respectively.

"Marnus looked the most tentative out of all the batters in Perth. Yes, it was high qual-



ity bowling on a difficult wicket, but he needs to find a way to turn it around," Ponting told ICC Review.

Ponting cited how Kohli broke the shackles at Perth.

"Virat went back to trusting his game and he looked like a different player in the second innings than he did in the first innings," Ponting said.

Kohli fell to Josh

Hazlewood for five in the first innings but made an unbeaten 100, his 30th Test hundred, in the second innings that helped India set a massive 534-run target.

"He (Kohli) got away from trying to combat the opposition and focused on his strengths. That's what Marnus and (Steve) Smith need to do - find their own way and show great intent," said Ponting.

Ponting, who has 13378 runs from 168 Tests with 41 hundreds, asked the Australian batters to take more risk and apply pressure on the Indian bowlers.

"You have to find a way to take risks and put it back on those guys because you know the Bumrahs of the world... they're not going to give you too many easy scoring opportunities.

"When they do, you've

got to be ready to pounce on it and put it away and try and put some pressure back on them," he explained.

Despite suffering a massive defeat in the opening Test to go 0-1 behind in the five-match series, Ponting cautioned the Aussies against making wholesale changes to the eleven.

"I'd be sticking with the same side. I think you have to show faith in champion players and a lot of the guys that we're talking about in this team have been champion players.

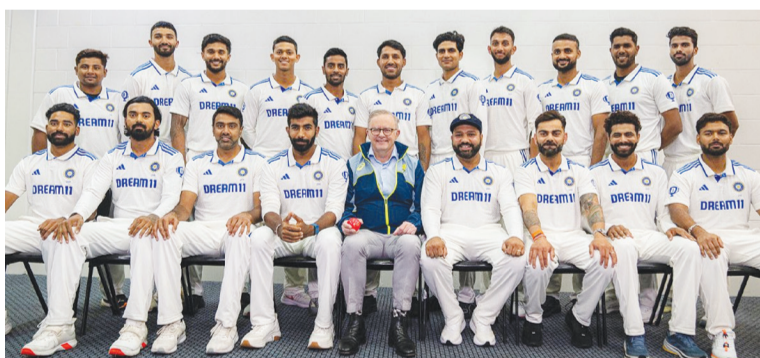
"Maybe not for a little while, but they have proven their ability on the big stage," he added.

Australia will take on India in the second Test -- a day-night fixture -- at Adelaide from December 6 but without injured pacer Josh Hazlewood.

Australian PM Albanese poses with Indian team ahead of pink ball practice game

CANBERRA, Nov 30 (Agencies): The official social media handle of the Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, shared snippets from the meet-up with the Indian team ahead of the practice game in Canberra. Day 1 of the pink-ball practice match witnessed a delay in start due to rain. Before the start of the game, Albanese posed for the shutterbugs with the Indian team, who were all set in their Test jersey. The Australian PM also interacted with the Indian team and was spotted having a special chat with star India batter Virat Kohli.

"The PM's XI and Indian cricket teams are keen to get out on the field. The rain has delayed play for today, but it's been great to chat with players and fans at Manuka Oval," the caption read. Albanese also took over



the commenting duties for the practice match. He went on to call the India vs Australia rivalry bigger than the Ashes.

"I think it is now, the population, if you look at the IPL, is just such a huge part of global cricket now. Prime Minister Modi, there I was there at Narendra Modi stadium there in Ahmedabad for the test match and the crowd was enormous.

Of course, it seats more people than any ground in the world, and they're so passionate," said Albanese on Fox Sports.

"BGT bigger than Ashes" Further speaking ahead, he said that the five-match Test series has further intensified the rivalry between the two sides and the Boxing Day Test at the MCG is going to be huge.

"And of course, we played the

final in the international cricket series (World Test Championship) was played in London. And we were successful there, but in the series, there's a real rivalry and now I would suggest even more. It used to happen sometimes just a three-test series. It's going to be Boxing Day will be huge on December 26 I think, you know, they could get 100,000 people there, and it's great for Australian tourism as well," he added.

Recently, the Indian team was hosted by the Australian PM at the Parliament House in Canberra ahead of their two-day warm-up fixture against the Australia Prime Minister's XI. PM Albanese engaged in light-hearted conversations with several players and shared the photographs of the meeting on social media.

Mohammed Shami overcomes injury scare in SMAT to bowl full spell: Reports



RAJKOT, Nov 30 (Agencies): India's seasoned pacer Mohammed Shami experienced an injury scare during Bengal's Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh but showcased his resilience by completing his full spell. Despite the brief moment of concern, Shami's determination reassured fans of his readiness for competitive cricket.

According to Sportstar, Shami suffered the scare during the penultimate over of Madhya Pradesh's innings while defending a 190-run target. In an attempt to stop the ball, Shami had a fall that appeared to jolt his lower back. The

pacer was seen clutching his back in discomfort, prompting Bengal's medical team to rush onto the field. However, after receiving immediate treatment, Shami was back on his feet and finished his spell.

Nitin Patel, head of the Centre of Excellence's medical panel, was present at the venue to monitor Shami's fitness and provide updates. Shami's recovery progress is being closely watched, as the star pacer is expected to make a return to the national team soon. Fans and cricket experts alike are speculating that Shami might rejoin the Indian squad during the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy series

against Australia.

Shami's performance for Bengal has fuelled optimism about his readiness for international duties. Recently, in a Ranji Trophy match against Madhya Pradesh, Shami marked his return from an ankle injury with an impressive four-wicket haul. This match was his first competitive outing since undergoing surgery following the 2023 ODI World Cup.

Although the injury scare during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match appears to be minor, it highlights the heightened anticipation around Shami's return. The pacer's experience and skill remain critical assets for the Indian team, particularly in high-stakes series like the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

For now, Shami's brief injury concern seems to have been resolved, offering reassurance to fans eager to see him don the Indian jersey again and lead the bowling attack with his trademark precision.

Hojlund brace helps United to second win

LONDON, Nov 30 (Agencies): Rasmus Hojlund scored twice as Manchester United fought back to beat Norwegian team Bodo/Glimt 3-2 in the Europa League to give new manager Ruben Amorim a victory in his

first game at Old Trafford. Hojlund also set up the opening goal scored by Alejandro Garnacho in the opening minute of the game, but United still had to stage a comeback in order to stay unbeaten in the competition with

two victories and three draws.

"I see what everybody sees: good moments, difficult moments," Amorim said. "There was some confusion in the end, trying to hold on to the result, but the lads did a great job. They



ran, they pressed, they tried to do the things we

have worked on in the last three days."

AIIMS Jammu hosts workshop on Crime Scene Recreation and Firearm Death Investigation for JKP

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: The Department of Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Jammu, organized a pioneering workshop titled "After Crime, Scene Recreation and Training in Solving Firearm Death Investigation".

This first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at equipping J&K Police officers with advanced skills in crime scene examination and evidence collection to strengthen criminal investigations.

The event was inaugurated by Prof (Dr) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO, AIIMS Jammu, and Prof



(Dr) Dinesh Rao, Head of the Department (HOD), Forensic Medicine, Presiding over the workshop were senior police officials Bharadwaj (SP) and Rominish Gupta (SSP) with participation of a total of 100 officers including 20 DySPs, 25 Inspectors and 60 Sub

Inspectors from the Jammu, Samba and Udhampur, Police Academies.

Prof Dr Dinesh Rao, HOD, Forensic Medicine, AIIMS Jammu trained the Officers on the Examination of the Crime Scene and Collection of Evidences

and he also explained the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Investigating Firearm Deaths.

Prof Dr Dinesh Rao, highlighted the importance of Bod Bags in shifting the Dead from the Crime Scene and at the same time impressed

upon the Fact the Examination of evidence and Processing the Crime scene and its importance in the prosecution.

The workshop featured practical sessions on SOPs for firearm death investigations and the importance of processing crime scenes. A notable highlight was the recreation of a real case, the Kishtwar VDGs murder, providing valuable insights into investigative methodologies.

This initiative underscores AIIMS Jammu's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and enhancing justice delivery systems in the region.

JKNCSU Kishtwar calls on SSP Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Nov 30: A deputation of Jammu Kashmir National Conference Student Union (JKNCSU) Kishtwar called on Javed Iqbal, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kishtwar. A Deputation led by Suhaib Zargar District Working President JKNCSU Kishtwar along with Team District Vice President Adnan Butt, Aaman Ganaie, Distt Joint Secretary and Senior Active Members Arsalan Ganaie, Tanzeel Ganaie, Lalit Bhandari, Salman Ahanger, Syed Burhan and others.

They assured their full cooperation to the officer towards various issues importantly drug menace beside, towards maintaining peace and communal harmony in the District.

While welcoming the newly posted Javed Iqbal, all the leaders laid stress



on the officer for organising regular meetings with the general public so that the problems faced by the masses could be addressed at their door steps.

JKNCSU leaders also laid stress for people friendly policing and also proposed monthly campaigns on drug awareness, crime prevention and police, public meetings to foster community engagement.

SSP Kishtwar gave

patient hearing to the issues raised by the delegation and assured them that the issues raised by them will be looked into on top priority. He also highlighted the importance of role of political parties in raising the public related issues and hope that all of them will continue to feed them about the problems faced by the people in the District so that same could be addressed immediately.

JKBS expresses shock over CRPF Jawan Puran Chand Kaith's accidental death

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members on Saturday at a condolence meet held here today, expressed profound grief over the accidental death of CRPF Jawan Puran Chand Kaith.

JKBS' General Secretary R.L Kaith said, the

deceased was not only good natured but also a kind hearted person.

Puran was 55 years old and hailed from Burj village in Marh block of Jammu district.

Members prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength and courage to the bereaved family of the CRPF Jawan.

Red Ribbon Club of GDC Mahanpur observes World AIDS Day

Top News Report

MAHANPUR, Nov 30: Red Ribbon Club of GDC Mahanpur observed World AIDS Day on Saturday.

A programme was organized to observe World AIDS Day, a day devoted to educating people about HIV/AIDS and remembering those who have died from the illness. In connection with this year's AIDS Day theme "Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right!", the main motto of the event was to emphasize the value of human rights in ending the AIDS epidemic.

The Programme was organized by Red Ribbon Club of the College, Higher Education Department, J&K in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society, Department of Health & Medical Education, J&K Government. It was organized by Dr. Sapna Devi (Convener, Red Ribbon Club) under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College. The celebrations commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony and floral tribute to Ma Saraswati by the dignitaries.

Dr. Sapna initiated the Programme with the Welcome Address. The



Resource Person of the event was Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director of the College. He has worked for HIV AIDS Awareness as NSS Volunteer and Youth Ambassador under National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and his Non-governmental Organization (NGO). A Power Point Presentation was given by Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan (Physical Director) delivered not only on the topic "HIV & AIDS: Causes, Symptoms, Treatment and Prevention".

He discussed in detail not only the various causes and symptoms of HIV AIDS but also about the preventive measures that could be taken as well as the treatment required for HIV AIDS.

Moreover, Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, the Principal of the College, was the Chief Guest of the Programme. In her Address, she not only congratulated the

Red Ribbon Club for organizing such an informative HIV AIDS Awareness Programme but also stressed upon the need to organise such kinds of awareness programmes for educating the young generation of the country.

The programme was attended by more than 40 students. Moreover, the faculty members who were part of the Programme were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma (H.O.D. Sanskrit), Dr. Sudesh Kumar (H.O.D. Urdu), Nisha (Librarian), Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia (H.O.D. English), Dr. Nishu (H.O.D. EVS), Dr. Anju Bala (H.O.D. Dogri), Dr. Hilal Ahmed Bhatt (H.O.D. Sociology), Dr. Sohail Ahmed Dar (H.O.D. Physics), Dr. Yograj, Divya Rajput (H.O.D. Education), and Namita.

The entire programme was hosted by Dr. Sapna Devi and the Formal Vote of Thanks was presented by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia.

Trikuta College of Physical Education hosts SAAHAS 2024 Sports Meet



Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: Trikota College of Physical Education inaugurated SAAHAS 2024, an inter-collegiate sports meet held on the college campus.

The event brought together student-athletes from various colleges under the Trikota Group of Colleges, fostering an environment of enthusiasm, competition, and athletic excellence.

The opening ceremony was a grand affair, graced by the presence of Suman Sharma, Chairperson of Shri Sain Charitable Trust, who served as the Chief Guest. Her motivational address

emphasized the importance of sports in developing physical fitness, team spirit, and leadership qualities among students.

SAAHAS 2024 featured a wide array of sporting events, including Kabaddi (Men and Women), Long Jump (Men and Women), Shot Put (Men and Women), and an engaging Cricket Tournament, among other competitions.

The diversity of disciplines provided a platform for students to showcase their skills and athletic prowess across multiple sports.

The sports meet aimed to achieve several key objectives: promoting

physical fitness and athletic development, fostering healthy inter-collegiate rivalry, and encouraging camaraderie and teamwork. It also sought to recognize and celebrate exceptional talent, offering students an opportunity to shine and gain recognition for their athletic achievements.

The event radiated a spirit of enthusiasm and sportsmanship, with participants passionately representing their colleges. Students not only competed fiercely but also built lasting bonds through shared experiences, making SAAHAS 2024 a memorable and inspiring occasion.

Hussan Apa, mother of Mushtaq Bhat passes away

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Nov 30: The passing of Hussan Apa, mother of Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat from Waltangoo Kund in Kulgam, has left the community in deep sorrow. Various social, political, and media groups have conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

MLA Devsar Peerzada Feroz Ahmad Shah expressed profound grief over the demise, offering prayers for eternal peace for the departed soul and extending his heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Peace Foundation, Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, shared his sorrow and prayed for the departed soul's peace, extending solidarity to the grieving family. Congress District President Amanullah Mantoo conveyed his condolences and prayed for strength for the family during this difficult time.

National Conference Leader Reyaz Ahmad Dar offered his deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed for peace for the departed.

National Conference Vice District President Kulgam Hamidullah Mir also shared his grief and prayed for eternal peace for Hussan Apa.

DPAP Leader Choudhry Nazir expressed his sorrow and extended his condolences and prayers to the family. The Aqaf Committee Waltangoo expressed its sympathies, offering prayers for the departed soul and support to the family. President of the Journalist Union of Kulgam, Gh Nabi Khanday, alongside other members, expressed their condolences, praying for strength for the family and eternal peace for Hussan Apa.

The entire community stands with the family of Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat in this hour of grief, offering prayers and support. May Hussan Apa's soul rest in eternal peace.

'Will they burn the whole nation?': Rajesh Gupta slams BJP over Rajasthan's Ajmer Dargah row

Top News Report

JAMMU, Nov 30: Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC) senior leader Rajesh Gupta on Saturday criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party over a legal suit claiming a Shiva temple exists within the Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajasthan saying that such actions could "set the whole country on fire. He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene in the matter, questioning the motives behind such disputes.

"Will they (BJP) burn the whole nation for their political benefit?" NC leader added, "Such things will set the whole country on fire. What

is happening? The PM should look into this matter, and the Supreme Court should take cognizance of this matter. Where do you want to sideline a whole community? You are not leaving their religious places and properties. Where do you want to sideline them?... Under which mosques will you look for temples? Is there any limit or not? They (the Central government) have kept aside the Worship Act 1991. Will they (BJP) burn the whole nation for their political benefit?"

Rajesh Gupta also appealed to the masses of Jammu and Kashmir to maintain communal harmony, brotherhood, peace and don't spread rumors.

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