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Army soldier killed in accidental fire in **Kishtwar**

JAMMU, Dec 3 (Agencies): An Army soldier was killed in an accidental discharge of fire in the Chatroo area of Kishtwar district of

Jammu and Kashmir. Official sources said that an army personnel died after his service rifle went off accidentally, resulting in grievous injuries.

He was immediately evacuated to the hospital for treatment where doctors declared him brought dead.

The deceased has been identified as Sat Ganam Singh son of Balkar Singh resident of New Dewan Grah Chakrohi, Suchitgarh Jammu.

Meanwhile, police have registered a case in this regard and investigation has been taken up.

CRPF man dies by suicide in **Shopian**

SRINAGAR, Dec 3 (Agencies): A CRPF man posted in South Kashmir's Shopian district allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service rifle on Tuesday.

An official said a CRPF personnel shot himself dead with his own service rifle at Horticulture farm Zainapora.

He has been identified as Param Veer of 178 Battalion.

He added that further investigation has been taken up to enquire the matter and reasons behind taking this extreme step.

Former VDG member found dead in **Udhampur Forests**

JAMMU, Dec 3 (Agencies): Body of a former Village Defense Guard member was found in mysterious conditions in forests of Chapper area of Udhampur district on Tuesday.

Officials said that a deadbody of an disengaged VDG was found in mysterious conditions along with the rifle (303) in Chapper forests.

He has been identified as Ashok Kumar (45) son of Romal Chand resident of Chapper Udhampur.

Soon a team of police rushed to the spot and took the body in their possession for medicolegal formalities.

A case has been registered in this regard

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INDIA bloc MPs stage protest over Adani issue on Parliament premises

NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, AAP MP Sanjay Singh and other leaders of INDIA bloc on Tuesday staged protest in the premises of the Parliament over the issue of the Adani indictment.

Protesting leaders held banners and raised several slogans, demanding a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigation into Adani indictment.

In a post on Facebook LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi posted pictures of the protest saying, "Protesting at Makar Dwar, Parliament complex, today, asking the real question: Who will benifit from the billions of Adani,



Modi ji? The Prime Minister's silence speaks volumes."

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said that this protest by INDIA bloc leaders marks the end of the protest that opposition held in the last 6 days in

Parliament. He added that from now onwards the opposition will cooperate in the proceedings of the Parliament.

"It's a whole set of issues to do with the Modi Govt's policies... To be very honest, it is a sort of

clear signal to the ruling party that many of their policies have found very strong opposition throughout the country. While we are going to cooperate in the House from this morning, nonetheless there was one, sort of salvo to be fired as a form of protest before going out to debate and participate in the Parliamentary processes. Essentially, we are marking the end of the protest for the last 6 days in Parliament," Tharoor said.

CPI MP P Sandosh Kumar said that the opposition is here to raise 'pro-people issues' and it will continue to do so with the new models of protest. He stressed that the opposition will make Turn to page 9

Jammu Kashmir High Court questions 'Pick and Choose' policy in arms licence scam prosecution



SRINAGAR, Dec 3 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has raised concerns about the alleged delay in granting prosecution sanctions against bureaucrats implicated in the arms licence scam, questioning whether the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is adopting a selective approach, Bar and Bench reported. The scam involves the illegal issuance of arms licences on a large scale by district magistrates, including IAS officers, between 2012 and 2016. A Bench compris-

ing Chief Justice Tashi

Rabstan and Justice MA

Chowdhary expressed

undermines justice and termed it a "matter of grave concern." Highlighting case of Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, who was the District Magistrate of Kupwara, the Court pointed out that despite the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filing a case against him in

2008 under the Preven-

dissatisfaction with the

pending prosecution

sanctions, emphasis-

ing that influential indi-

viduals, referred to as

"big fishes," continue

to evade accountabil-

ity despite serious

allegations. The Court

noted that this delay

tion of Corruption Act, no Turn to page 9

J&K handicapped association protest in Srinagar, observe World Disability Day as 'Black Day'

SRINAGAR, Dec 3 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Handicapped Association observed World Disability Day as a "black day" by staging a peaceful protest at the Press Enclave in Srinagar on Tuesday.

Holding banners and raising slogans, the protesters called for immediate government action to improve the welfare of the disabled community. Protesters told news

Observer (KNO) that their demands include launching a special recruitment drive for qualified disabled individuals and revising the

under PSA in Udhampur: Police

Two female terror associates detained

reservation system in government jobs from horizontal to vertical.

"We demand an increase in the monthly Turn to page 9

Chak, Basantgarh,

who were assessed to be posing a significant

threat to the safety and

They were found to

be involved in provid-

ing logistics support

to terrorist groups and

working as guides and facilitators for terror-

ist organisations. Their

continuous actions

posed a serious risk to

public safety and tran-

They added that to pre-

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quillity, said police.

vent further criminal

security of the state.

encounter in Dachigam forests in Srinagar SRINAGAR, Dec 3 the security forces launched a cordon-and-

Terrorist killed in ongoing

(Agencies): A terrorist was gunned down in an encounter with security forces in the Dachhigam forest area of Srinagar on Tuesday, according to the Army.

Officials in Srinagar said that acting on specific intelligence inputs.

search operation in the upper reaches of Dachhigam which turned into a gunfight when terrorists opened fire on a search party. The security personnel

retaliated and a terrorist

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Kashmir higher reaches, Sonamarg received fresh snowfall

female terror associ-

ates have been detained

under the Public Safety

The duo was identified

as Maryama Begum,

resident of Loudhara,

Basantgarh, and Arshad

Begum, resident of Rai

Act (PSA)

SRINAGAR, Dec 3 (Agencies): The higher reaches of Kashmir valley including the picturesque Sonamarg experienced a fresh snowfall while some plains were lashed by rains overnight, officials said.

JAMMU, Dec 3 (Agen-

cies): Police have

detained two female

overground workers

(terror associates) under

the Public Safety Act in

Udhampur district of

Police said that two

Jammu and Kashmir.

The famous tourist destination of Sonamarg in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district received a fresh light snowfall on Tuesday much to the delight of the tourists staying there.

The Sonamarg-Kargil road has been temporar-



ily closed for vehicular traffic due to slippery conditions and snowfall on the Zojila pass connecting Ladakh with the Kashmir valley.

Reports of light snowfall were also received from the Gurez valley and other higher reaches of the Bandipora district, Machil in Kupwara and other higher reaches of north Kashmir overnight, Kashmir Weather, an

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independent forecaster Faizan Arif told agency. "There is a possibility of light snowfall in a few

Ved Parkash Gupta

ANTIM ARDAAS

WITH PROFOUND , GRIEF AND SORROW. WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER TAKSHREEN KAUR D/O CHATURVEER SINGH AND SMT RANBIR KAUR OF GURUDWARA COLONY HMT SRINAGAR AT PRESENT 23/4 MARBLE ENCLAVE TRIKUTA NAGAR EXTENSION. BEHIND ALLEN CARRIER INSTITUTE, JAMMU, WHO LEFT ON HEAVENLY ABODE ON

TENTH DAY AND ANTIM ARDAAS WILL BE PERFORMED AS PER PROGRAM GIVEN BELOW ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 2/12/24

TAKSHREEN KAUR MONDAY 9:30 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 4/12/24 WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM AT OUR RESIDENCE. KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAAS 10 AM TO 12:30 PM ON 4/12/24 WEDNESDAY AT GURUDWARA BALA PRITAM, TRIKUTA NA GAR JAMMU.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-S. SUMER SINGH RAINA AND SONI BALBIR KAUR (GRANDPARENTS) HARVINDER SINGH AND DALBIR KAUR (CHACHU AND CHACHUI) JATINDER SINGH AND ROMINDER KAUR (FUFAD AND BUAJI) HARMEEK SINGH AND RAMNEET KOUR (MAMA AND MAMIJI) RAWINDER SINGH AND SUKHJEET KOUR (MAMA AND MAMIJI) TEJ BAHADUR SINGHAND SUPINDER KOUR (MASAD AND MASUI)

KRIYA / RASAM/PAGRI

With Profound Grief and somow we inform the sad demise of Smt. Anita Rathore wife of Sh. Satish Rathore who left us for her heavenly abode on 22 Nov. 2024.

Kriya will be performed on (Wednesday) 4th Dec. 2024 (12:00) Noon at Our Residence H.No. 91 Lane No. 4 Shiv Vilhar Janipur

Rasam Pagri will be performed on (Wednesday) 4th Dec. 2024 4 00 PM to 500 PM) at Tri Murti Mandir Janipur Colony Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Satish Rathore (Husband)

Jeth and Jethani Sh. Vaishno Dass Rathore and Late Smt. Rama Rathore Smt. Sharda Rathore Wio Late Sh. Om Parkash Rathore Sh. Salpal Rathore and late Smt. Usha Rathore

Sh. Kulthushan Rathore and Smt. Vandana Rathore (Devar and Devrani) Mrs. Shifali and Mr. Navdeep Rathore (Son and Daughter-in-Law) (Editor in chief Viewer Choice Magazine and Newspaper) Er. Sandeep Rathore (Jio) (Son)

Priya Rathore (Daughter) Yashasvi and Virangana (Grand Children)



SMT. ANITA RATHORE

AND ALL RATHORE FAMILY. MOB: 9682635861, 9149981348.

9622170211,6005069014

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad and untimely demise of Mrs Sunita Raina W/o Mr Rakesh Raina originally resi-

dent of Karan Nagar, Srinagar, Presently residing at Nagpur, on 28th Nov, 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed in Nagpur at N2 Vasantika Appartment, Raj Nagar Chhaoni , Near Durga Mandir, Nagpur on 07th Dec 2024.

Mrs Sunita Raina

GRIEF STRICKEN SAMAST RAINA PARIVAR

+91 98382 06444, 9765568898

TENTH DAY KRI

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Roopawati (Oma Jig ri) W/o Late Sh Janki Nath Koul. Original resident of Chandapura Habba Kadal Sgr

Presently at H.No 107-108 Adarsh Vihar Sainik Colony Jammu Near Jodhamal Public School.

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)

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Sharda Sharma W/o Late Sh. Kewal Krishan Sharma R/o H. No 84, Mohalla Afghana, Pacca Danga Jammu on 30-11-2024.

UTHALA will be performed on 4th Dec 2024 (Wednesday) at Jain Hall Rani Park Moti Bazar from 3 Pm to 4 Pm

GRIEF STRICKEN

Son & Daughter-in-law

Daughters & Sons-in-law

Vinod Kanna & Girija Kanna

Handoo & Ganjoo Parivar

All Grandchildren

Jai Krishan Handoo & Anjali Handoo

Ramesh Bachloo & Sushma Bachloo

9911107617, 9711107617, 9311107617

Jyoti Sharma & Sanjay Sharma -Brother in Law & Sister in Law Sonam Sharma & Satish Sharma -Daughter & Son in Law Shivani Sharma & Vishal Gupta - Daughter & Son in Law Sudesh Devi & Nanak Chand Sharma -Brother & Sister in Law Shakuntla Puri & Vijay Puri - Brother & Sister in Law

CONTACT NO: 9906264961, 7006656008, 9796212142, 7006403112



SMT. KRISHNA HANDOO

SMT SHARDA

SHARMA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SORROW WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED SMT. BITI PYARI DHAR (TATHI) RESIDENT OF 31 MANSAROVAR APARTMENTS, SECTOR 61, NOIDA ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2024 10TH DAY KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED

ON 6TH DECEMBER 2024 AT MURAD-SMT. BITI PYARI NAGAR GHAT NEAR MODINAGAR AT 8:00 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

(SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) ANIL DHAR AND ARCHANA DHAR (GRAND DAUGHTER & SON IN LAW) AKANKSHA DHAR AND VIKAS SARMIAL AANCHAL DHAR (GRAND DAUGHTER) DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY SAMAST DHAR, BHAT PARIVAR

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved S Harbans Singh Slo Lt Shri Nand Ram R/o 14.4 Model Town Gangyal, who left us for heavenly abode on 25-11-2024.

Arambh Shree Akhand Path Sahib Ji on Monday 2-12-2024 at 10 AM atour residence. Bhog Shree Akhand Path Sahib Ji on 04-12-2024 Wednesday at 9:30 AM at our residence. Kirtan and Antim Ardas at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Model Town from 10.30 AM to 12:00 PM followed by Guru Ka Langer GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sdm Surinder Kour (Wife) SAnged Deep Singh (Son) Daughters & Sons in law

Sdm Avneet Kour & S Hardeep Singh Sdm Sunta Ball & S Tejinder Singh

T K DHAR -HUSBAND

Brothers and Sisters in law S Harbhajan Singh & Sdm Tejinder Kour Late S Mohan Singh & Sdrn Gurmeet Kour

Son and Daughter in law S Amandeep Singh & Sd m Maninder Kour Sister and Brother in law

Late Shri K.C. Sharma & Smt.Gurdevil 7006611714. 7298258256



10TH DAY/OBITUARY

beloved father Sh. Plaray Lal Pandita S/o Lt. Kollosh Ram Pandita originally resident of Nawama (Handwara) Kashmir. A/P Block 90-Lane No.7, Flat No.17, Jagt Township Nagrota, Jammu, expired on 25 Nov. 2024.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate of School Education, Jammu on 4th Dec. 2024 at 9 AM. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Sheelawati - Wife Smt. Roopawati W/o Lt. Privithi Nath - Babi Mrs. & Mr. Sat Lai Pandita - Brother & Bhabhi Sons & Daughters-in-law Mts. & Mr. Rajinder K.Pandita

Daughter-in-law Mrs. Manju Pandita Wo Lt. Veer Jee Pandita Girja Bhat Wo Raj Kumar Bhat - Daughter & Son-in-law Mrs. Rajni Pandita Wio Lt. Sarsoti Nath - Daughter Grand Children

Ph.No: 9419660299, 9858143772

Mrs. & Mr. Shadi Lal Pandita



S Harbans Singh

DHAR (TATHI)

SH. PIARAY LAL **PANDITA**

10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Bishan Singh S/o Late Sh. Hakam Singh. TENTH DAY will be performed on 2-12-2024 (Monday) at 12:00 PM at our residence H.No. 47, New Plot, Jammu.

KRIYA will be held on 5-12-2024 (Thursday) at our residence H.No. 47, New Plot, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN Veena - Wife Riya- Daughter Vivek Singh -Son Brothers & Bhabi Jyoti & Pardeep Singh

Reena & Ashok Singh

Mob: 7889498199, 9419204055



BISHAN SINGH

OBITUARY

the sad demise of Moti Lal Zutshi (PNB) Sio Late Smt. Somawati Zutshi & Late Sh. Prem Nath Zutshi originally resident of Nai-Basti Anantnag/ Ishwar Nagar Udhaywalla, Jammu A/P Bengaluru on 29th Nov, 2024 (Friday).

The Mourning will be held at A-1002 God rej Aqua Hosahalli, Bengaluru. The Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 8th Dec, 2024

(Sunday) at Yediyuru Vadika Kendra Jayanagar Bengaluru at 1 PM. GRIEF STRICKEN

Bimia Bhat / Geeta Zutshi - Wife Daughter & Son-in-law Preeti Zutshi/ Bakshi & Ashish Bakshi Son & Daughter-in-law Robin Zutshi & Kritika Razdan/ Zutshi Sisters: Sheela Ji Saraf, Santosh Bhat **Brothers & Bhabis**

C.L. Zutshi & Kundan Zutshi Shiban Ji Zutshi & Jee ta Zutshi Kashmiri Lal Zutshi & Seema Zutshi M.K. Zutshi & Bita Zutshi S.K. Zutshi & Sanjana Zutshi Grand Children: Preashi, Nevan, Riddhish MOTI LAL ZUTSHI (PNB)

Smast Zutshi Pariwar of Anantnag Bhat Pariwar of Sagam Koul Pariwar of Vessu & Pampore Bakshi & Razdan Pariwar of Ang. Mobile: 8377069002, 9682110219

BARKHI

Barkhi of our beloved mother Smt. Chaitan Sharma W/o Late Sh. Narayan Swaroop Brahmi S/o Sec - 4, H.No. - 105, Vikas Nagar, Sarwal, Jammu will be performed at our residence on 4th of December 2024 (Wednesday) - 10.00 am.

Deeply Remembered By: Sons & Daughters-in-law Suman Bala & Harish Kumar Nisha & Yashwant Brahmi Vaishno & Rakesh Brahmi Pumima & Atul Brahmi

Kamya, Sanket

Daughters & Son-in-law Anju W/o Lt. Sh. Ashok Chander Gupta Updesh & Adv. Devinder Sharma

Grand Children Mrs Swati & Mr. Sushil Sharma Abhinav, Vanshika, Vansh, Kartik, Hitesh,



SMT. CHAITAN SHARMA

Ph: 9906111511, 7889922049, 9469030834 7889875550

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you of the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Ved Parkash Gupta S/o Late Sh. Inder Prakash Gupta (Mirpuri) on

UTHALA and Rasam Pagri will be performed at 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, 4th of December 2024 at Raghunath Mandir, Nowshera.

Grief Stricken Smt Shub Gupta (Wife) Daughters-In-law and Sons mt Asha and Sh Vishal Gupta mt Rimpy and Arpan Gupta imt Ranshi and Assem Mahajan (Bhabhi and Brother) Smt Sushma and Sh Kulbir Gupta

Daughters and Sons in Law Smt Rakha Khanna and Sh. Satvir Khanna Smt Sulekha and Sh. Vibodh Gupta (Ex-MLC) Smt Ekta Gupta and Sh. Raman Kant Gupta Grand Children

Aryan and Avni Pranav and Pragati haurva and Kayaan

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 Smt Uma Pandita Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 9 am. Venue: Utila Canal Near Utila Police

Station Behat Road, Gwalior.

GRIEF STRICKEN
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Sh Gopi Nath Pandita and Smt. Rotni Pandita (\$ son & Daughter-in-law)
094 191 05542, +91 70424 85077
Sheels Pandita Bhat W/o Late Sh Bhushan Lai Bhat (Daughter) +91 94 193 18442
Chandra Kanata & Post (Dr) Ashok K Kartsoo (Daughter and Son-in-law) 94 199 68743,
94 129 07360
Veena Pandita Koul & Shadi Lai Koul (Daughter & Son-in-law) 094191 13231, 094191 90008
Sushma Sharma & Nov Pattan Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law) 99 196717 78509, 93595 12805
Vinay Mohan Pandita & Hansha Pandita (Nephew and his Wife)

KRIYA/UTHALA

ith profound grief and somow, we regret orm that our beloved Sh. Sat Pal Sham (Relti, Tohsitlar) S/o Late Sh. Baji Nath Shame & ate Smt. Vidya Devi R/o Plot No. 256, Reha Colony, Jammu left for his heavenly abode on 24th

Kriya will be performed on 3rd Dec. (Tuesday) : 12 O' Clock (noon) at our residence. Uthala will be held on 4th Dec. (Wednesday).

Grief Stricken

Smt. Tripta Sharma-Wife (9419198994) Brothers & Sister-in-Laws

Sh. Sat Pal Sharma (Retd Tehsida) Prof. M.K. Sharma & Smt. Sunita Sharma

Sh. R.P. Sharma (Retd. Lect.) & Smt. Kamini Sharma (9419188638) Late Smt. Chander Kanta & Late Sh. Romesh Kumar Sharma- Sister & Brother-in-Law mt. Neelam Sharma & Sh. Vinod Kumar Sharma- Sister & Brother-in-Law Mr. Suvrat Sharma & Mrs. Sonia Sharma-Son & Daughter-in-Law Mr. Ankush Sharma & Mrs. Anupama (9018722228)- Son & Daughter-in-Law

Mrs. Suruchi Sharma & Sh. Ajay Sharma- Daughter & Son-in-Law Mrs. Shikha Sharma & Sh. Sandeep Sharma - Daughter & Son-in-Law

Grand Children: Anika & Anadi

ANTIM ARDAAS

TH PROPOUND GRIEF AND SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM UOFTHE SAD DENISE OF S. BALLES SINGS SO RADAM KOUR D LATE S. KUUWANT SINGS HALLA OF GURU NANAK BHAWAN WAN BAGH) BARAMULLA, WHO LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 28 NOV 2024

ANTIM ARDAAS WILL BE PERFORMED AS PER THE PROGRAM SIVEN BELOW AT OUR RESIDENCE - FLAT NO. 313, PRETTY DAY PART MENTS, CHOWADHI ROAD PRIOR TO NOOR CASTLE, SEC-OR D SAINIK COLONY JAMMU :

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 4/12/24 WEDNESDA

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB ON 8/12/24 FRIDAY 9:30 AM AI OUR RESIDENCE KIRTAN AND ANTIMARDAAS FROM 10 AM TO 12:30 PM ON 6/12/24 GRIFF STRICKEN

N. PADAM KOUR (MOTHER) /DEEP SINGH KALA. AND NAVDEEP KOUR (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW) U SHREEN KOUR (DAUGHTER)

NDERJEET KOUR (SISTER) RANJEET KOUR & MANJEET SINGH (SISTER & BROTHER IN LAW) NEPHEWS: MET PAL SINGH, INEET PAL SINGH, AMARJEET SINGH, KANWAL JEET SINGH, ABHAY JEET

S. BALBIR SINGH

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, Sector 2, lower Roop Nagar, Jammu on Sunday

December, 2024 at 11 AM Uthala will be performed on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at Aap Shambhu Smt. Sudesh Tuli Mandir, Roop Nagar, Jammu from 3 to 4

GRIEF STRICKEN Sons and Daughters-in-law Rajeev Tuli and Neetu Tuli

Dr. Sanjeev Tuli and Bindu Tuli Grand Daughter and Grand Son Pranjal, Anandita, Rudraksh and Anish Contact No 9818109788, 9818366883

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and so now we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother Smt Roopawat (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 Colom Jammu Near Jodhamal Public School who attained moisha on 26th of Nov 2024. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 4-12-2024

(Wednesday) at Akhnoor Ghat. ASSEMBLY shall be held at Muthi Ghat at 10:30 AM 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, 7006535550



Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 4th Dec. 2024 Wednesday at Guru Ravi Dass Mandir, New Plot, Pacca Talab, Jammu, Near Tawi Gas. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Smt. Sarla Devi (Wife) Dr. Shuvam Dayal (Son) Dr. Sumit Kalsi (Son-in-law) Sakhashi (Daughter) Mrs. & Mr. Yash Paul (Brother)

Mrs. & Mr. Jeet Raj (Brother) Phone No.: 9419103778



SMT ROOPAWATI

(OMA JIGRI)

(Retd Bank Manager JK Bank)

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FOIJ delegation meets with CM Omar Abdullah



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: A delegation of the Federation of Industries Jammu (FOIJ), led by its Chairman, Lalit Mahajan, along with S.C. Dutta, Ajit Bawa, and Raman Jolly, Co-Chairman, recently met with Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister dilution of fiscal incenof Jammu and Kashmir tives following the abro-Union Territory (JKUT), gation of Article 370. in Jammu.

The purpose of the meeting was to highlight the pressing challenges faced by existing working industrial units in J&K and to submit a detailed representation outlining their concerns. During the discussion, Lalit Mahajan brought to the Chief Minister's attention the plight of local industries, which are struggling due to the

He emphasized that this has caused significant discontent among industrial units, which

employ thousands of locals. He highlighted that the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in J&K, with an investment of approximately Rs 30,000 crores before March 31, 2021, are now facing severe competition from new industries established under the New Central Industrial Package (NCSS 2021). While the new industries receive generous allocations of about Rs 3,266 crores

annually, the existing

He also called for marketing support in the form of price and

units are left with only

Rs 450 crores in SGST

refunds and a meager

Rs 20-25 crores annu-

ally as turnover incen-

Mahajan urged the

Chief Minister to provide

adequate fiscal support

to existing industrial

units, comparable to

the incentives under

the Central Package.

Key demands included

increasing budgetary

allocations for turnover

incentives as per Gov-

ernment Order No. 127-

tives.

purchase preferences, conversion of leasehold rights to freehold rights, removal of items like edible oil and roasted groundnuts from the negative list, and upgrading existing industrial estates through increased funding to J&KSIDCO and SICOP. Omar Abdullah lis-

GST-linked incentives for existing units and those under substantial expansion post-April 1, 2021, and allocating funds for the reimbursement of working capital interest subvention.

tened attentively to the concerns and assured the delegation that his government would extend full support to revitalize the existing industrial units in the state. He committed to addressing their issues to ensure their survival and continued contribution to the local econo-

my.

ABRSM delegation calls on LG Sinha



Top News Report

DODA, Dec 3: In an effort to resolve the burning issues of the teaching community of J&K, a delegation of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh, J&K led by State President Rattan Sharma met Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan Jammu.

The delegation submitted a memorandum of demands to him requesting therein to address the long pending demands of the teaching community including timely conduction of DPCs of all cadres, adjustment of recently promoted Masters, implementation of recent decision of Central Administrative Tribunal pronounced on November 20, 2024 regarding the consideration of RRETs at par with General Line Teachers in the light of Government Order No 396 Edu of 2000, absorption of Grade-II Teachers on vacant posts as desired in Government Order No 20 Edu of 2019 and inclusion of various sub-

higher secondary level. The delegates further appealed for continuation of Annual Transfer Drive for all the cadres of School Education Department and immediate regularisation of incharge teachers etc.

jects in the curriculum at

Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha gave a patient hearing to the delegation and assured of all possible help in resolving these issues and appreciated the team of ABRSM for apprising him of the ground situation.

The ABRSM delegation is hopeful of some positive developments with regard to the demands highlighted in the memorandum.

The other senior members of ABRSM who were part of the delegation include Gulshan Raina State General Secretary, Sanjay Sharma State Vice President, Gurdeep State Secretary, Rakesh State Executive Member and Neeraj Sharma State Additional General Secretary.

GCoE Jammu welcomes VC CLUJ Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: Government College of Education (GCOE), Canal Road, Jammu, accorded a heartfelt welcome to the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar. The Vice Chancellor was received with a traditional Dogri welcome organized by the staff and students of the college, symbolizing the rich cultural heritage of the region. The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Registrar Ankur Mahajan, Dean Academic Affairs Prof. Naveen Anand, and Dean Teacher Education Prof. Zubair Kallis.

An exhibition, in collaboration with the college's MOU institutes, was organized to showcase GCOE's commitment to growth, opportunities, and excellence. During the event, the Principal of the college Dr. Jyoti Parihar, welcomed the Vice Chancellor with a comprehensive address, highlighting



the institution's achievements and future plans. Dr. Rakesh Bharti. Coordinator of the ITEP program, delivered a detailed presentation

outlining the college's functioning, achievements, and ongoing initiatives. The event was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Shalini Rana, Assistant Professor of English, who served as the stage secretary, while the formal vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Balwan Singh, Assistant Professor of

As part of his visit, the Vice Chancellor interacted with faculty members and toured

Hindi.

various departments. gaining insights into the college's activities. To commemorate his visit, Prof. Chandrasekar planted a tree in the college campus, symbolizing growth and sustainability.

The event also featured the release of the college newsletter and two books authored by Dr. Sushma Bala, marking a moment of academic pride for the institution. As tokens of respect, the Vice Chancellor was presented with a shawl and a painting crafted by Harsimran, a B.Ed. student, while Registrar Ankur

Mahajan received a

by Prof. Sunanda Rani and Dr. Rajinder Kour.

In his address, Prof. Chandrasekar appreciated the efforts of the college staff and emphasized the need to focus on key areas requiring attention and development. He assured the college of his commitment to supporting its growth on both national and international platforms.

The event reflected GCOE's dedication to academic excellence and its mission to foster an environment of learning, innovation, and cultural pride.

Malik calls for collective action and inclusion on IDPD

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: On the occasion of "International Day of People with Disabilities", Adv. Malikzada Mohd Shahzad, Chairman of "The Social Welfare Organisation of India"(TSWOOI) an NGO, highlighted the increasing rate of disabilities worldwide and the urgent need for collective action.

In a press statement, Malik acknowledged the efforts made globally, such as pulse polio immunization and vaccinations for young children to prevent

disabilities. However, he emphasized that these measures alone are not enough

"Have our duties ended there? Have we fulfilled all the responsibilities expected of us as members of the society?" he questioned, urging individuals to take proactive steps to support and empower people with disabilities.

Malik called for a collective pledge to eliminate the stigma surrounding disabilities and replace it with encouragement and inclusivity. "Disability is not a

crime. It is wrong to despise this creation of Almighty Allah. Let us promise to stand by these individuals, help them and eliminate the idea of disability from their minds," Malik observed.

He reiterated TSWOOI's commitment to its mission of supporting the differently-abled vowing to continue the NGO's work until lasting change is achieved. "Our manifesto has always been about creating an inclusive and supportive society. This promise will guide us to the end," Malik added.

ENIT NO. 59 OF 2024-25 DATED 29-11-2024

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI PHE MECHANICAL DIVISION UDHAMPUR NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT JSPHEM/UDHR/ 59 OF 2024-25 DATED29-11-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur, on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered firms who have sufficient experience in the relevant field of electromechanical/ electrical works

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				Division Udhampur	SSI / MSME)	
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				Division Udhampur	SSI / MSME)	
3.	Repair to 63 KVA voltage	01 job	Jal Shakti PHE	Rs. 200.00 (Non-	(Rs. 1110.00) 2% (in	90 days
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				Executive Engineer	case of firms	
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				Division Udhampur	SSI / MSME)	

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 29-11-2024 (15:00 Hrs.) The Bids shall be deposited on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 29-11-2024 (15:30 Hrs.) to 09-12-2024 (15:00 Hrs.).

- After opening tender only successful bidder shall be asked for submitting the hard copies of documents with CDR and
- The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in The technical bid will be opened on line on 10-12-2024 at 11.00 A.M or any other subsequent date in the office of the

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur.

- The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division Udhampur after evaluation of technical bids. The date shall be communicated separately
- Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 5 & 6 of the table (and for DIC/SSI/MSME registered firms as per Industrial Policy of J&K govt.) payable at Udhampur pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur.
- Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR / BG of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for one year or more after last date of receipt of Bid. The cost of downloaded tender documents shall be in form of Treasury Challan / e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Mechanical Division, Udhampur payable at Udhampur. Firms who will fulfill the following parameters are eligible to participate.
 - be at least 30% of this estimated cost. Experience of having successfully completed similar works during last 07 years ending last day of month previous

One similar completed work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost.

to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:-

Average Annual financial turnover during the last 3 years, ending 31 March of the previous financial year, should

- Three similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost Two similar completed works costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimate cost.
- Definition of 'similar work' should be clearly defined. 10. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening bids. If any bidder / tenderer
- withdraws his bid / tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the earnest money of the firm shall stand forfeited. 11. The tenderers are advised to visit the site of work before uploading their tenders so as to acquaint themselves with exact
- site conditions.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website http://iktenders.gov.in

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GGM Science College observes International Day of Persons with Disability



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: Equal Opportunity Cell of the **GGM Science College** observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities by organising an Intra- College Essay Writing Competition and Slogan Writing Competition in the Department of Electron-

The competition was organised under the aegis of the worthy Principal Prof. Romesh Kumar Gupta and under the guidance of the Convener EOC Dr. Jatinder Kour to sensitise the students regarding the unique capabilities of the specially- abled persons, who by dint of their hard work and perseverance have achieved great heights in their respective fields.

This positivity was duly reflected through the essays and slogans written by the students from various streams. Worthy principal Dr Romesh Kumar Gupta congratulated the participants for their enthusiasm, creativity and conceptual clarity.

Dr. Shalini Sharma and Professor Akanksha Parihar were the judges in the competition, they too lauded the participants for expressing their ideas so eloquently in the essays and the slogans. First prize in the Essay Writing Competition was clinched by Neha Chowdhary, Sem I, second position by Manmeet Kour of Sem V, third by Shivranjini Sem I and in the Slogan Writing Competition, first position was secured by Shivranjini, second by Ayush Mansotra and third by Satyam Gupta of Sem I each . The program was coordinated by Dr. Balvinder, Dr. Kiran, Prof. Mona Sethi, Prof. Mehnaz, and Prof Sheetu Raina.

EDITORIAL

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

he environment, a cradle for all living beings, is under unprecedented threat due to human activities. Sustainability, the principle of meeting our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs, has become a cornerstone of modern environmental discourse. As the planet faces challenges ranging from climate change to biodiversity loss, achieving a balance between development and environmental protection is imperative for a secure future.

Human activities, particularly industrialization, deforestation, and overexploitation of natural resources, have significantly altered ecosystems. Global temperatures are rising due to the greenhouse effect, leading to erratic weather patterns, melting polar ice caps, and rising sea levels. The degradation of air, water, and soil quality has adversely impacted human health and livelihoods, especially in vulnerable communities.

Biodiversity loss is another grave concern. According to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), nearly one million species are at risk of extinction due to habitat destruction, pollution, and climate change. The decline in biodiversity not only threatens ecological balance but also jeopardizes food security, as many agricultural systems depend on diverse plant and animal species.

Sustainability offers a holistic approach to address environmental challenges. It emphasizes reducing resource consumption, minimizing waste, and transitioning to renewable energy sources. The United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), provides a comprehensive framework to achieve economic growth while protecting the planet.

Transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydroelectric power is essential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Investments in clean energy technologies not only mitigate environmental damage but also create jobs and drive economic growth.

A circular economy promotes reusing, recycling, and reducing waste, ensuring that products and materials are kept in use for as long as possible. This model reduces pressure on natural resources and minimizes environmental pollution

Practices like organic farming, agroforestry, and precision agriculture can help maintain soil health, conserve water, and reduce chemical usage. These methods ensure food security while preserving ecosystems.

Cities, as hubs of population and economic activity, have a significant environmental footprint. Sustainable urban planning, green infrastructure, and efficient public transportation systems can reduce energy consumption and pollution.

Technological advancements play a pivotal role in promoting sustainability. Innovations in renewable energy, such as efficient solar panels and energy storage systems, have made clean energy more accessible and affordable. Smart farming technologies, including IoT and AI, enable precision agriculture, reducing resource

Digital tools also empower communities by raising awareness about sustainable practices and enabling monitoring of environmental changes. For instance, satellite imagery helps track deforestation, while apps promote waste segregation and recycling efforts.

Despite the progress, significant obstacles hinder the journey toward sustainability. Economic disparities make it difficult for developing nations to adopt green technologies. Political inertia and lack of stringent environmental regulations further slow down progress. Additionally, changing public attitudes and consumption patterns remains a challenge, as consumerism and wasteful practices continue to dominate.

Sustainability is not solely the responsibility of governments and corporations; individuals and communities also play a crucial role. Simple actions, such as conserving water, reducing single-use plastics, and adopting energy-efficient appliances, can collectively make a substantial impact. Promoting environmental education fosters awareness and encourages proactive participation in sustainability initiatives.

Local communities are often at the forefront of conservation efforts. Indigenous knowledge and practices, which are inherently sustainable, offer valuable insights into ecosystem management. Collaborative efforts between local populations, governments, and organizations can lead to effective and inclusive solutions.

Environmental issues transcend national boundaries, necessitating global cooperation. Agreements like the Paris Accord aim to unite countries in combating climate change. Similarly, international organizations and forums facilitate knowledge sharing, resource mobilization, and coordinated actions.

Supreme Court upheld Secularism & Socialism

By: Omkar Dattatray

qupreme Court gave an important judgment of far-Preaching significance when it disposed the public interest litigation asking for striking down the word secular and socialist from the preamble of the Indian constitution and the highest Court declined to strike down the important term secular from the constitution .It was in 1976 that in the rule of Congress Prime minister Indira Gandhi, the parliament had enacted 42rd amendment to the constitution of India and incorporated and added the words, secular, socialist & integrity to the preamble of the constitution thereby making Indian officially, formally ,legally and constitutionally a secular country . However many political parties, thinkers and even some big number of the public did not like the addition of term secular to the preamble of the Indian constitution .Their argument and contention was and is that India is already a country which is scripturally ordained as the nation where Sava Dharm Sambav is the cardinal principle and doctrine of its cultural philosophy and it practices inter -faith harmony and mutual brotherhood and so there was and is no need to add the term secular to the preamble of the constitution .To tap it all the right wing party BJP which espouses Hindutva, RSS, VHP and its sister organizations were and are not in favor of term secular to have been added and introduced in the constitution .This word secular in the constitution and political lexicon of India is in fact a genuine eyesore to the Hindutva and right wing political party .But the hard fact and reality is that India being a secular country has got guarantee about secularism by the constitution .A Division Bench of the Supreme Court led by the chief Justice of India dismissed pleas challenging the inclusion of words 'socialistic' and 'secular' in the preamble of the constitution .Thus in a crucial verdict ,the Supreme Court of

India on November 25th upheld the inclusion of the words 'socialistic' and 'secular' in the preamble of the constitution through the 42nd Constitutional Amendment in 1976. A Bench comprising CJ of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar observed that the flaws in the petitioners arguments were manifest .Questioning the motives of the petitioners, the Court remarked." The fact that the write petitions were filed in 2020 forty four years after the words 'socialistic' & "secular' became integral to the preamble, makes the prayers particularly questionable .This stems from the fact that these terms have achieved widespread acceptance, with their meanings understood by "we the people of India" without any semblance of doubt.'The court emphasized that the 42rd Amendment had already undergone judicial scrutiny .For instance, in 1980, the Constitution Bench in Minevera Mills vs Union of India upheld these insertions ,declaring them vital to the constitutions philosophy. In Keshvananda Bharati v.state of Kerala and S.R.Bommi vs Union of India court observed that secularism is a basic feature of the constitution .In fact Supreme Court on November 25 while dismissing the challenge to the insertion of the terms 'Secular' and 'Socialistic' in the Preamble observed that the constitution's Preamble in its original form also reflected secular ethos even before the passing of the 42nd Amendment in 1976 which inserted these words .The important judgment was passed on a bench of petitions challenging the inclusion of the words 'socialistic' and 'secular' into the Preamble of the constitution in 1976 with retrospective effect .The Supreme Court in an order ,upheld the inclusion of 'socialistic' and 'secular 'in the Preamble of the constitution .The word 'secular' denotes a Republic that upholds equal respect for all religions .'socialistic' represents a Republic dedicated to eliminating all forms of exploitation -whether social ,political ,or economic ,"a Bench of CJ of India Sanjiv Kumar

Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar interpreted .While considering the writ petitions challenging the insertion of 'socialistic' and 'secular 'in the Preamble to the constitution by the constitution forty second amendment Act in 1976, the division Bench on of Sanjiv Khanna CJ ,and Sanjay Kumar Justice ,dismissed the petitions stating that there was no legitimate cause or justification for challenging this constitutional Amendment after nearly 44 years .The court further said that words 'Socialistic' and 'secular' have achieved widespread acceptance .Furthermore ,the additions to the Preamble have not restricted or impeded legislations or policies pursued by the elected governments, provided such actions did not infringe upon fundamental and constitutional rights or the basic structure of the constitution .The challenge to the insertion of 'socialistic' and 'secular' to the Preamble was made on several grounds. It was contended that retrospectivity of the insertion in 1976, resulted in falsity as the constitution was adopted on 26-11-1949, the word 'secular' was deliberately eschewed by the constituent assembly, and the word 'socialist' fetters and restricts the economic policy choice vesting in the elected government ,which represents the will of the people .It was further submitted that the 42rd amendment is unconstitutional as it was passed during the Emergency in 2-11-1976, after the normal tenure of the Lok Sabha that had ended on 18-3-1976 ,therefore ,there was no will of the people to sanction the amendments .At the very outset, the court clarified that the instant petitions did not require detailed adjudication as the flaws and weaknesses in the arguments are obvious and manifest .It said article 368 of the constitution permits amendment of the constitution, the power to amend unquestionably rests with the parliament and this amending power extends to the Preamble .Amendments to the constitution can be challenged on various grounds, including violation of the basic structure of the constitution .The important order was based on a batch of petitions filed in 2020 challenging the validity of the inclusion of 'socialist' and 'secular' in the Preamble through the 42rd Constitution Amendment in 1976 .The petitioners, who included BJP leader Subramanian Swamy argued that the insertions made with the retrospective effect, that is from date of the adoption of the Constitution by the constituent Assembly on November 26,1949 amounted to a fraud on the constitution .Besides ,they argued ,the word 'secular' was deliberately eschewed by the Constituent Assembly and the word 'socialist' frittered the economic policy choice of the elected government , which represents the will of the people .The court further explained that the constitution was a "living document "and open to changes according to the needs of the time. The court said the Preamble's original tenets of equality of status and opportunity, fraternity, dignity and liberty reflect the secular ethos of the constitution .The court clarified that 'socialism' in the Indian context meant the commitment to function as a welfare state .Thus we can say that the top court upheld the secularism and socialism as enshrined in the constitution of India .The subject of inclusion of the terms 'secular' and 'socialist' has been settled and there is no confusion about it. Still if the parliamentarians find it necessary to deleted the words ,'secular' and 'socialist' for that the parliament has to once again make a constitutional amendment to the effect of erasing these two words from the Preamble of the constitution .But it is easier said than done .However there is no bar to make amendments to the constitution as per the demands of the time.

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How are Indian schools addressing digital literacy and mental health challenges?

By: Vijay GarG

India's education system is witnessing a transformative shift, blending traditional values with modern innovations. Policies like NEP and RTE have redefined learning, emphasising inclusivity, skill-building, and emotional well-being.

The Indian education landscape has undergone profound changes, driven by progressive policies and a growing emphasis on holistic learning. From democratising access to quality education through the Right to Education (RTE) Act to implementing the transformative National Education Policy (NEP), the sector has made significant strides in inclusivity and innovation. Today, education not only caters to academic excellence but also fosters partnerships between parents and schools, creating a robust support system for students.

Adapting to these changes, schools have embraced a forward-thinking approach while preserving core values.

The essence of a strong education system lies in nurturing curiosity and critical thinking, equipping students with the tools to navigate an unpredictable future. Recognising this, schools are focusing on imparting skills for a world shaped by emerging technologies.

Early exposure to fields like artificial intelligence, data science, and digital innovations prepares students for challenges that await them 10–15 years down the line.

India's education system is evolving, blending tradition with modern innovations. India Today spoke with Praneet Mungali, Trustee, Sanskriti Group of Schools, Pune, to explore these changes.

INNOVATION TEACH-ING FOR AN ENGAGED FUTURE

Modern education demands more than rote learning; it requires engagement, relevance, and emotional connection. Schools have risen to this challenge by incorporating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into their teaching methodologies. SEL blends seamlessly into subjects like history, science, and mathematics, making lessons more relatable and impactful.

For instance, students might role-play historical figures to explore their motivations or engage in peer interviews to discuss contemporary issues. Group projects encourage collaboration, as students learn to allocate roles and work towards shared goals, fostering both teamwork and empathy.

VÂLUES AT THE HEART OF EDUCATION

"In an era dominated by rapid technological and societal changes, schools are emphasising the importance of values. Striking a balance between personal fulfillment and material success, the curriculum is designed to nurture emotionally resilient individuals. Central to this framework is the concept of Vivek he ability to discern right from wrong," said Praneet Mungali, Trustee, Sanskriti Group of Schools, Pune.

This timeless skill is woven into daily learning, guiding students towards becoming morally upright and emotionally balanced adults.

ADDRESSING CONTEM-PORARY CHALLENGES

As the education landscape evolves, schools are actively addressing pressing challenges such as digital literacy, curriculum adaptability, and mental health. Frequent workshops by experts on cyber safety ensure students are equipped to navigate the digital world responsibly. In-house AI coaches provide

hands-on experiences, helping children embrace technology early on.

"Mental health, a cornerstone of student well-being, is prioritised through structured SEL programmes. These programmes equip students with the tools to manage emotions, build meaningful relationships, and express empathy. By fostering emotional intelligence, schools lay the foundation for happy, well-adjusted individuals who can thrive in any environment," said he further added.

As India continues to redefine education, the focus remains on creating a generation of learners who are curious, compassionate, and competent. By integrating innovation with tradition, schools are shaping a future where students not only succeed academically but also contribute meaningfully to society. The transformation of education is not just about adapting to change but leading it with vision and purpose.

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World AIDS Day observed at Govt SPMR College of Commerce

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: Red Ribbon Club of the Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu observed World AIDS Day, 2024 by organising Rangoli Making Competition on the theme "Take the Right Path".

The event was organised under the patronage of Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rajinder Singh opined that the theme of this year is a reminder that every action, big or small, can make a difference in combating the HIV epidemic.

He emphasized on the critical role that each of us has to play in shaping a future where AIDS



is no longer a global crisis. Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta, the Head of the Commerce Department, created awareness among the students about the critical preventive measures necessary for combating AIDS.

He highlighted the significance of coming together and urged everyone to rally behind

their communities in the battle against this disease.

The Rangoli Making Competition was adjudged by Prof. Pawan Kumar, Prof.

Ashu Manhas and Dr. Deepshikha Sharma. Anshu Kapoor of B.com Sem 1st bagged first prize in the competition whereas Bhavdeep Kour of B.com sem 1st and Niharika Mehra B.com sem 3rd secured second and third position respectively.

Prominent among those present were Dr. Mohd Azam, Prof. Ashraf Nawaz, Dr. Rekha Gupta, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Prof. Sanjeev Verma, Prof. Esha Abrol and Dr. Neeru Anand.

The entire event was organised and managed by Red Ribbon Committee members- Dr. Jagmeet Kaur (Convener), Dr. Deepak Pathania, Dr. Fayza, Dr. Madhu Bala, Prof. Binny, Dr. Roomi Rani and Ravi.

programme on World AIDS Day



Top News Report

DARHAL, Dec 3: The Red Ribbon Club and NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College (GDC) Darhal organized an awareness program on 'World AIDS Day'

It was a crucial effort to educate students and faculty about the ongoing challenges posed by HIV/AIDS, underlining the importance of awareness and advo-

Dr. Taseem Ahmed's lecture on the global and national HIV/AIDS landscape provided valuable insights.

He emphasized the alarming statistics regarding infections and the need for continued efforts in prevention and treatment.

By highlighting the actions taken by international organizations and the Government

of India, he illustrated a multi-faceted approach to combatting the disease, incorporating education, healthcare access, and policy advocacy.

GDC Darhal organises awareness

Dr. Mohd Akhlaq's focus on the vulnerability of women and girls to HIV/AIDS was particularly important. It sheds light on the gender disparities that exist in healthcare access. education, and social stigma.

His talk underscored the need for targeted initiatives that empower women and ensure they receive the necessary support and resources to protect themselves.

World AIDS Day serves as an annual reminder that while progress has been made, there is still much work to do in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The theme "Take the rights path: My health, my right" resonates deeply, reinforcing the belief that every individual has the right to health education, preventative measures,

and treatment options. Events like this awareness program not only inform but also mobilize communities to engage in preventative practic-

es, reduce stigma, and support those affected. By fostering dialogue and understanding, educational institutions play a vital role in creating a society that is informed and compassionate.

Through continuous awareness efforts, we can work towards a future where HIV/AIDS is no longer a significant public health challenge, ensuring that everyone, regardless of gender or background, can live healthy and fulfilling lives.

A large number of students and staff members participated in the Program. Prominent among others were Prof. Anzar Ahmed, Dr. Shahid Nabi Dar, Dr Mohd Shakeel Kataria, Prof. Igbal Ahmed, Prof. Sumina Begum Prof. Rahul Sangra, Dr. Mohd Sagir, Dr.Atta ul Rehman and Dr Muzamil.

Amid cold students forced to study in open sky as Kulgam school still without building for decades

Will take up matter with higher ups for construction of school building: CEO Kulgam

Top News Report

KULGAM, Dec 3: A government primary school in the Bebrada area of Yaripora belt, in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, remains neglected and unnoticed by both local and higher administration. Despite decades passing, the school is still operating in a open sky.

"I have been studying in open for several years. I hope we get a roof soon", a student told Top News JK.

"Without a toilet in the school, teachers and students have to beg neighbours to allow



"I feel sad to know that

the authorities have not constructed a proper school building for these young minds till date, in this digital era, the students of this school are striving for basic necessities", a local resident

Locals urged the

concerned authorities to look into the issue rooms," he said.

> heave a sigh of relief. In response, the Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Kulgam, Iqbal Hussain told that he would take up the matter with higher ups for construction of the school building in the area.

so that students could

One set of contract employees cannot be replaced with another set of employees engaged in same terms: CAT

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: The CAT Bench, Jammu, comprising Rajinder Singh Dogra (J) and Ram Mohan Johri (A), while disposing of Original Application restrained the Skill & Development Department, J&K Government from replacing/substituting the Applicant by another set of contractual appointee' or by transferring regularly recruited Vocational Instructor in the Trade of "Stenographer & Secretarial Assistant (English)" in ITI, R. S. Pura, from one institution to another till post held by the Applicant on 'contractual basis' in the academic arrangement is filled up by the competent authority i. e J&K State Services Selection Board on regular/ substantive basis.

The Applicant - Pri-

yanka Gupta, on satisfying the eligibility & qualification, as per the advertisement Notification dated July 14, 2022, issued by the Superintendent Industrial Training Institute, Kathua, and after undergoing the process of selection, was placed in the Select List on the basis of the uniform screening test and consequentially came to be appointed as Vocational Instructor in the Trade of "Stenographer & Secretarial Assistant (English)" in ITI, Kathua, for academic session 2022-2023 and again Vide Notification dated August 17, 2023, issued by the Superintendent ITI, R. S. Pura, was appointed as Vocational Instructor in ITI, R. S. Pura, against a clear and

available vacancy, on the approval of the Skill Development Depart-

ment, J&K The Applicant when sought to be replaced / substituted by another set of contractual appointees or by transferring regularly recruited Vocational Instructor in ITI, R. S. Pura, from one institution to another and being deprived of right to continuance till regular selection on the post held by her, through Dinesh Singh Chauhan, Advocate took resort to judicial process of law, seeking restraint to invite the applications from the candidates for filling up of post on contractual basis in the academic arrangement after disengaging the services of the applicant, already working on a similar arrangement with the respondents.

Dewakar Sharma, DAG on behalf of UT & other respondents submitted that the applicant is neither adhoc nor contractual employee of the respondents' department.

Since the engagement of the applicant is limited to delivering a specific number of lectures during the current academic year as guest faculty for a specific honorarium, therefore, is not entitled to the benefit of continuity until regular appointments is made

by the Government. The CAT Bench observed that "It is a settled principle of law that an ad hoc employee cannot be replaced by another ad hoc employee and he can be replaced only by another candidate who is regularly appointed by following a regular procedure prescribed."

Students of HPS shine at 21st State **Matsogi-Do Championship**



Singh) and 1 girl (Aakriti

Top News Report

SAMBA, Dec 3: In a remarkable feat, students of Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana have showcased outstanding skills and determination at the 21st State

Matsogi-Do Championship 2024-25 held at Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar recently.

72 students of HPS participated in the competition out of which 38 students brought medals at different categories i.e; under 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 category, Under-9 and 11 category, 4 boys (Akhilesh Charak, Naksh Malviya, Rudra Pratap, Naksh Kumar), Under-13 category (Sameer Dogra), Under-15 and 17 category, 6 boys (Pranav Rajput, Krish, Ranvijay, Uday Dev Singh, Sayam Charak and Daksh Charak) Under-13 won gold medal. Under-9 and 11 category, 2 boys and 4 girls (Lakshya Charak, Vidhant, Gurpreet Bhagat, Ananya, Ridhi Jamwal, Sunakshi Charak), Under-13 category, 2 boys (Uplaksh Charak and Jaskaran Singh) and Under-15 and 17 category, 2 boys and 1 girl (Paras, Vansh and Samriti) won silver medal whereas Under-9 and 11 category, 5 boys and 1 girl (Rishab Mehta, Harsh Angurana, Naman Charak, Arav Kashyap, Ansh Sharma and Sanvika), Under-13 category,2 boys and 4 girls (Ikjot Singh, Kartik Mehra, Niharika Devi, Elina Biswas, Manvika Sadotra and Samriti Bhagat) and Under-15 and 17, 2 boys and 1 girl (Soham Sharma, Muzzamil and Chunmun) won bronze medal. Students of Humanity Public School won 12 gold, 11 silver and 15 bronze medals and brought laurels to their school. **Humanity Public School** stole the show by standing at the 1st position in the competition. All students were trained and guided under the Sports Incharge, Mahan Singh and Coach, Bhanu Pratap Singh. Principal of the school,

Gaurav Charak and Vice-Principal, Anku expressed immense pride in the hard work and achievement of the students under the guidance of Sports Incharge, Mahan Singh.

They also honoured the winners in the school assembly and congratulated all the students and staff members of the school for the outstanding performance and victory of the students.

President DDF advocates for regularization, salary hike for NHM employees in J&K

Top News Report

DODA, Dec 3: In a strong appeal to the government, Ishtiaq Ahmed Dev, President the Doda Development Front and a prominent social activist, has demanded the immediate implementation of a regularization policy and a salary hike for National Health Mission (NHM) employees in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued

to media, Dev emphasized that NHM employees have been rendering critical healthcare services for the past 20 years, often under challenging conditions. He highlighted that despite their unwavering dedication, these employees continue to face job insecurity and inadequate remuneration, which undermines



their morale and finan-"The NHM workforce

has been the backbone of healthcare delivery, especially in rural and underserved areas. It is disheartening that despite two decades of service, they are denied the dignity of regular employment and fair pay," Mr. Dev stated.

He urged the authorities including Chief Minister J&K Omar Abdullah, Lt Governor J&K Manoj Sinha and Health Minister J&K Sakina Masood Itoo to recognize the invaluable contribution of NHM

employees by introducing a comprehensive regularization policy that ensures job security and career growth. Additionally, he called for an urgent salary revision to align their pay scales with inflation and their critical role in the healthcare system.

Dev further expressed solidarity with the NHM Employees group, lauding their resilience and unity in advocating for their rights. He reiterated his commitment to supporting their cause and called upon all stakeholders to join hands in ensuring justice for these frontline healthcare workers.

"The government must prioritize this issue as a matter of urgency. Healthcare is a fundamental right, and the welfare of those who deliver it cannot be overlooked." Dev concluded.

World AIDS Day celebrated at GDC Kishtwar



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Dec 3: The Red Ribbon Club, in collaboration with the Departments of Botany and Zoology at Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar, organized a series of events to mark World AIDS Day 2024. The celebration was held under the patronage of Principal, Prof. Basharat Iqbal, and convened by Prof. Waseem Rashid from the Department of

Zoology. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members, promoting awareness about HIV/ AIDS and its global impact.

The event commenced with a formal welcome address by Dr. Shazia Tabassum, who also conducted the proceedings throughout the day. Students and faculty engaged in various

activities, including sem-

inars, poster-making,

and rangoli competi-

tions, all aimed at raising awareness about AIDS and the HIV virus.

The seminar, a key highlight of the event, featured an insightful presentation by Prof. Asma Javaid from the Department of Botany. She provided a com-

prehensive overview of AIDS, its causes, preventive measures, and the importance of destigmatizing the disease. The seminar competition adjudged Amit Thakur, first, Mohd. Aslan, second and Sadiq Sajjad, third.

The competition was judged by a distinguished panel consisting of Prof. Sonika Sen (Department of Sociology), Prof. Prithvi Raj (Department of Commerce), and Dr. Pardeep (Department of Zoololhgy)

Army pays tribute to soldier dies of heart attack while on duty in Rajasthan



Top News Report

QAZIGUND, Dec 3: The Indian Army on Tuesday paid tributes to the soldier who died of heart attack while on duty in Rajasthan on Sunday.

An army official told Top News jk that Vepinder singh son of Suba Singh of Palpora of

Mirbazar who was on duty suffered a massive heart attack in Rajasthan leads to death of the soldier.

He said body was airlifted on Monday from Rajasthan to Badami bagh headquarters in Srinagar, adding body of slain soldier arrived in his native village Palpora on today morning where he was laid to rest. Soldiers, family members and relatives of the deceased participated in his last rites.

"In this hour of grief, the Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved family and remains committed to their dignity and well being," he said

GDCW Kathua launches Smart I-Cards for students of BA/BSc Semester 1 smart I-Cards enable

Top News Report

KATHUA, Dec 3: In a significant step toward digital transformation, the Library of Govt. Degree College for Women (GDCW) Kathua, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Savi Behl, has introduced smart I-Cards for students of BA/BSc Semester 1.

This initiative aligns with the college's commitment to modernizing education and enhancing the academic experience of its students through the integration of advanced technology. The newly launched

students to access the library's extensive resources, including physical collections, e-books, research journals, and multimedia materials.

These cards also streamline the borrowing process, ensuring convenience and efficiency in utilizing academic resources.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Savi Behl underscored the importance of this initiative in fostering innova-

tion and learning. She reaffirmed the college's dedication to equipping students with modern tools that support both their academic pursuits and overall personal development.

Dr. Inderjeet Kour, Dr. Babita Mahajan, Dr. Rachna, and Chief Librarian Sorab Dutta were also present at the launch event, lending their support to this progressive move.

The launch of smart I-Cards is part of the institution's vision to create a tech-savvy academic environment that aligns with global trends in digital education, ensuring students are well-prepared for future challenges.

Actor Jai Randhhawa, the angry jatt from Je Jatt Vigarh Gya, is upbeat about his new film Badnam

When you think of a star like Jai Randhhawa, it's hard to imagine all the layers that make up his remarkable journey. He's made his mark in acting, martial arts, reality TV, and even the world of YouTube.

From his early school days when he first felt the spark of cinema, to his current ambitions of making a Hollywood film with an all-Punjabi cast, Jai's story is as diverse as his talents—and yet, it all flows from one central theme — passion.

"I think it all started when I was in school," Jai reflects, speaking of the moment when his love for cinema first took root. "I would see movie posters and dream of being a part of that world."

From those childhood dreams, he dove headfirst into martial arts because he saw himself as an action hero. Soon, he realised that just knowing stunts wasn't enough, and got into hosting chat shows.

What followed was a series of unexpected turns that led him to TV screens and movie sets, including reality shows, You-Tube hits, and finally, films like Shooter and Medal.

Speaking of his latest project, Je Jatt Vigad Gaya, Jai shares it holds a special place in his heart. "Manish sir produced it, and Janardhan sir wrote it," says Jai. "Working with such talented individuals was an incredible experience."

For Jai, every movie is special,



and he compares his journey with it to driving a car for the first time. "When you start, you're afraid it might crash," he says. "But as you get better, you focus on moving faster, smoother, and without fear."

To be associated with such projects is a conscious effort. And if you are also wondering why he hasn't done more films, the actor says, "I always aim to do something that hasn't been done before. Something unique takes time. If you want to create something fresh, sometimes you have to hold back."

He believes in creating content that resonates not just with Punjabi audiences, but on a pan-

India level. "Comedy doesn't always translate well across different languages, but drama and action do. That's the direction I want to take.

Despite his achievements, Jai remains grounded and hungry for more. "Success isn't reaching one point, it's ongoing and never-ending," he says, and his eyes light up when he talks about his goals for the future.

"The Punjabi industry is just beginning to take off, and I'm excited for what the next 1-2 years will bring. There's so much more I want to accomplish.'

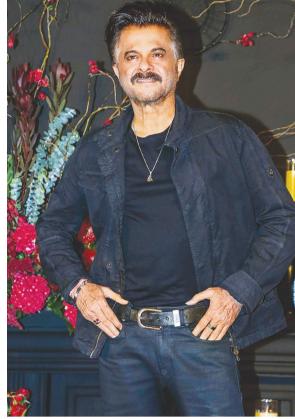
His ambitions extend far beyond the boundaries of regional cinema. "I want to make Hollywood film," he reveals. "And not just any film-one where the entire cast is Punjabi. That's my dream."

And he wants his story to inspire others—especially those from humble beginnings. "I want people to see my journey and think, 'If he can do it, I can do it too," he says.

Jai's not slowing down. His next film Badnam is already in the works, with plans for a 2025 release. The shooting is taking place in the vibrant locales of Jaipur and Dehradun.

As he signs off, Jai says it's not just about acting—it's about making a connection. "I don't want people to see me as distant or unapproachable. I want them to see me as their own," he says with a warm smile.

It's done: Anil Kapoor wraps up Subedaar shooting



Actor Anil Kapoor, who was recently seen in the theatrical movie Savi, has wrapped up the schedule of his upcoming streaming movie Subedaar, in which he

essays the titular role. The actor took to social media on Monday, and shared a series of BTS pictures from the set. He also penned a heartfelt note in the caption, as he wrote, "From dreams to reality, from vision to creation, Subedaar takes shape with dedication and heart! Schedule wrapped, but the magic is just beginning. Grateful for the team, the passion, and the journey."

The story of Subedaar revolves around Arjun Maurya (played by Anil Kapoor), who is a former soldier adjusting to life as a civilian. As

he faces personal and societal challenges, he must mend his strained relationship with his daughter, Shyama (played by Radhikka Madan), while battling his inner struggles.

The film is directed by Suresh Triveni, and is produced by Vikram Malhotra, Anil Kapoor and Triveni. The film will premiere on Prime Video.

This year has been monumental for Kapoor. Following the success of Fighter, he was named in the TIME100 Al list for his advocacy against AI misuse. His acclaimed series, The Night Manager, earned a nomination for Best Drama Series at the 2024 International Emmy Awards, and he also won an IIFA Award for his role in Animal.

The actor has a slew of releases in the pipeline, including War 2, in which he will be seen sharing the screen with Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan and the Telugu superstar NTR Jr of RRR fame.

He also has Alpha in his kitty, which again is a part of the YRF spyuniverse like War 2.

Dua Lipa performs mash-up of 'Levitating' and 'Wo Ladki Jo' featuring SRK at Mumbai concert

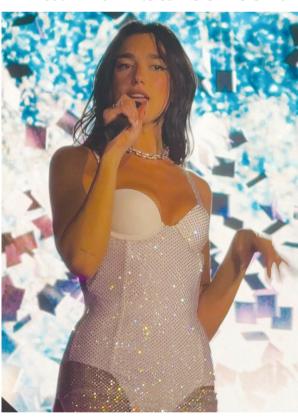
Pop star Dua Lipa surprised the audience at her Mumbai concert by performing a mashup of her chartbuster 'Levitating' and 'Wo Ladki Jo', a song from the 1999 Bollywood film 'Baadshah' fronted by Shah Rukh Khan.

Dua, also known for tracks like 'Illusion'. 'Dance The Night', 'Houdini' and 'One Kiss', took the stage as part of the second edition of the Zomato Feeding India Concert.

According to videos circulating on social media, the singer can be seen grooving to the fusion of the two songs, which went viral on social media a few years ago owing to their similar beat pattern.

Shah Rukh's daughter, actor Suhana Khan also shared a reel of the singer's performance on her Instagram story with a series of emojis.

While 'Wo Ladki Jo', sung by Abhijeet, is composed by Anu Malik and penned by Sameer



for Abbas-Mustan's hit film 'Baadshah', the song 'Levitating' is part of Dua's 2020 album 'Future Nostalgia'.

performance in India after a 2019 concert at the OnePlus Music Fes-

This was her second

tival in Navi Mumbai. At the time, the 29-year-old also met Shah Rukh.

has visited India on her personal trips, the last one being around December 2023 when she explored the streets of Rajasthan and Delhi.

Preity Mukhundhan talks about how life has changed from Aasa Kooda to Morni

If you've been on the internet in 2024, it's hard to believe you haven't grooved to the Tamil song Aasa Kooda in some form or another. The song released in June this year had everyone Googling who was the pretty girl in the music video by Sai Abhyankkar and Sai Smriti.

Preity Mukhundhan, the girl in the video, chats to agency about her latest song, Morni with Badshah, foraying into films and more.

'Dance was always a part of my identity'

Preity shares that dancing was an integral part of her life growing up, even before she wanted to be an actor or model. "I'm from Trichy, and dance has always been a huge part of my identity," explains the debutant, adding, "I was always drawn to performing arts while growing up. So it's surreal that I get to live this dream now."

Aasa Kooda might have brought her into



the spotlight, but Preity was featured in the 2022 song Muttu Mu2 by Teejay Arunasalam ing for the song. It has been overwhelming and incredible since then," she says. 'I've grown as a person

in many ways' The song's popularity opened up many doors for her. Preity recently danced for Badshah's most recent Hindi song, Morni. "Teaming up with Badshah for Morni was exciting because of how legendary he is; the vibe was fresh and fun. The response has been fantastic since the song was released, and I feel like people really connected to it. And that's the best part of it all for me."

She has since also debuted in the Telugu film industry with Om Bheem Bush, in Tamil with Star, and will soon also debut in Malayalam with Maine Pyar Kiya. "2024 has been incredible for me. I've also grown as a person in so many ways. Getting to work with highly passionate artists early in my career has been enriching. I feel truly grateful," she claims. 'Shooting for Kannap-

pa was unforgettable'

Preity is just getting started and is hungry for growth. She says, "For 2025, I want to grow both my craft and me as a person. I want to work with more creative minds and challenge myself in new roles. I have some cool projects lined up that are yet to be announced. I soon."

But before that. Preity will soon be seen in Vishnu Manchu's dream project, Kannappa, where stars like Akshay Kumar, Mohanlal, and Prabhas play cameos. She also trained in horse riding and sword fighting for the film. "I cannot reveal more, but shooting for Kannappa was an unforgettable experience for me," she says, adding, "Being a part of such an epic story, the larger-than-life scale of it was humbling."

Kate Winslet recalls dealing with fat-shamers as a 'young actress'

Kate Winslet is opening up on her struggles with body shaming and unrealistic beauty standards in Hollywood. In a recent 60 Minutes interview, the Titanic star revealed she was "ridiculed" for her weight when she was just starting out in the industry. The 49-year-old also shared that she faced severe criticism from a drama teacher years

During her sit-down on agency, a visibly emotional Winslet shared that an interviewer once said that it looked as if she was "melted and poured" into a red carpet gown. "It was absolutely appalling," the Blackbird

actress recalled, adding, "What kind of a person must they be to do something like that to a young actress who's just trying to figure it out?"

When asked if she ever got "face-to-face" with her critics, Winslet said, "I let them have it." "I said, 'I hope this haunts you.' It was a great moment. It was a great moment because it wasn't just for me. It was for all those people who were subjected to that level of harassment. It was horrific. It was really bad," the Wonder Wheel actress recounted.

further Winslet addressed the incident when a former teacher



told her, "'Now, listen, Kate. I'm telling you, darling, if you're going to look like this, you'll have to settle for the fat girl parts." "I was never

even fat," she exclaimed while laughing. The Ammonite actress went on to share that she channelled the criticism into a "quiet determina-

"It made me think, 'I'll just show you --- just quietly," Winslet said of using the harsh criticism she received to transform herself. The Hollywood veteran went on to slam the unrealistic beauty standards in the industry.

"People say, 'Oh, you were so brave for this role. You didn't wear any makeup.' You know, "You had wrinkles." Do we say to the men, 'Oh, you were so brave for this role. You grew a beard?' No. We don't," she said, adding that she no longer cares about anybody's opinions because it is too "exhausting."

Bollywood singer Shabbir Kumar regaled Tricity audience with his golden hits



before that. "Aasa

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Vibrations organised a musical evening to pay tributes to legendary singes Mohd Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Mukesh and Lata Mageshkar. Titled The Legends, the musical programme is an annual event.

Bollywood singer Shabbir Kumar was

the celebrity guest on this occasion.

The audience were not only treated to hit film songs from the 80s and 90s, but also got a chance to listen to Shabbir Kumar singing his iconic songs. The hall was reverberated with thunderous applause as Kumar belted out his favourite song Zihale Masti Mukund Ranjish from the 1985 Bollywood movie Ghulami. Yet another rendition Zindagi Har Kadam Ek Nai Jung Hai from 1985 movie Meri Jung got a standing ovation. Tumse Milkar Na Jane Kyun, Sari Duniya Ka Bojh Hum Uthate Hai, Medinay Wale Se Mera Salaam Kahna and more followed.

Apart from the Tricity, amateur singers from Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh regaled the audience at Tagore Theatre. Among them was Geeta Bhardwaj of Indian Idol fame also enthralled the audience.

PM Modi witnesses live demo of crime scene investigation under new criminal laws

(Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday witnessed a live demonstration simulating a crime scene investigation under the new criminal laws here.

Modi arrived in Chandigarh earlier in the day to dedicate to the nation the successful implementation of the three new laws.

The three criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam — came into effect on July 1, replacing the Britishera Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

A live demonstration of the



process of collecting evidence and recording statements was given by the Chandigarh Police at an exhibition hall set up at the Punjab Engineering College here.

The programme showcased

the practical application of the new laws

Modi was also briefed by Chandigarh Senior Superintendent of Police Kanwardeep Kaur.

The prime minister was

Minister Amit Shah, Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria, UT Chandigarh adviser Rajeev Verma and Chandigarh Director General of Police Surendra Singh Yadav.

The new criminal laws aim to make India's legal system more transparent, efficient and adaptable to the needs of contemporary society, an official statement said on Monday.

These landmark reforms mark a historic overhaul of India's criminal justice system, bringing in new frameworks to tackle modern-day challenges such as cybercrime and organised crime and ensuring justice for victims of various offences, according to the statement.

"Those Who Want To Dig Everywhere...": Akhilesh Yadav's Sambhal Warning

NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): The incident in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal was a "wellplanned conspiracy aimed at hurting communal harmony", Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav said in the Lok Sabha Tuesday, amid continuing protests by the opposition over violence linked to a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque.

Mr Yadav declared a survey of the mosque could hurt India's 'Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb'.

"Those who want to dig everywhere will, one day, lose the brotherhood of the country," he said, directing his ire (without taking names) at the Bharatiya Janata Party in power at the centre and in UP, where Hindu petitioners want mosques demolished on grounds they were built

over temples. Mr Yadav's angry remarks followed a brief walkout by opposition MPs, including the Congress' Rahul Gandhi. Once they returned, the ex-UP Chief Minister stood up to address the

House "This is a very serious matter... five people lost their lives," he began before Speaker Om

Birla interrupted, triggering more protests and chaos; some Samajwadi MPs rushed the Well and A Raia of Tamil Nadu's ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was seen calling on colleagues to

join the protest. A phalanx of opposition lawmakers stood up to back Mr Yadav, including those from Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party group.

Once a measure of order was restored, Akhilesh Yadav began his fiery speech.

"This government does not believe in the Constitution," he thundered, pointing to the postponement of nine bypolls earlier this month from November 13 to the 20th, a day after an initial survey.

A civil court in Sambhal passed an ex-parte order on November 19 after a plea by Hindu petitioners that the mosque was built by Mughal emperor Babul in 1526 after demolishing a temple.

"Bypolls were supposed to be held on November 13 but it was postponed to November 20. (Then) a petition was filed against

the Shahi Jama Masjid and a survey order was passed even before listening to the other side. On November 19 the survey was conducted..." Akhilesh Yadav told Parliament.

"And, on November 24, another survey was conducted. People gathered to know the reason but a Circle Officer abused them and a lathi charge was done. After this, police opened fire with government-issued and private weapons," Mr Yadav alleged, according to news agency ANI.

"Dozens were injured and five innocent people were killed... A murder case should be filed against the police and administration, and they should be suspended so people can get justice." Akhilesh Yadav last week also ripped into the Sambhal adminis-

tration after a delegation from his party was stopped from visiting the "If the administration can be this strict today,

what was it doing on the day of violence? As long as this government is in power, there will be no justice.

The SP has announced compensation of 5 lakh to the family of each



person who died, and demanded the UP government give an additional sum of 25 lakh to each family.

The Sambhal violence has triggered a massive political row, with opposition MPs also red-flagging a similar situation brewing over the Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajas-

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the newly elected Wayanad rep, both slammed the state government.

The issue has also reached the Supreme Court, which on Friday halted survey action and directed the mosque's management committee to approach the Alla-

habad High Court. "Peace and harmony must be ensured. We will keep this pending. We do not want anything to happen. We have to be absolutely neutral..." a bench led by the new Chief Justice of India, Sanjiv Khanna, said.

Meanwhile, the UP government has named a three-member panel to investigate the riots, in connection with which police have filed charges against Ziaur Barq, the Samaiwadi Party's Sambhal MP.

The government panel, sources have said, will examine four questions - a) was the violence spontaneous or the result of a criminal conspiracy? b) what arrangements were made by the police? c) what led to the violence, and d) what can be done to prevent such an incident being repeated?

India for fair, mutually acceptable framework on border issue with China: Jaishankar



NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): India remains committed to engaging with China to arrive at a fair and mutually acceptable framework for boundary settlement, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday, noting that India-China relations cannot be normal in the absence of a clearly articulated approach.

Making a statement in the Lok Sabha, the minister said India-China ties have been abnormal since 2020 when peace and tranquillity in border areas were disturbed due to Chinese actions.

"The amassing of troops by China in eastern Ladakh in April-May 2020 resulted in face-offs at a number of points. After the Galwan Valley clashes, we were addressing a situation that not only saw fatalities but events that needed heavy weaponry deployment," he said.

The recent developments that reflect continuous diplomatic engagements have set India-China ties in the direction of "some improvement", he said.

"We remain committed to engaging with China to arrive at a fair and mutually acceptable framework for boundary settlement... The government has maintained that India-China relations cannot be normal in the absence of peace and tranquillity in the border areas, the combination of a firm and principal stance on this situation and the border areas, as well a clearly articulated approach to the totality of our ties," Jaishankar said.

"We have been very clear that the restoration of peace and tranquillity will be the basis for the rest of the relationship to move forward," he added.

Jaishankar credited the Indian forces, saying that despite logistical challenges and the Covid pandemic, they countered the Chinese troops rapidly.

AAP MP says Rs 2,500 per acre may be given to farmers to stop stubble burning

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NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): AAP MP Raghav Chadha on Tuesday said farmers should be supported by giving them Rs 2,500 per acre to bring down the incidents of stubble burning.

Raising the issue during zero hour in the Rajya Sabha, Chadha said farmers were compelled to burn stubble so that the yield of the next crop was not affected.

After paddy was harvested, the farmers get only 10 to 12 days time to prepare the field for the next crop, Chadha said and added that farmers were left with no choice but to burn the stubble since deployment of machines for cleaning the field entailed Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 per acre as expenditure.

The AAP MP said if Rs 2,500 per acre was provided to farmers to bear



dents of stubble burning would come down to zero in Punjab.

He said out of Rs 2,500, Rs 2,000 could be given by the Central Government while the remaining Rs 500 would be the responsibility of the state government.

The AAP MP said the long time solution of the problem could be crop diversification with the farmers switching to cultivation of cotton, corn and oilseed instead of paddy.

While paddy is not consumed much by the people in Punjab, the farmers starred growing the crop to feed the vast number of paddy eating Indians living in other states, Chadha said.

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He added that despite problems, incidents of stubble burning in Punjab has come down by over 70 per cent. On the other hand, stubble burning has gone up in states like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, etc, he claimed.

5 MBBS students killed after car collides with bus

ALAPPUZHA, Dec 3 (Agencies): In a tragic accident, five first-year MBBS students at Kerala's Alappuzha Medical College hospital died, after the car they were travelling in hit a state-owned Kerala State Road Transportation Corporation (KSRTC) passenger bus, near here Monday night, police said today.

The deceased victims include Mohammed, Muhasin, Ibrahim, Devanand and Shreedeep.

The incident occurred after 9 p.m. when the Tavera car, which according to eyewitnesses, was travelling at high speed skidded and hit the KSRTC bus which was travelling from Guruvayur to Kayamkulam.

The eyewitness said the car was cut open and threw the medical students

Three medical students died on the spot, while two succumbed on the way to the Alappuzha Medical College hos-

Two other medical students are now admitted in the same hospital and the condition of one of them is reportedly

Reports indicate that 10 students were travelling in the car.

The Alappuzha Municipal Vice-Chairman PSM Hussain, according to the locals, said the car was overtaking a vehicle and then when it applied the brake it skidded and hit the bus coming

from the opposite direction. The medical students were reported



to be on their way to Kochi.

"We are waiting for the CCTV visuals as the accident took place at a place where CCTV is placed," said Hussain.

The bus driver reported that the car was at a high speed and despite his best efforts to avoid the head-on collision, it was not possible.

Tavera car has been completely damaged.

Vehicular traffic on the road was thrown out of gear following the accident. The cause behind the accident is yet to be ascertained, police said.

The Police and the Motor Vehicles Department have commenced a probe into the accident.

Earlier on December 1, a collision between an ambulance and a government bus in Kerala's Pathanamthitta district resulted in injury to eight commuters. The bus, belonging to Kerala State Road Transportation Corporation (KSRTC), was plying from Thiruvananthapuram to Pathanamthitta when it collided with the ambulance on the Punalur-Muvattupuzha State Highway.

ED issues fresh summons to Raj Kundra in money laundering case

MUMBAI, Dec 3 (Agencies): The **Enforcement Director**ate (ED) issued fresh summons to businessman Raj Kundra, the husband of actor Shilpa Shetty, after he failed to appear before the central agency for questioning in his involvement in a money laundering case, officials said here on Tuesday.

According to details, ED had summoned him on Monday, but he sought time from the agency for remaining present before investigators. However, the agency declined his request and slapped him with a second summons asking him to appear on Wednesday.

Besides him, the agency has also summoned actress Gehna



Vashisht in the same case, asking her to join the investigation on December 9.

ED wants to guestion Kundra in a money laundering case linked to the alleged illegal distribution of pornographic movies.

The ED had last week raided Kundra's residence at Juhu in connection with the case against him.

In May 2022, the central agency registered a money laundering case against him in connection with the pornography case.

Kundra had been arrested by the Mumbai police in this connection. The ED is probing the financial transactions pertaining to the

The Mumbai police have already filed a chargesheet against Kundra and three other accused linked to the

In 2021, Kundra spent two months in Mumbai's Arthur Road jail and was granted bail in September that year.

Home Minister Amit Shah should resign if he can't handle Delhi's law and order: Kejriwal



NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal stepped up his attack on the BJP and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, calling for his resignation if he could not handle the "chaotic" law-and-order situation in the national capital.

There is chaos all over and people are afraid of stepping out of their homes due to the rising crimes, he alleged after meeting the kin of a youth who was stabbed to death outside his house in a Pitampura slum cluster.

"Two youths were attacked by seven to eight local boys in this area. Manish was stabbed multiple times and I was told that he died because he could not be taken to hospital in time. The other victim, Himanshu, was saved. Police have not recorded his statement as a witness," Keiriwal said.

"If Amit Shah is unable to handle law and order in Delhi and his concern is only making political tours across the country then he should resign,"

the former Delhi chief minister said.

He alleged that the police were threatening the victims and not taking action against the accused.

No immediate reaction was available from the Delhi Police which is controlled by the Union Home Ministry.

Kejriwal said that AAP will unite the people and "force" the BJP-led Centre to ensure peo-

ple's safety in the city. Alleging that drug abuse, chain snatching and other such crimes were rampant in Delhi, the AAP supremo claimed he was getting numerous phone calls, requesting him to visit their areas which he would do and raise

people's issues.

The BJP has hit back at Kejriwal, accusing him of creating a lawand-order scare to divert people's attention from corruption and failures of AAP ruling Delhi for the past decade.

If hostages are not released: Trump's ultimatum to Hamas

'Those responsible will be hit harder than anybody has been hit in the long and storied history of the United States of America,' Trump said in a social media post

WASHINGTON, Dec 3 (Agencies): US Presidentelect Donald Trump has issued an ultimatum to terrorist group Hamas that the hostages taken by it be released from Gaza before his inauguration in January, or there will be "hell to pay" in the Middle East for those responsible.

Writing on Truth Social, and without naming any militant group, Trump said in his post: "If the hostages are not released prior to January 20, 2025, the date that I proudly assume Office as President of the United States, there will be ALL HELL TO PAY in the Middle East, and for those in charge who perpetrated these atrocities against Humanity. Those responsible will be hit harder than anybody has been hit in the long and storied History of the United States of America. RELEASE THE **HOSTAGES NOW!**"

About 250 hostages were captured in the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, and about 100 of



them remain in Gaza, with about a third believed to be dead, according to the Israeli authorities.

The Biden administration has been working since last year with Israel and international mediators, including Qatar and Egypt, on a cease-fire deal that would include the release of the hostages.

It was not clear what tactic Trump might take that has not already been taken already by Israel, which has killed many of Hamas's leaders and thousands of its fighters while leveling much of Gaza.

Trump said in his post, "It's all talk and no action" when it comes to the hostages, and his statement suggesting that he could use the power of his office to punish those who took the captives is the first sign of how aggressively Trump might handle Middle East policy when he resumes office.

There was one brief pause in the fighting, more than a year ago, that led to the release of about 105 hostages. And efforts to broker a cease-fire deal appeared to stall last month

after mediators met in Egypt. Some hostages have also been rescued in Israeli military operations. But there have been protests and widespread frustration in Israel over the lack of a deal to secure their freedom, with critics of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel saying that he has failed to prioritise their release over his political survival.

This is not the first time that Trump has addressed the conflict in Gaza and the fate of the remaining hostages.

He has told Netanyahu that he wants the war in the enclave to end before he returns to the White House. And at the Republican National Convention in July, he said that he wanted the hostages returned and that captors "will be paying a very big price".

His latest warning came after Hamas released a propaganda video showing the American-Israeli hostage Edan Alexander, 20, pleading with Trump to secure his release.

Musk record \$56 bln pay deal rejected for second time



LONDON, Dec 3 (Agencies): Tesla CEO Elon Musk's recordbreaking \$56 bln (47bn) pay award will not be reinstated, a judge has

The decision in the Delaware court comes after months of legal wrangling and despite it being approved by shareholders and directors in the summer, a BBC report said on Tuesday.

Judge Kathaleen McCormick upheld her previous decision from January, in which she

argued that board members were too heavily

Reacting to the ruling, Mr Musk wrote on X: "Shareholders should control company votes, not judges."

influenced by Mr Musk.

Tesla vowed to appeal the ruling, saying the decision was "wrong".

"This ruling, if not overturned, means that judges and plaintiffs' lawyers run Delaware companies rather than their rightful owners? the shareholders," the company said in a post on X.

Judge McCormick said the pay package would have been the largest

ever for the boss of a listed company. Tesla failed to prove the pay package, which dates back to 2018, was

fair, she said. A shareholder vote on the payment passed by 75% in June, but the judge did not agree the pay should be so large despite what she called Tesla's lawyers' "creative" arguments.

"Even if a stockholder vote could have a ratifying effect, it could not do so here," she wrote in her opinion.

The judge also ruled the Tesla shareholder who brought the case against Tesla and Mr Musk should receive \$345m in fees but not the \$5.6bn in Tesla shares they asked for.

Mr Elson said he expects Tesla might try to reconstitute a similar pay package in Texas where the company moved its legal base earlier this year after the pay ruling.

No relief for arrested Hindu leader **Chinmoy Das in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, Dec 3 (Agencies): Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das failed to get any relief on Tuesday as his bail hearing in a Bangladesh court was postponed for a month due to the unavailability of any lawyer to represent him, according to a media report.

After an initial hearing on the bail petition on Tuesday, the judge set January 2 for another hearing, Chattogram Metropolitan Police ADC (Prosecution) Mofizur Rahman was quoted as saying by bdnews24.com.

Das will have to wait a month to see if he will receive bail in a sedition case against him, it said.

His bail plea was set to be heard by the court of Chattogram Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md Saiful Islam on Tuesday, but no lawyer appeared on Chinmoy's behalf at the hearing, the report

There was heavy security in the Chattogram court area for the bail hearing. Large deployments of security officials from different forces took up positions



nearby.

Das was not brought to court for the hearing. A leader from the Chattogram Bar Association and other lawyers were seen holding a protest march on the court premises

Das, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on November 25 for alleged sedition.

He was denied bail and sent to jail by a Chattogram court on November 26, triggering protests by his supporters.

A lawyer was killed during violence in Bangladesh's southeastern port city of Chattogram over his arrest.

After Das was denied bail, his lawyers immediately filed a revision petition, seeking another hearing.

However, no hearing took place that day.

The relations between India and Bangladesh came under strain after the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus came to power following the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August.

India has been expressing concerns over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country.

There has been a rise in violent attacks against Hindus in Bangladesh. Hindu minority groups have been frequently reporting atrocities against their community members in different parts of Bangladesh, even after Yunus took

Canada to unveil new Arctic foreign policy in coming days: FM

OTTAWA, Dec 3 (Agencies): Canada has been working on its Arctic foreign policy and plans to unveil it in the coming days, the country's foreign minister, Melanie Joly, said.

In June, Joly said that Canada was working on updating its Arctic foreign policy to take into account the global geopolitical situation, particularly the accession of Sweden and Finland to NATO.



"We've been working on Arctic foreign policy and that we're going to present our Arctic

foreign policy in the a press conference.

coming days," Joly told

Canada's collaboration with the United States and the Nordic nations on the Arctic, adding that the countries have to change their "threat assessment of what's going on" in the region.

noted the importance of

Canada is now building eight new icebreakers, with the country's authorities planning to increase the production of icebreakers in the US, the minister also said.

In November, US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan announced that the US, Canada and Finland had signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation in the production of Arctic and polar icebreakers. In July, the three countries announced a new partnership titled the Icebreaker Collaboration Effort (ICE) Pact.

Pak reports three new polio cases, raising tally to 59: EOC

KARACHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): Pakistan has confirmed three new cases of the wild poliovirus, bringing the nationwide total of polio cases to 59 this year, according to the National Emergency Opera-

tions Centre (EOC). The EOC issues updated nationwide tally of polio cases on Monday a week after a case was reported in Dera Ismail Khan's Drazanda tehsil where a 27-month-old child was

diagnosed with poliovi-

The newly reported cases were detected in Dera Ismail Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Karachi's Keamari district, and Kashmore, according to the EOC.

With the latest case coming to the fore, Dera Ismail Khan has so far reported a total of eight polio cases this year, Geo news reported.

Balochistan leads with 26 cases in 2024, followed by Khyber Pakh-



tunkhwa with 16. Sindh with 15, and one each in Punjab and Islamabad. The highly contagious

viral disease predominantly affects children under five, particularly those with weak immunity or inadequate vac-

reported. Pakistan continues it fight as the prevention from this crippling dis-

cination, local media

ease remains a challenge for the government, particularly in areas with security concerns and widespread vaccine hesitancy.

Authorities are working on a war footing to address these challenges and eradicate the virus.

The health department officials emphasised that many children remain vulnerable due to misinformation about vaccines.

Death sentence for real estate tycoon Truong My Lan upheld in Vietnam's largest fraud case

HANOI, Dec 3 (Agencies): The death sentence for real estate tycoon Truong My Lan was upheld Tuesday in Vietnam's largest fraud case, the scale of which had raised concerns about the country's economy.

She had been convicted in April of embezzlement and bribery over the fraud amounting to \$12.5 billion, nearly 3% of Vietnam's 2022 GDP. As chairperson of the Van Thinh Phat real estate firm, Lan illegally controlled Saigon Joint Stock Commercial Bank between 2012 and 2022 and allowed 2,500 loans that cost the bank \$27 billion in losses.

The court in Ho Chi

Minh rejected her appeal against the conviction while adding that her death sentence could be commuted to life if she reimburses three-fourth of the losses, working out to around \$11 billion, state media reported.

Her lawyers argued that she had repaid the money but the court disagreed since there were legal issues with some of the seized properties and prosecuting agencies couldn't assess their value, VN Express reported.

Lan's lawyers also noted several mitigating circumstances she had admitted guilt, showed remorse and had paid back part of the amount.

"I feel pained due to the waste of national resources," she said last week, state media reported. But the court said her

violations had negative-

ly impacted banking, caused public disorder and eroded people's trust, VN Express said. Under Vietnamese law, death sentences aren't immediately carried out and there is an extended legal process, said Nguyen Khac Giang, a visiting fellow in the Vietnam Studies Program at Singapore's ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. He added that Lan would seek another review of the case or a

presidential pardon to

reduce her sentence.

"Moreover, if she repays at least threequarters of the misappropriated funds, the court may consider commuting her sentence to life imprisonment," he said.

Her arrest was among the most high-profile in an anti-corruption drive in Vietnam that intensified after 2022.

The Blazing Furnace campaign touched the highest echelons of Vietnamese politics. But the scale of her fraud shocked the nation with analysts raising questions about whether other banks or businesses had similarly erred.

This dampened Vietnam's economic out-

look and made foreign investors jittery at a time when Vietnam has been trying to position itself as a home for businesses pivoting their supply chains away from China. Lan, 67, and her family had set up the Van

Thing Phat company in 1992 after Vietnam shed its state-run economy in favor of a more marketoriented approach open to foreigners. The company grew into one of Vietnam's richest real estate firms, with luxury residential buildings, offices, hotels and shopping centers.

This made her a key player in the country's financial industry. She orchestrated the 2011 merger of the beleaguered SCB bank with two other lenders in coordination with Vietnam's central bank. The court said that she used this to tap SCB for cash and, according to government documents, owned more than 90% of the bank while approving thousands of loans to "ghost companies."

These loans, according to state media, found their way to her and she bribed officials to cover her tracks.

The scale of the crime meant the case was split into two trials, and Lan was sentenced to another life sentence in October. At that trial, she was accused of raising \$1.2 billion from nearly

36,000 investors by issuing bonds illegally through four companies, state media reported.

She was also found guilty of siphoning off \$18 billion obtained through fraud and for using companies controlled by her to illegally transfer more than \$4.5 billion in and out of Vietnam between 2012 and 2022.

Vietnam has handed down more than 2.000 death sentences in the past decade and executed more than 400 prisoners. It is a possible sentence for 14 different crimes but is typically applied for cases of murder and drug trafficking.

Investiture Ceremony held at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: A remarkable moment of pride and inspiration unfolded at PSPS Govt. College for Women, Gandhinagar, as the Student Welfare Committee of the College hosted the prestigious Investiture Ceremony to honor and empower the newly elected student council. The event marked a new chapter in student leadership, celebrated in the presence of Dr. S.P.Sarswat, Principal of the College, senior faculty, parents, and students.

The ceremony commenced with the auspicious lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the beginning of enlightenment. The soulful strains of Saraswati Vandana followed, invoking the blessings of the goddess of wisdom and knowledge, and setting the tone for a meaningful and uplifting event.

The program pro-



ceeded with inspiring addresses by the Head Girl, the Vice-President, and the President, who shared their visions and aspirations for the student body, emphasizing unity, discipline, and collaborative growth. The speeches by Jeevika Misri and Ashpreet Kour resonated deeply with the audience, igniting a shared enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

In a moment of honor and pride, the presentation of sashes and badges to the newly appointed class representatives (CRs) and volunteers from semesters 1st, 3rd and 5th took the center stage.

These symbols of responsibility were conferred by the esteemed Principal, accompanied by the Deans, members of students welfare committee and proud parents, who beamed with joy and pride as their children stepped into their new roles. The college's student council members were also adorned with their respective sashes and badges, a testament to their dedication and

The symbolic torch of leadership was passed

leadership.

on to the new President Sanjeevani Bhardwaj by the outgoing president Arshpreet Kour in a gesture that highlighted the seamless continuity of responsibility, values,

The newly elected council members, took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the principles of integrity, inclusivity, and service to the college and its students.

and aspirations.

The event also featured an empowering address by Principal, who emphasized the importance of student leadership in shaping a vibrant academic and

He urged the newly invested council to lead with empathy, accountability, and a forwardthinking mindset, inspiring them to be torchbearers of change and progress. The proceedings of

the ceremony was conducted by Prof. Suman Bala and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks extended by Dr. Rabia Javed acknowledging the contributions of all stakeholders—faculty, parents, and studentswho made the day a grand success. The event left an indelible mark on everyone present, celebrating not just individual achievements but also the collective spirit of the college community headed by Dr. Anjali Bhat, Dean Arts ; Dr. Meenakshi Bandral, Dean Sciences; Dr. Asha Bharti, Dean Commerce. It served as a vivid reminder that with great power comes great responsibility, and the future lies in capable, determined hands.

Kalpana Kala Kendra proposes comprehensive measures to promote dignity for differently abled individuals



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: On the 33rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Kalpana Kala Kendra, a prominent institute of music and dance founded in 1977, proposed a comprehensive set of measures to promote dignity, equality, and inclusivity for differently abled individuals across India. These proposals were crafted to address the unique challenges faced by the community and to ensure their full participation in society.

One of the key sug-

gestions is the mandatory use of white canes for visually impaired individuals to enhance public awareness and safety. The organization also proposed revisions in policies for government employees, such as restricting workplace postings to a 10-kilometer radius from their homes and increasing medical allowances and pensions to 70% after the age of 60. To make government benefits more accessible, it recommended simplifying the UDID (Unique Disability ID) registration process, mandating UDID cards for railway and airline bookings, and organizing regular camps to assist applicants.

Accessibility was a major focus of the proposal. Kalpana Kala Kendra urged the government to conduct accessibility audits of government buildings, impose penalties for non-compliance, and ensure facilities like ramps and wheelchairaccessible washrooms at public places such as bus stands, railway stations, and highways. Additionally, it called for the digitization of government services to be fully inclusive, with accessible websites and the installation of talking ATMs across national-

ized banks. Education and communication were also highlighted as crucial areas for intervention. The proposal called for inclusive education systems integrating Braille, sign language, and occupational therapy, as well as the broadcasting of educational programs for visually impaired students on All India Radio. The organization emphasized the need for mandatory sign language training for key professionals, including police officers, lawyers, doctors, and educators, to improve interactions with differently abled individuals. Further recommenda-

tions included adopting a "One Nation-One Pension" policy to streamline and ensure timely pension disbursements, along with nominating differently abled persons to various governance bodies such as Panchayats, District Development Boards, and Parliament. To encourage sports development, the organization advocated for better facilities and coaching for differently abled athletes to compete in international Para Sports events.

To institutionalize these efforts, Kalpana Kala Kendra proposed forming a Disability Commission with broad representation from various disability groups to ensure effective advocacy. The installation of tactile tiles on public pathways was also recommended to enable safer and more independent mobility for visually impaired individuals.

Kalpana Kala Kendra has submitted these proposals to the President of India, urging swift action to ensure empowerment and equal opportunities for differently abled individuals

Organizer Virender Langoo expressed hope that these measures would help to build a more inclusive society and align with the global commitment to "Dignity and Empowerment for

JKHC Chairman Mushtaq Chaya reopen Hattrick Restaurant in Rajbagh after decade

like weddings, birthday

parties, and corporate

gatherings, all at afford-

able rates.

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 3: Chowdhary Group Relaunched Hattrick Restaurant, a renowned name in Kashmir's food industry, celebrated its grand re-launch today at prime location on the main road in Rajbagh, Srinagar. The event was inaugurated by the esteemed Chairman of the J&K Hoteliers Club, Mushtaq Chaya, who cut the ribbon in the presence of several dignitaries, including Musadiq Shah, Dr. G.N Var, Naseem Chaya, Aaqib Chaya, Waseem Chaya, Sheikh Feroz, Prof. C.L Vishan, Shiekh Ashiq, Yamin Chowdhary, Shahid Kamli, Yousuf Manzar, Peer Imtiyaz Ul Hassan, Saba Sheikh, Khursheed Zargar, Ashraf Zargar, Aamir Chowdhary, Shahid Chowdhary, Ishfaq Chowdhary,

Mr. Malhotra and other

notable guests.

To mark the re-launch, Hattrick Restaurant is offering a special 50% discount on all services, including Chinese, Mughlai, Continental, Indian, and Kashmiri Wazwan, until 12th December 2024 For bookings and inquiries, please contact: 9419000097.

Established in 2002 under the visionary leadership of Chairman Showkat Chowdhary And Managing Director Babar Chowdhary, Hattrick Restaurant has become synonymous with quality, service, and an exceptional culinary journey. A unit of the Chowdhary Group, it has expanded its reach across the Kashmir Valley, offering multiple branches to serve a loyal and growing customer base.

Known for its diverse menu. Hattrick Restaurant offers a blend

of Chinese, Mughlai, Continental, Indian, and authentic Kashmiri dishes, including the traditional full Wazwan. Additionally, the restaurant features a state-ofthe-art banquet hall, perfect for hosting events

> Speaking at the event, J&K Hoteliers Club Chairman Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya commended the Chowdhary Group, stating, "Hattrick Restaurant has set a benchmark for culinary excellence in Jammu & Kashmir. Its commitment to quality and innovation is commendable. I congratulate the Chowdhary Group of Chairman Mr. Showkat Chowdhary on this remarkable relaunch and wish them continued success."

Chowdhary Group Chairman Showkat Chowdhary expressed

his gratitude and shared his vision, stating, "Since its inception in 2002, Hattrick Restaurant has been dedicated to providing our customers with the best quality food and exceptional service. This re-launch signifies our renewed commitment to excellence,

and we aim to further

enhance our offerings

for our customers."

Hattrick Food Managing Director Babar Chowdhary emphasized, "We always maintain high standards for our food quality. Our top priority is to deliver the best to our customers. This re-launch reflects the trust and love we have received from the community. We are thrilled to announce that we will occasionally offer the banquet hall free of cost for certain time of period as a gesture of gratitude." He further encouraged customers,

saying, "Come and take

advantage of our facilities and the ongoing 50% discount till 12th December 2024."

Many guests and customers shared their appreciation for the relaunch. One said, "Hattrick Restaurant has always been a favorite among food lovers in the valley. With its upgraded ambiance and services, it's set to reach new heights."

Director Shawaan Chowdhary concluded by reiterating the restaurant's mission: "Our motto is to provide the best quality, healthy food, and unmatched service to our customers. With this re-launch, we reaffirm our commitment to elevating the dining experience in the region.

Hattrick Restaurant's re-launch is not just a celebration of its past but a promise of an enriched future for food lovers in Kashmir.

TLSC observes International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR. Dec 3: Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Chenani, Ravinder Singh (Munsiff JMIC Chenani)organized an Awareness programme, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Community health Centre, Chenani.

The Theme of the day was, "Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future". The Resource person of the Programme was Adv. Balwan Singh Panel Lawyer.

Speaking on the occasion Ad Balwan Singh highlighted the rights of persons with disabilities in the development of

the society and enjoying living conditions equal to those of other citizens and share in the improved conditions resulting from socio economic development. He appraised people about their legal rights. He also stressed for the need for welfare and rehabilitation of physically challenged people so that they can also lead a dignified life.

Beside others Block Medical officer Chenani Dr, Sayeed Ishrat Bukhari and other doctors attended the programme, The aim of the programme was aware the people about their Health. PLV's of TLSC assisted resource person on the occasion. The programme was attended by the staff and large number of students.

INDIA bloc MPs stage protest over Adani issue on Parliament premises

all efforts to ensure functioning of House. He said, "...INDIA alliance will continue its protest, raising certain very important issues. The Adani related scam, Manipur, Sambhal - to name a few...It is not our wish to get it (the House) adjourned, we have already given 267 notices. But we will make all efforts to see that the House functions. So, for us it is clear. We are here to raise pro-people issues and we will continue with the same with the new models of protest...

Parliament proceedings have been stalled since the beginning of the Winter Session amid protests by opposition parties over the Adani issue and violence in Manipur and Sambhal.

On Monday, the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned till noon and then for the rest of the day. The winter session of Parliament began on November 25 and will continue till December 20.

Jammu Kashmir High **Court auestions 'Pick** and Choose' policy in arms licence scam prosecution

prosecution sanction has been granted to date. The Bench observed that such delays cast doubt on the fairness of the process and hinted at a "pick and choose" policy in granting sanctions.

The scam reportedly saw the illegal issuance of approximately 1.53 lakh arms licences in ten districts of Jammu and 1.21 lakh licences in twelve districts of Kashmir. These licences were allegedly issued using forged documents to ineligible persons as part of a conspiracy involving district magistrates, gun dealers, and middlemen in exchange for bribes.

The plea before the Court highlighted specific instances where no charge sheets had been filed despite the registration of FIRs. In a status report submitted on October 15, the CBI stated that investigations were being conducted district-wise and the role of each licensing authority was being examined. However, the Court criticised the lack of progress, particularly in cases where investigations had been completed but prosecution sanctions remained pending.

Granting a final one-month extension to the MHA and the Jammu and Kashmir government to take necessary action, the Court warned of coercive measures if no progress was made by the next hearing on December 30. Advocates SS Ahmed and Supriya Chouhan represented the petitioner, while Deputy Solicitor General of India Vishal Gupta and Senior Additional Advocate General SS Nanda appeared for the Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir government, respectively.

J&K handicapped association protest in Srinagar, observe **World Disability Day as 'Black Day'**

pension for persons with disabilities from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000, provision of lowinterest subsidised loans, and implementation of 4% reservation in MGNREGA works, assemblies, municipalities, and educational institutions," said a protester.

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"We also demand vertical reservation for persons with disabilities rather than horizontal in all government/semi-government iobs and low-interest loans for persons with disabilities, which should be covered under subsidies," said another protester, adding that they demand MGNREGA and all similar types of work should be made available for the disabled.

The protesters stressed the urgency of implementing these measures as per the provisions of the Disability Act, 2016, and existing government orders. They urged the administration to prioritise their issues to ensure an inclusive society for all.

Terrorist killed in ongoing encounter in **Dachigam** forests in Srinagar

was neutralised in the exchange of fire, the Army said.

In a post on X, the Army's Northern Command said, "Lt Gen M V Suchindra Kumar, Army Commander, Northern Command, compliments Chinar Warriors and Jammu and Kashmir Police for their excellent synergy, swift action, and precise execution in Operation Dachhigam, neutralizing one terrorist."

Police officials in Srinagar said the exchange of fire was going on.

Dachhigam, a national park on the outskirts of Srinagar, covers an area of about 141 square kilometres.

Two female terror associates detained under PSA in Udhampur: **Police**

activities detrimental to the security of the state and keeping in view their activities. both were ordered to be detained under

Kashmir higher reaches. Sonamarg received fresh snowfall

higher reaches of Kashmir valley during the next 24 hours", he said and added "Thereafter, mostly dry weather is expected until December 7".

"A couple of weak Western Disturbances (WD) may affect Jammu and Kashmir between December 7 and December 13 can cause light snowfall over the upper reaches and rain on some plains of the valley", he added.

The Night temperature has improved and was recorded during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday above normal at all the weather stations of the Kashmir valley. However, the chilly cold continued following the fresh snowfall over the higher reaches of the Kashmir valley.

The night temperature at Srinagar further improved and settled at 1.8°C against the minus 0.8°C recorded the previous night. This was 3.0°C above normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during this period of the season.

The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kash-

mir's Baramulla district emerged as the coldest place despite a slight improvement in the minimum temperature, settling at minus 2.4°C against the minus 2.9°C on Monday. This was still 0.7°C above normal for the valley of meadows during this period of the season. Gulmarg also received 1.2mm of rainfall during the past 24 hours. However, the day temperature recorded

on Monday was 0.2°C below normal of 12°C in Srinagar and 2.4°C below normal of 4.2°C at the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir. Qazigund had a low of 0.5°C on Tuesday

against the minus 1.4°C a day ago and this was 1.7°C above normal for the gateway of Kashmir in south Kashmir.

The minimum temperature at Pahalgam also improved and recorded at minus 1.8°C against the minus 2.3°C recorded on Monday. This was 1.5°C above normal for the famous tourist destination in south

The night temperature at the picnic spot of Kokernag in south Kashmir dropped and recorded at minus 0.2°C against the 0.2°C recorded the previous day and it was 0.4°C above normal for the place during this period of the season.

The frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara had a low of 1.8°C on Tuesday against the minus 0.6°C on Monday and this was 3.5°C above normal for the border area during this period of the season. Kupwara also received 1.6mm of rainfall during the past 24 hours, the MeT office said.

Former VDG member found dead in **Udhampur Forests**

and investigation has been taken up.

Ramban celebrates International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Top News Report

RAMBAN, Dec 3: Under the overall guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, the Social Welfare Department, in collaboration with various stakeholders, celebrated the International Day for Persons with Disabilities with great fervor. The event aimed to promote inclusivity, empower speciallyabled individuals, and recognize their contributions to society.

The event, organized under the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Ramban, Rahul Gupta brought together multiple departments and institutions, including the Health and Family Welfare Department, Education Department,



Polytechnic College Ramban, and NGOs. The day was marked by a series of activities and initiatives designed to support and uplift the specially-abled community.

The celebrations commenced with a facilitation ceremony, where specially-abled individuals were honored for their resilience and achievements. The program emphasized the need to foster a more inclusive society by

addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and providing them with opportunities for growth and self-reliance.

Chief Medical Officer Ramban Dr. Kamal Ji Jadu, along with Medical Superintendent of District Hospital Ramban Dr. Virender Trisal, played a pivotal role in the day's activities. A special health check-up camp was organized for specially-abled individuals,

with the skills needed to achieve economic independence and integration into the workforce.

The Education Department contributed by organizing debates, quizzes, and creative competitions in schools and colleges across the district. These activities raised awareness about the rights and potential of persons with disabilities, promoting inclusivity among students.

A special session by a medical expert provided valuable insights into the health and well-being of speciallyabled individuals. Additionally, a short movie showcasing inspiring stories of resilience and success among differently-abled individuals was screened, leaving a lasting impact on attendees.

Mahant Rohit discusses promoting sanskrit with Swami Shri Gyananand Ji Maharaj



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust and State Awardee, engaged in a meaningful discussion with Geeta Manishi Mahamandaleshwar Swami Shri Gyananand Ji Maharaj in Jammu. The dialogue focused on advancing initiatives to promote Sanskrit, the Devvani (divine language), in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mahant Rohit Shastri outlined the activities undertaken by the trust to preserve and promote Sanskrit, emphasizing its cultural and spiritual

significance. He expressed profound gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, for his unwavering support in encouraging the spread of the language. Mahant Shastri acknowledged the pivotal role of the Lieutenant Governor in fostering Sanskrit's growth in the Union Territory and thanked him for his enthusiastic backing.

Swami Shri Gyananand Maharaj praised Mahant Rohit Shastri's tireless dedication to Sanskrit and highlighted the importance of youth involvement in its promotion. He remarked that if young Indians embrace Sanskrit with the same passion as Mahant Shastri, the country would undoubtedly reestablish its position as a global leader in knowledge and culture.

Dr. Vivek Arya and Sunil Sharma, members of the trust, were also present during this meeting. Their presence underscored the collective commitment of the Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust towards the preservation and dissemination of Sanskrit's rich heritage. The event marked another step forward in the mission to revitalize this ancient language in modern India.

GDC Ramgarh hosts poster making competition to mark World AIDS Day



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RAMGARH, Dec 3: Red Ribbon Club of Govt. Degree College Ramgarh organized a poster making competition to mark the World AIDS Day on this year's theme "Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right" under guidance and co-ordination of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra, Principal of the college. She highlighted the importance of celebrating World AIDS

day while addressing the students.

At the outset, Prof. Sandeep Kumari, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club, GDC Ramgarh, said that this day provides an opportunity to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS. She educated the students about the relevance of this day and the theme for 2024.

Students of the College participated in the competition with great zeal and enthusiasm. Radhika Choudhary of sem. I stood first prize,

Sonika of sem. I bagged the second prize and Radhana Kumari of sem- I clinched the third prize. Two Consolation prizes were also given to Malika Choudhary and Sonakshi. The event was adjudged

> All the faculty members of the college including Dr. Aditi Khajuria, Priya Sharma. Anjali, Susheel Bhagat and Priya were also present.

> by Ashok Kumar, Dr.

Shivali Panjgotra and

Dr. Neeraj.

EVM unveils locally storage solutions Made in India Ram & SSD's

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provided consulta-

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to essential healthcare

services for partici-

Principal of Polytech-

nic College Ramban,

Vivek Mahajan, led

a skill development seminar focusing on

creating opportunities

for specially-abled per-

sons in technical fields.

The seminar aimed to

empower participants

JAMMU, Dec 3: Hundia Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd, a Mumbaibased leading vendor of computing and mobility products and the brand owners of EVM, one of the leaders in IT Storage Solutions, proudly announces the launch of India's first Madein-India storage products, including SSDs, RAM, and other cutting-edge solutions. This launch marks a historic milestone as EVM becomes the first Indian brand to introduce locally developed and manufactured, Made in India storage solutions

Owned by Hundia Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd., EVM has solidified its position as the No. 1 Indian brand in the IT storage solutions space, achieving the remarkable milestone of over 25 crore products. With this launch, EVM takes a giant leap toward strengthening India's technological self-reliance



while empowering local innovation. For locally made storage solutions, EVM to initial start with range of SATA and NVMe SSDs, along with DDR4 and DDR5 RAM modules, designed to cater to the needs of both everyday consumers and industry professionals & adding more products going forward.

"This is more than a product launch; it's a declaration of India's capability in the global tech arena. EVM plans to build on this momentum by expanding our product portfolio in the

near future, introducing additional locally manufactured storage solutions." said Kunal Hundia, Managing Director of EVM India . "EVM has always been about empowering Indian consumers. These Made-in-India storage solutions are a validation to what Indian innovation can achieve. As an Indian brand, we are proud to introduce high-quality storage solutions tailored to Indian needs with similar quality as of other international brands."

Beyond innovation, EVM remains steadfast in its commitment to giving back to society. For every product sold, EVM donates 10 to children's cancer initiatives. "Our business isn't just about selling products; it's about making a difference," added Vishal Hundia, CEO EVM India . "Through our 'Buy One Give Ten' initiative, we are honored to contribute to the fight against childhood cancer while building a stronger, selfreliant India."

EVM's Made-in-India products are designed to deliver exceptional durability, reliability, and performance, meeting international standards at competitive prices. These solutions come with industry-leading warranties ranging from 5 to 10 years, ensuring long-term peace of mind for customers.

EVM has consistently led the charge in the Indian IT storage market. Recognized as the No. 1 Indian storage solutions brand, EVM offers unmatched customer support through its extensive after-sales service network, which includes over 500 service centers across the country. The brand's free pickup and drop-off service ensures a seamless customer experience, reinforcing its promise of reliability and convenience.

With the launch of its Madein-India storage solutions, EVM not only raises the bar for local manufacturing but also invites consumers to join its journey of innovation and empowerment.

SPPND GDC Samba organizes 6-day Computer Course for non-teaching staff

Top News Report

SAMBA, Dec 3: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of SPPND Government Degree College. Samba, has taken an initiative to enhance the digital skills of its nonteaching staff by organizing a 6-day Computer Training Course, started on 02nd December, 2024. The course, divided into two groups for comprehensive coverage, is being conducted by the Department of

Computer Applications of the college.

The course was formally inaugurated on Tuesday by the Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Twinkle Suri, in a brief ceremony held on campus.

In her address, the Principal emphasized the importance of digital literacy in ensuring seamless administrative operations and enhancing workplace productivity. She also appreciated the efforts of the IQAC team in



organizing the program to empower the nonteaching staff with relevant technological skills.

The training sessions will cover a wide range of topics, including basic computer operations,

office applications, email handling, and digital documentation. Each group will undergo train-

ing for six days, ensur-

ing that every partici-

pant receives hands-on

experience and person-

alized guidance. This initiative reflects

the college's commitment to holistic development, not just for its students but also for its staff. By bridging the digital divide, the course will enable the staff to contribute more effectively to the institution's functioning.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the staff, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to upgrade their skills in a supportive environment.

Green Model HSS Doda celebrates Kindergarten **Graduation Ceremony**



Top News Report

DODA, Dec 3: The campus of Toddler Town, Kindergarten, a unit of Green Model Higher Secondary School, Doda was alive with excitement and a sense of achievement on Tuesday as the school celebrated its Kindergarten Graduation Day.

It was a day marked with joy, pride and the vibrant spirit of our young achievers, who stood ready to embark on a new journey on

their academic lives. The programme included inauguration of 41 Interactive Flat Panels in collaboration with Tata Class Edge. These smart boards will transform the traditional learning experience by providing more engaging and interactive lessons.

From vivid visuals to interactive activities, students will now be able to immerse themselves in the subjects they are studying in ways that were previously unimaginable.

Teachers and students of the school who have shown stellar performance in the board examinations of classes 10th, 11th and 12th

were also felicitated with bonus cheques and mementos respectively. There was a welcome

speech by the Principal O.P. Chandail followed by an appreciation speech by the Chief Guest ADDC, Doda Pran Singh. Principal (Administration) Nishant Singh Chandail and Principal (Academics) Aditi Kath took the reign of the entire programme by acting as

ADDC, Pran Singh was felicitated by a garland of flowers and a memento by the principal of the school.

the emcee .

Red Ribbon Club of GDC Nowshera observes **World AIDS Day**

Top News Report

NOWSHERA. Dec 3: Red Ribbon Club of GDC Nowshera join the global community in commemorating the millions of lives lost to one of the fatal disease i.e. AIDS and reaffirming our commitment to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic by 2030.

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "Take the rights Path: My health, my right" emphasizing the importance of protecting the

human rights in the fights against HIV/AIDS. In this connection series of activities were organized which included Poster making, Rangoli making competition and walkathon.

The whole event was organized in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS), Health and medical education department. In Poster making and Rangoli making Competition, about 30 students of Sem 1st participated expressing their creativ-

ity and drawing skills by making posters and rangolis based on the given theme and spreading awareness about Myths and misconceptions about HIV AIDS. Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad,

Principal of the college also shared his views on the theme and appreciated the efforts of students and Red Ribbon Club for organizing such an event to aware the masses. About 100 students along with faculty members participated in Walkathon from col-



lege campus to the main road. All the participants

were given certificates at the end of the event.

Gautam Gambhir returns to Australia, joins Team India ahead of Adelaide Test

India head coach Gautam Gambhir landed in Australia on Tuesday morning, 3 December. Gambhir had left Team India after the Perth Test to attend a family emergency.

ADELAIDE, Dec 3 (Agencies): India head coach Gautam Gambhir returned to Australia on 3 December, Tuesday. Gambhir was spotted arriving in Adelaide to join the Indian team ahead of their second Test match in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Gambhir had left for India after the conclusion of the Perth Test match due to a family emergency.

Gambhir missed the two-day warm-up game against the Prime Minister's XI at Manuka Oval in Canberra, which was reduced to a 46-overs-aside contest due to inclement weather. He had left the touring party on November 26, the scheduled final day of the first Test in Perth. A rampaging India won the opening Test by 295 runs and with plenty of



time left in the match.

The second Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, a pink-ball day-nighter, will start on Friday. Finalising the playing XI will be Gambhir's top priority after he links up with the Indian squad that has been strengthened further by the arrival of captain Rohit Sharma after he missed the opening game of the fivematch series due to the birth of his second child.

In Gambhir's absence, his three trusted lieutenants Abhishek Nayar, Ryan ten

Doeschate and Morne Morkel oversaw the team's training and preparations for the tour match, which India won by six wickets. Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah had led India in the Perth Test in Rohit's absence.

Now with Rohit's arrival and Shubman Gill also in reckoning with a fine half-century in the warm-up game against the PM's XI, Gambhir will have his task cut out as he gets down to select the playing XI. Gill had also missed the Perth Test after fracturing his right thumb during a training session.

The Indian team arrived in Adelaide from Canberra on Monday afternoon and will have three practice sessions - out of which two will be under lights on Tuesday and Thursday.

Don't come to India if you don't want to: Harbhajan Singh's stern message to Pak



NEW DELHI, Dec 3 (Agencies): Former off-spinner Harbhajan Singh sent out a strong message to Pakistan cricket, saying that it won't matter much if they don't come to India. Currently, the BCCI and the PCB are at loggerheads over hosting the upcoming Champions Trophy.

While India said that they would not be going to Pakistan, PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi has been reluctant to adopt a hybrid model.

Reportedly, the PCB has put forward conditions that Pakistan would want hybrid models for all ICC events until 2031. Harbhajan said that until the political situation improves in Pakistan, India would not be in a position to travel to their neighbouring country.

"Don't come to India if you don't want to, we don't have any issues. If Pakistan don't come to India, it won't matter much. You may ask current cricketers and they will have the same opinion. Had the situation in Pakistan been different. things could have been different," Harbhajan told Sports Today in an

interview. Harbhajan recalled the times when he toured Pakistan for bilateral affairs. "They were brilliant hosts when I went there. They did not charge us money for

food whenever we went to the market, and some also gifted us shawls," Harbhajan said.

'Let the Champions Trophy happen'

Harbhajan also admitted that fans in Pakistan are being hard done by since they are not being able to watch quality cricketers like Virat Kohli and others.

"I feel bad for the viewers there that they don't get to see champion players like Virat Kohli and others around the world. But they are not at fault. Until and unless the situation improves there, things won't change," Harbhajan said.

Harbhajan also asked Pakistan cricket to leave aside their stubborn approach and let the Champions Trophy take place.

"Let the tournament happen, you can't just halt it. You can't hold on to your stubbornness. There are many countries who would love to host, be it Malaysia, Sri Lanka or any other nation. India won't tour Pakistan until the situation improves there," Harbhajan added.

With less than three months left for the tournament to begin, the schedule for the Champions Trophy is yet to be announced.

He knows me well: Djoker on hiring Murray as coach

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 3 (Agencies): Hiring Andy Murray as his coach came naturally for Novak Diokovic. On a trip to Argentina to play in a farewell match for Juan Martín del Potro, the Serbian explained why he chose his former rival after being without a coach for six months.

Murray and Djokovic announced last week they plan to work together for the Australian Open in January.

"Since I was very young, I have played against him... and there are not many people who have won multiple Grand Slam titles," said Djokovic in Spanish in a press conference before the match against Del Potro. Djokovic is a 24-time Grand Slam champion

who has spent more weeks at No. 1 than any other player in tennis history. Murray won three major trophies and two Olympic singles gold medals and finished 2016 atop the ATP rankings. He ended his playing career after the Paris Olympics in August.

Both men are 37 and were born a week apart in May 1987. They started facing each other as juniors and wound up meeting 36 times as professionals, with Djokovic holding a 25-11 advantage.

"He knows my game and everything that I have been through very well," added Djokovic, currently No. 7 in the ATP rankings.

"He knows the things that are wrong with my game, all of my mistakes."



Djokovic has been without a full-time coach since splitting in March from Goran Ivan-

Urvil Patel follows up fastest T20 hundred with 36-ball century in SMAT

INDORE, Dec 3 (Agencies): Urvil Patel continues to impress with his swashbuckling batting in the ongoing Sayed Mushtaq Ali. The Gujarat batter scored a 36-ball hundred in the match against Uttarakhand in Indore on December 3, Tuesday. This landmark moment comes days after Urvil scripted history by becoming the fastest Indian batter to score T20 hundred. Urvil remained unbeaten at 115 from 41 balls and helped Gujarat beat Uttarakhand by 8 wickets. With the score of 115. Urvil broke his own record of highest individual score by a Gujarat batter in T20s, which was previously 113 runs.

Uttarakhand set a challenging total of 186 runs and Gujarat were off to a flier start with Urvil and Aarya Desai going all guns blazing. Desai departed for 13 ball 23 and most of the damage was done by Urvil, who partnered with Abhishek Desai and captain Axar Patel. The Gujarat captain scored 18-ball 28 and finished the game for the team alongside centurion Urvil. Within a week, Urvil has hit two of the four-fastest T20 hundreds by an Indian.

Urvil was the star of the show, who has been showcasing remarkable consistency in the tournament. The explosive opener went unsold at the IPL 2025 mega auction

Urvil Patel makes history

Urvil Patel made headlines by scoring the fastest T20 century by an Indian, smashing a 28-ball hundred against Tripura in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy



on November 27 in Indore. He broke Rishabh Pant's 32-ball record set in 2018. Urvil remained unbeaten on 113 off just 35 balls, hitting seven fours and 12 sixes, helping Gujarat chase 156 with 58 balls left. His knock is also the second-fastest T20 hundred globally, just behind Estonia's Sahil Chauhan's 27-ball feat earlier this year.

Hailing from Mehsana, Baroda, Urvil made his debut for Baroda back in 2018 in a T20 against Mumbai in Rajkot. In the same year, he forayed into List A cricket as well. But it took him six more years to play first-class cricket when he made his debut in the previous edition of the Ranji Trophy.

Gujarat Titans picked Urvil for a price of INR 20 lakh for the 2023 season, but he did not get to play a single match. After being released by GT, Urvil did not find a team for the upcoming edition. In 44 T20 matches, he has scored 988 runs at an average of 23.52 and a strike-rate of 164.11 with a hundred and four fifties to his name.

Carey backs Australia's 'world-class' batters to counter Bumrah threat

ADELAIDE, Dec 3 (Agencies): Alex Carev on Tuesday maintained Australia are a "united group", confident that their "world-class" batters will come up with better plans to counter India's pace threat Jasprit Bumrah in the upcoming pink-ball Test here.

With their backs against the wall, India came out all guns blazing in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series opener at Perth to win by a massive 295 runs with Bumrah (5/30 and 3/42) ripping apart Australia's batting in each innings.

The heavy margin of defeat left Australia looking for answers as their batters flopped collectively, leaving their famed bowling attack with a lot to do.

"He's obviously a fantastic bowler; (he) has been for a number of vears. Our batters are world class as well and always find ways to



come up with solutions," Carev told the media.

"We've had a look at him now. Hopefully we can combat that first, second spell. Get him bowling a little bit deeper in the innings with an older ball."

"We saw Travis (Head) sort of counterpunch a bit (in the second innings). I trust our batters, we'll find a way not only (against) Bumrah. They played a couple of other debutantes who bowled well as well," Carey said.

After Australia were set an improbable 534

to win, Josh Hazlewood had invited the media to ask their batters how they planned to go about in the second innings, sparking rumours of a rift between the batting and bowling groups.

Carey, however, declined there was any tensions in the dressing

"If you ask the batters, we all want to perform better and (as) cricketers, you go out there to score a hundred and if you don't do that, I think you're at times disappointed." Carev said.

"But we're a very

united group. We all do aet the opportunity to bat and we're all keen to continue to put those big runs on the board and I trust the guys to do that," he added.

Carey said Australia's resounding loss at Perth sparked a "big reaction externally" but maintained that the team will stick to its processes.

"It's quite a big reaction externally for one Test loss. Internally, we don't feel that. We didn't play the way we would have liked to have played."

"We know (that) over four or five Test matches, (if) we keep rocking up and playing our style of cricket we will have the success. We've had that success to, I guess, call upon the method does work.'

"We're calm internally, we're excited to get back out and play a better style of cricket and we've got that opportunity come Friday."

Carey did not want to draw much attention to the last contest here in which India were shot out for their lowest-ever Test total of 36. "There are obviously

amazing days in cricketing history but we don't expect to go out there and do that again. We have a process and a plan that we try to execute and whatever happens, happens. I was not here for that Test match."

Australia have never lost a pink ball Test in Adelaide, in fact they have only lost once in day and night fixture.

"We are excited. We take a lot of confidence for our record in pinkball cricket — it doesn't mean we will have the success but (with) our methods, our style of play and the experience we have in this group we'll bounce back from Perth," he added.

The two teams will take on each other in the second Test, starting here from Friday.

Time for FIFA to think shifting World Cup to spring/autumn, says scientist Konefał

WROCŁAW, Dec 3 (Agencies): When the 2022 FIFA World Cup was shifted to November-December because of the merciless heat of the desert, there was a lot of hue and cry. Stadiums in Qatar had airconditioning systems installed and matches, despite the heat, went on. Argentina were crowned champions, and it is time to shift our attention towards North America - US, Canada and Mexico - where the next World Cup is set to be held in 2026.

With just over two-and-a-half years remaining, climate scientists and physical education experts from Poland have come out with a paper that laid emphasis on heat stress on footballers during the hot season. The paper published in Scientific Reports revealed the perils of playing in such adverse conditions.

Marek Konefał, one of the co-authors of the paper and is a research and teaching professor at the University of Physical Education in Wrocław, said that perhaps it is time for the international football asso-

ciation (FIFA) to think about shifting the calendar to Spring/Autumn. And if air-conditioned stadiums were built in Qatar, that could well be necessary in the future. "Perhaps, taking into account the global temperature increase, the World Cup should be permanently moved to spring/autumn," he said in an email response to this daily. "Either way, it should be accepted that efficient air-conditioning of sports facilities will be necessary in the future."

The professor also said that it is time to rethink the sporting calendar because of the changing weather pattern. "The climate is warming, 2024 was the warmest year in recorded history, therefore the Football World Cups will be played in conditions of increasingly stronger heat stress. It is worth rethinking the calendar of sporting events now."

Konefal also explained that they were trying to give coaches, organisers and football federations information on heat load risk. "We scientists are trying to give



coaches, organizers of sports events and football federations reliable information on the heat load risk for athletes performing high effort during the game," he said. "In our study we demonstrated diurnal variation of heat stress levels in particular locations to support coaching staffs and sport events organizers in planning training and

match times appropriately to avoid playing at times with the highest risk of extreme heat stress.'

Konefal said that it would be advisable for players to stay at one location to acclimatise or get used to the conditions. "It would be also advisable if the players did not drastically change the location and type of climate they stay in during the championships, but rather played matches in similar thermal stress conditions — that would give athletes a chance to partially adapt to them." he said.

"Our results can provide suggestions on which 2026 World Cup locations there is an urgent need to use efficient air conditioning solutions for sports facilities to reduce heat stress," he added. The research paper touched upon the wet bulb globe temperature (WGBT) index, which the researchers found a bit misleading. They modelled their studies around the Universal Thermal Climate index (UTCI)."Despite FIFA recommends the use of the WBGT index to determine the safety standards during a soccer match, it is considered an imperfect measure of heat load on athletes, as it is prone to underestimating the heat stress level," he explained.

"WBGT does not incorporate the most important factors specific to sports, i.e. specific metabolic heat production, specific clothing used by athletes and the effects of body movement on relative air velocity. Previous studies report that WBGT does not adequately reflect the additional thermal load that people experience when sweat evaporation is limited (e.g. by high air humidity or poor airflow). What is more, if we don't have in situ instrumental measurements of WBGT and have to mathematically model this index, the indirect estimates will give us the results with high uncertainty, thus not very reliable."

Football is not the only sport to have been affected by global warming and climate change. As things stand change of calendar seems to be the only way forward.

US Doctor Sewa Mortan, others tribute Phuman Ram

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ARNIA, Dec 3: US Doctor Sewa Mortan and many others on Tuesday visited the memorial of Late Shri Phuman Ram at Village Trewa and paid floral tributes to him.

After paying tribute, his son Dr Sewa Mortan said, "My father had a unique ability to boost confidence and inspire others to improve. His openness to learning from others was commendable. His guidance had been invaluable in my professional growth. While R.L.Kaith in his

tribute said, Phuman Ram was strong, courageous and always kept a smile on his face. He was not afraid to share his ideas and thoughts, regardless of what others think. He would speak his heart and his mind, and respect himself enough to stand up for himself, the causes he believed in, and the welfare of others. He would follow his intuition and wouldn't overthink



everything. He played an important role in changing many social evils and had been a shining beacon of hope. He assisted and supported the financially weak and helped them in getting educated.

Besides, he worked on various crucial economic issues raised by the agricultural labourers and women facing injustice in the area. Salute to him for his tremendous efforts. Kaith said.

Others who spoke in

included RTI India News Editor-in-Chief Sansar Singh Motan, Senior Journalist Tejinder Pal Singh, TV Artist Rahul Motan, Musician Vicky Kaith, Photo journalist Nishan Singh, Sukhwinder Kaur, Dr Goldy Mortan, Subedar Retired Baldev Chand Sandhu, Sub Inspector Retired Darshan Kumar Bassa, Havildar Retired Des Raj Kaith, Sat Pal Sargotra, Veerpan Motan, Jagdish Raj Kaith, Gouray Nandan and Mukesh Nandan.

Un-identified female body found

Top News Report JAMMU, Dec 3: On

December 2, 2024, at approximately 12:45 AM, an unidentified female tragically lost her life after falling from a running train, the Ambedkar Nagar Special (Train No. 09321).

The incident occurred at track kilometer pole No. 31/24, within the jurisdiction of Police Station GRP Manwal.

The woman, estimated to be 25-26 years old, died on the spot. Her



body has been moved to the mortuary of GMC Jammu for postmortem and identification.

The deceased is described as approximately 5'4" tall, with a wheatish complexion. At the time of the incident. she was wearing a green saree and sandals. Authorities are seeking assistance in identifying the woman or obtaining information about her residential details.

If you have any information that may assist in identifying the deceased, please contact GRP Jammu at 0191-2474946 or Mobile No. 6005784806. Alternatively, you can reach out via the PCR GRP Jammu Helpline at 1512. Your assistance is vital in bringing closure to this matter.

GHRT India appoints Dr. Hafiz Usman as **International Honorary Member**



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JAMMU, Dec 3: GHRT India is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Hafiz Usman Ahmed Qasmi Al Azhari, a renowned research scholar from Kerala, as an International Honorary Member.

Dr. Usman ahmad, who is currently pursuing his research in Islamic studies, has made significant contributions to his field and has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence.

"We are honored to have Dr. Usman ahmad join us as an International Honorary Member," said Dr H R Rehman, GHRT News. "His expertise and experience will be invaluable to our organization.'

Rajan demands to Deport

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: Rajan Gupta, President of Sarv Shakti Sena, Jammu & Kashmir, has strongly appealed to the administration to take immediate action to deport approximately 20,000 Rohingyas currently residing in Jammu. He expressed grave concern over the increasing number of crimes, such as thefts and snatching incidents, allegedly linked to this population.

Rajan highlighted that some individuals amond the Rohingyas have reportedly acquired Aadhaar cards through illegal means, raising questions about lapses

Rohingyas from Jammu in verification processes. He urged the administration to investigate these claims thoroughly and take corrective

> measures. He further appealed to the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu & Kashmir to prioritize the relocation of these individuals outside Jammu, emphasizing the need to restore the safety and security of the local community.

The Sarv Shakti Sena pledged to continue its efforts to bring this pressing issue to the forefront and ensure that appropriate actions are taken to safeguard the region's law and

'The - SARA' conducts awareness program on Menstrual Hygiene at GHS Majua



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: 'The - SARA', a registered non-governmental organization under 'Health is Wealth' initiative through 'Safe Periods 365' initiative conducted awareness program on menstrual health and hygiene at Shaheed Naib-Subedar Parshotam Kumar Govt. High School Majua Uttami in Bishnah zone of Jammu district.

During the program field volunteer at 'The - SARA' Ms. Anita Solanki, a certified Yoga teacher and evaluator, mental health wellness instructor from the Ministry of Ayush conducted a special curative yoga session to help girl students in relieving physical and physiological symptoms of PMS and period pain.

Subsequently field volunteer at 'The - SARA' and In-Charge 'Safe Periods 365' initiative Minakshi Sharma conducted awareness session with the girl students and their mothers and sensitized them about the importance of menstrual health and hygiene in their life. The session included an open dialogue allowing girl students and their mothers not just to share their woes but also raise questions to express their concerns. The platform aided in sharing period problems and talking about them without being reluctant about it.

At the end of the program, Team 'The-SARA' distributed sanitary pads among twenty five girl students of the menstruating age in the presence of incharge headmaster of the school Sh. Yaseen Ahmed and teachers of the school. Yaseen Ahmed thanked members of 'The - SARA' for their efforts to support the girl students.

It is pertinent to mention to tackle 'period poverty' and spread awareness about menstrual health and hygiene among the school girls across UT's of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh 'The - SARA' is carrying out 'Safe Periods 365' initiative.

NSF celebrates 135th birth anniversary of Khudiram Bose

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 3: National Secular Forum (NSF), University Unit organized a program in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Khudiram Bose who laid his life for the coun-

Amid slogans "Khudiram Bose Amar Raha "inqulaab Zindabad" 'Bharat Mata ki jai", they paid tributes to Khudiram Bose and garlanded the portrait of the son of soil.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest and Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary, JKNC presided over the function. Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF and Papinder Singh State Working President NSF was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Ankush Abrol said

that many freedom fighters laid down their life for the sake of the independence of this country. One of the youngest people to walk to the gallows fighting for India's independence was Khudiram Bose.

On December 3, 1889, Khudiram was born in West Bengal's Midnapore district to Trailokyanath Bose and Lakshmipriya Devi. Khudiram was the only brother to three sisters. Both his parents passed away when he was a child. Khudiram was brought up by his eldest sister, Aparupa Roy.

Addressing this occasion, Dr. Vikas Sharma appreciated the efforts of NSF members to come forward and organize these functions. He also said that the right tribute to Khudiram Bose would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State. On this occasion, he said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavour to regain Jammu and Kashmir State. Dr Sharma urged the youth to come together on a single platform to push for this demand.

Speaking on the occasion, Vikshay Vashist state Secretary NSF said that J&K suffered immensely due to misadventures of Centre Govt.

Gourav Partap Singh University Unit President delivered the welcome address; Pankaj Sharma Senior Vice-President was delivering the vote of thanks.

Among those who were present on the occasion included, Roshan Sharma, Abhishek Uppal, Ankush, Vikas Sharma, Saleem Malik, Innam Nasser, Ashwani Sharma, Farhan Khan, Ajay Singh, Arun Sharma Aditya Sharma, Ashaf Ahmed, and others.

RRC of GDC R S PURA commemorates World AIDS Day 2024

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JAMMU, Dec 3: The Red Ribbon Club of GDC R. S. Pura today on Tuesday conducted a Poster-making under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Prretpal Kour, Principal of the College to commemorate the World AIDS Day under the theme 'Take the rights paths'. This year World AIDS Day is more than a celebration of the achievement of communities; it is a call to action to enable and support communities in their leadership roles. The students enthusiastically showcased their full potential and creativity in making posters pertaining to the theme.



Thereafter a human

chain was also formed

by the students to mark the event. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour emphasized the active role of the college volunteers in spreading the awareness regarding the anti-AIDS campaign. The Convenor RRC, Prof. Geetika Goswami presided over the event.

The members of the Red Ribbon Club, Prof. Jai Mala Thakur, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Prof. Rajinder Singh, Avneet Kour, Dr. Hidayat and Hilal actively coordinated the event. To encourage participating students, certificates and refreshment were also distributed amongst them.

Party delegation from Trehgam calls on Bukhari

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SRINAGAR, Dec 3: A delegation comprising Apni Party leaders from Trehgam on Tuesday met the party President, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, at the party headquarters in Srinagar

According to a press release issued here, the delegation was led by Dr. Noor-ud-din Shah, the party In-charge for the Trehgam constituency.

The members of the delegation apprised the party president of various public issues and grievances.

They stated that local residents, whose land has been acquired for the construction of the bypass, are furious as they are being offered inadequate compensation for their land.

They said, "For the construction of the bypass road from Hayan to Gugloosa,

the gadministration has fixed the compensation at Rs 5.5 lakh per kanal, whereas for the same road, compensation to the landowners in Kupwara has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs 18 lakh per kanal."

"People, who stand to lose their land due to this project, have been demanding a revision of the compensation amount before the disbursement, and before the work begins on the ground," the delegation

members said. As per the press release, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari gave a patient hearing to the visiting delegation and assured them that he would bring their concerns to the notice of the concerned officials for prompt redressal.

On this occasion, Dr. Noor-ud-din Shah also briefed the party president on certain party matters.

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