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BRIEFLY

J&K and Ladakh High Court introduces uniforms for E-courts staff

JAMMU, Dec 6 (Agencies): The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has prescribed new uniforms for its e-Courts and IT Section staff, following recommendations from the IT and Artificial Intelligence Committee approved by the Chief Justice. As per an order, male staff will wear blue suits (pants and coats) with white shirts and blue ties featuring the e-Court logo, while female staff can opt for blue salwar-kameez with matching blue coats and name badges.

Srinagar shivers at minus 4.1 degree Celsius, coldest so far

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): Temperatures plummeted further in Kashmir valley on Friday with Srinagar recording minus 4.1 degree Celsius, coldest in the season so far.

The weather department has predicted a dry weather till Dec 14 in the plains, and light rains and snow on the upper reaches.

Shopian in south Kashmir recorded the minimum temperature of minus 6.6 degree Celsius.

The ski resorts of Pahalgam and Gulmarg recorded the minimum temperatures of minus 6.5 degree Celsius and minus 4.3 degree Celsius, respectively.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 4.4 degree Celsius while Kupwara in frontier north Kashmir district recorded minus 3.4 degree Celsius.

Kokernag, a popular picnic spot in south Kashmir, experienced minus 2.4 degree Celsius.

CRPF constable dies in Anantnag

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): A CRPF constable died after he fell unconscious in the Mattan area of south Kashmir's Anantnag

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Uproar in RS after currency notes found in seat allotted to Congress MP Singhvi

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Thakur on Friday said security staff had recovered a wad of Rs 500 notes from the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi, leading to an uproar in the House with ruling and opposition benches trading allegations and angry words.

While Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the chairman should not have named the member without an investigation being completed, Leader of the House J P Nadda accused the opposition of showing eagerness on "some issues"



while wanting to cover up other issues.

The currency was recovered from seat 222, which is allotted to Singhvi, during an anti-sabotage check on Thursday, Thakur said.

"After adjournment of the

House yesterday, a wad of currency notes was apparently recovered by security officials from seat no 222 presently allotted to Abhishek Manu Singhvi, elected from the state of Telangana."

An investigation has been ordered in accordance with practice, he said, adding that it was not clear if the currency notes were real or fake.

The chairman said the wad has Rs 500 notes and there appear to be 100 notes.

"It was my duty and I'm obliged to inform the House. This is a routine anti-sabotage check

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Will write to Centre to release funds under ISSS for pension of widows, specially-abled: Sakina Itoo

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): Minister for Health and Medical Education Sakina Itoo on Friday said that she will write to the Centre to release funds for pension of specially-abled, widows and other persons.

Speaking to reporters in Srinagar, Sakina Itoo, said that these persons

have been getting pension on time but there are some who get it under ISSS scheme and they have been facing problems due to shortage of funds.

"We will write to the Government of India in this regard as a major share for the scheme that comes from the

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BJP leader criticises Omar Abdullah's push for SKIMS Autonomy, reinstatement of Dec 5 holiday

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): BJP's General Secretary for Jammu and Kashmir, Ashok Koul criticised Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for advocating autonomy for Sher-e Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) and the NC's



demand for reinstating the holiday on Decem-

ber 5.

Ashok Koul said, "Demands of the Chief Minister are a step towards reviving the political atmosphere of the 1990s when militancy was at its peak."

Koul also dismissed the necessity of

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Army personnel dies of cardiac arrest during search operation in J&K

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): An army personnel died of cardiac arrest during a search operation in the upper areas of Srinagar on Friday, officials said.

The search operation was going on in the forest area of Harwan here in the aftermath of an encounter in the nearby Dachigam on Tuesday in which Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Junaid Ahmed Bhat

was killed.

Bhat, a category "A" terrorist of the LeT, was involved in the October 20 attack near a tunnel construction site in the Gagangir area of Ganderbal in which a local doctor and six non-local labourers were killed.

While the security forces were conducting searches for terrorists in Faqeer Guree, Dara, in the Harwan area of the

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Male body recovered from river in Rajouri

JAMMU, Dec 6 (Agencies): A male body was recovered from a river in Rajouri district on Friday.

Quoting an official, the news agency GNS reported that today a dead body of a man namely Karamat Shah,

son of Muzamil Shah, resident of Draj Rajouri was recovered from a river.

He said soon a team of police rushed to the spot and took the possession of the body for medico-legal formalities.

Srinagar Police issue helpline for verification related queries

SRINAGAR, Dec 6 (Agencies): In a bid to address the verification related queries hassle-free, the Srinagar Police on Friday issued helpline for general public.

The helpline, according to police will be operational on all working days from 10:00 am to 04:00 pm.

"For any police verification related queries including passport, government/private employee verification, PCC, tenant verification etc, pertaining to district Srinagar, the general public can call or whatsapp 9541922441, 9541922442," the police said.

Ladakh-based activist writes to Rijiju to introduce 'Shia Theology' in Jamia Millia Islamia

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Ladakh-based political activist Sajjad Hussain Kargili has submitted a memorandum to Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, requesting the introduction of Shia theology as part of the Department of Islamic Studies at the Jamia Millia Islamia here.

Kargili, a representa-



tive of Ladakh's largest Islamic organisation Jamiat Ul Ulama Isna Asharia Kargil, also

requested the Centre to establish a residential coaching institute in Ladakh to prepare students for national competitive exams like the UPSC, NEET, JEE, and others.

The memorandum submitted on Thursday included several other proposals to empower the youth of Ladakh and promote the region's

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LG Sinha pays tribute to Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar



JAMMU, Dec 6 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday paid tribute to Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on his

Mahaparivran Day. In a post on X, LG Sinha wrote, "Tributes to Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Ji, on his Mahaparivran Diwas. A towering visionary & tireless crusader for social justice, Dr. Ambedkar Ji's ideals & vision of united & progressive India continue to guide us in building a prosperous & harmonious society."

Leh-Manali Road to Close on Dec 7: Ladakh Administration Issues Travel Advisory



LEH, Dec 6 (Agencies): The Ladakh Administration has announced that the Leh-Manali road will be closed for traffic from December 7 due to fresh snowfall and slip-

pery road conditions. In a recent advisory, commuters have been urged to plan their travels accordingly to avoid inconvenience.

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Contact for Kitty Parties, Birthday Parties and other parties

Contact: 9086072548, Email: gupshupjammu@gmail.com

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound sorrow and grief, we inform you about the sad demise of our uncle **Shri Triloki Nath Aga** at our residence H.No. 21 & 22, Kailash Vihar Phase-1st Gole Gujral Camp Road, Talab Tillo Bohri, Jammu on 4-12-2024. **10th Day Kriya** on 13-12-2024 will be performed at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education at 10 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Nancy Aga - Wife
Brother & Sister-in-law
Sh. Jagar Nath Aga & Smt. Pushpa Aga
Sh. Jawahar Lal Aga & Smt. Shyama Aga
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Phoola Bhat & Lt. Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat
Son & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Ajay Aga & Smt. Archana Aga
Grand Children: Aavishi & Pavit



SHRI TRILOKI NATH AGA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With Profound Grief and Sorrow we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of **Ishan Pandita (Sahil)** S/o Smt. and Sh. Rakesh Pandita (Dewan) erstwhile resident of Batapora Shopian Kashmir A/P House No: 9/A, Lane number 2/B, Roop Nagar Enclave, Near Asha Bhawan/KL Choudhary Lane Jammu on 28th November, 2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be held at Muthi camp Ghat Near Directorate of School Education Jammu on 7th December, 2024 (Saturday) at 9:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sh. Rakesh Pandita (Dewan) -Father
Smt. Vijay Pandita -Mother
Miss Sheeta Pandita -Sister
& **Samast Pandita/Koul/Dewan Parivaar of Batapora Shopian**
CONTACT: 94191-87157



ISHAN PANDITA (SAHIL)

TENTH DAY AND KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sudden and sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Abhimanyu Gupta**, son of Late Sh. Wazir Chand Gupta, resident of H.No.71, JMC Main Road, Talab Tillo, Jammu, who left for his heavenly abode on 27th November 2024.

"TENTH DAY" will be held on Thursday, 5th December 2024, at 11:00 AM at Geeta Mandir, Bakshi Nagar, near Karan Hotel.

"KRIYA" will be performed on Sunday, 8th December 2024, at our residence.
"GRIEF-STRICKEN":
Smt. Swam Kanta Gupta (Wife)
C.P. Gupta (Brother)
"Sons and Daughters-in-law"
Virendra Gupta & Sheetal Gupta
Narinder Gupta & Meenakshi Gupta
Yoginder Gupta & Nidhi Gupta
"Grandchildren":
Rishiket, Udhav, Prema, Kanan, Soumil & Krishna



Sh. Abhimanyu Gupta

Contact:
706234106, 9419188045,
9419125787

OBITUARY AND 10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our revered and beloved father **Sh. Rattan Lal Tickoo** fondly called Daddy Ji, Bada-Daddy, Bajji, Jija-Satishh (originally Gurguri Mohalla Aikadai/Broadway Shivpora Srinagar, presently at Vihar Mumbai) on 30th November, 2024 at 3.15 PM. The Cremation was performed on 02.12.2024 at 10 am at Cremation Ground Vihar Mumbai.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Bhayander Ghat Mumbai on Monday, 09.12.2024 at 09.00 am.

Grief Stricken

Tickoo's, Pandita's, Kaul's, Bhat's, Kashkari's, Mattoo's, Dhar's, Babu's, Razdan's, Mujju's **Brothers and Bhabhis**
Smt. Nirmala and Sh. Bushan Lal Tikku
Smt. Sheela and Sh. M.K Tikku
Sons and Daughter in laws
Sh. Sanjay and Smt. Urmila Tickoo
Sh. Kuldeep and Smt. Sunita Tickoo
Sh. Virender Kaul (Son in law)
Smt. Jyoti and Sh. Sunil Kaul (Daughter and Son in law)
Ankit, Diya, Rahul, Rishi, Ishan, Riya, Bhagesh, Rushil
Mob. No. 9810448886, 9892039377, 9818193778



Sh. Rattan Lal Tickoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA (REMINDER)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Kanyasugi mother **Smt. Kamla Wati** W/o Lt. Sh. Sham Lal Dass originally R/o Bomai Sopore, A/P Flat No 5 Block 134 Lane 22 Jagti, who left for heavenly abode on 29/11/2024. The **MOURNING** is held at community Hall near temple Lane No 23, Jagti Nagrota Jammu.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 8th December 2024, Sunday 10.00 am at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu. The assembly will be held at Community Hall near temple Lane No 23, at 12 noon, Jagti Nagrota.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons and Daughter-in-laws
Sh. Shubam Lal & Smt. Lailita Pandita
Lt. Chuni Lal & Smt. Reeta Pandita
Sh. Ramesh Kumar & Smt. Lovely Devi
Sh. Satish Kumar & Smt. Simple
Smt. Asha Saproo & Sh. R.K. Saproo (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Archana & Rohin Koul (Grand Daughter & Son-in-law)
Sh. Arun Pandita & Smt. Chetna Pandita (Grand son & Daughter-in-law)
Maternal Grand Son & Daughter-in-laws
Sh. Rakesh Saproo & Smt. Archana Saproo
Sh. Ishan Saproo & Smt. Meenu Saproo
Grand Children: Mohit, Monica, Shubam, Shivalika, Sheen, Sawan
Grand Grand Children: Aanya, Meesha, Kunwar, Rashan
CONTACT: 7051978217, 9469231236, 9872644258



Smt. Kamla Wati

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform that our beloved father **Sh. Brij Nath Bhat** S/o Late Sh. Keshav Nath Bhat erstwhile resident of Delina Baramulla at present 133-A, Upper Lakshmi Nagar, Lane next to Vishal Bar and Restaurant opp. Royal Enfield workshop, New Plots, Jammu left heavenly abode on 28.11.2024.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** shall be performed at Akhnoor Ghat and the assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 11:00 am on Saturday, 07th Dec. 2024

Grief Stricken:
Smt. Je kishori Bhat, Wife
Daughter in law & Son
Rita & Rajinder Bhat (9419121667, 914974267)
Renu & Surinder Bhat (888881779, 788709175)
Daughter & Son-in-law
Rajni & Manmohan Wazir (706527928, 968601747)
Sunita & Satish Bhat (9103134335)
GRAND CHILDREN: Moha, Sapna, Shikha, Mitisha, Shivam, Archi, Tamay, Arya, Parth
SAMAST: Pandita, Koul, Dhar, Wazir and Bhat Parivar



Sh. Brij Nath Bhat

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **S. Avtar Singh (Kaka)** S/o Lt. S. Gurbaksh Singh R/o Najibhat, Baramulla presently residing at 340/1 Channi Himmat, Jammu who left for his heavenly abode on 28th Nov. 2024.

ANTIM ARDAS will be performed as per given program:-
AARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB: 08th December (Friday) 9 AM at our residence
BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH SAHIB: 08th December (Sunday) 9 AM at our residence
KIRTAN AND ANTIM ARDAS: 08th December (Sunday) 10 AM - 12:30 PM at Gurdwara Channi Himmat, Jammu

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Sdn. Narinderpal Kour - Wife
Sons & Daughter-in-Law
Gupinder Kour & Tejpal Singh (Mob: 9419112194)
Parvinder Kour & Dr. Rabinder Singh (Robi) (Mob: 9469122222)
Daughter & Son-in-Law:
Sumeet Kour & Amarjeet Singh



S. Avtar Singh (Kaka)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

Tenth Day Kriya of **Sh. Makhan Lal Kuchroo** who expired on 29.11.2024 will be performed on 07.12.2024 at Gang Nahar (Chhota Haridwar), Murad Nagar at 8.00 AM followed by Assembly/ Shanti Pathat 12 noon at Community Hall, Abhinav Apartments, Vasurdhara Enclave, Delhi, 110096.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Shanti Kuchroo Zaro (Wife)
Smt. Shubal Kuchroo (Sister-in-law)
Sanjay Kuchroo & Anita (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Shashi & Sunder Razdan (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Chaman Lal Zaro & Usha (Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law)
Grandson & Grand daughter-in-law
Shivansh Kuchroo & Ankit
Shashwat & Samarth (Grand children)
Ph: 9811096366, 9871634578



Sh. Makhan Lal Kuchroo

BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **S. Paramjeet Singh (Goldy)** S/o Late Gurbachan Singh R/o Ward No 1 Main Bazar Sunder Bani **Aarambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib** is on 06-12-2024 at 9:00 AM at their residence. **Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib** is on 08-12-2024 at 09:30 AM at their residence.

Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurdwara Singh Sahib Sunder Bani on 08-12-2024 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Manmeet Kour Mittu -Wife
Harshot Singh -Son
Gurjot Kour -Daughter
Indrjeet Singh (Sonu) & Gurmeet Kour (Brother and Sister-in-law)
Jatinder Kour & Kawaljeet Singh (Sister and Brother-in-law)
M/S Goldy Ornaments Sunderbani
Sonu Gold Smith
Manjot Jewellers
Mob. 9419625383, 7006807060



S. Paramjeet Singh (Goldy)

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 resident 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.

GRIEF STRICKEN

SAMAST RAINA PARIVAR
+91 98382 06444, 9765568898



Mrs Sunita Raina

FIFTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved (Brother-in-law) **Sh. Madan Lal Gupta** (Retired Agriculture Officer) S/o Late Sh. Wadawa Mal Gupta R/o Akhnoor. **Fifth Day** will be performed on 8th of December from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM at Trikuta Nagar Sector-3, Shiv Mandir, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Brother
Smt. Kamlesh Gupta and Sh. Om Parkash Gupta
Bhabhi Ji
Smt. Santosh Gupta and Dr. Ved Parkash Gupta
Their families Smt. Veena Gupta & Narain Gupta, Retired CPO



SH. MADAN LAL GUPTA

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Bimla Bakshi (Bullo)** W/o Lt. Sh. Manohar Lal R/o H.No. 118, Sector No.6, Lane No.10, Nanak Nagar, Jammu, expired on 28-11-2024. **TENTH DAY** will be performed on 07-12-2024 (Saturday) at our home at 11 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 08-12-2024 (Sunday) at our residence.

UTHALA will be performed on 11-12-2024 (Wednesday) at Ram Mandir, Sector-8 Nanak Nagar, Jammu from 4 PM - 5PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Ashok Vaid & Smt. Munisha Vaid
Sh. Ravi Bakshi & Smt. Veena Bakshi
Daughter & Son-in-law
Sh. Ajai Mehta & Smt. Reeta Mehta
Grand Children: Manika Vaid, Palek Bakshi, Akshay Vaid, Raghav Vaid
Contact No: 8082159317, 6005178315



SMT. BIMLA BAKSHI (BULLO)

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Moti Lal Zutshi (PNB)** S/o Late Smt. Somwati Zutshi & Late Sh. Prem Nath Zutshi originally resident of Nai-Basti Anantnag/ Ishwar Nagar Udhaywala, Jammu A/P Bengaluru on 29th Nov, 2024 (Friday).

The **Mourning** will be held at A-1002 Godrej Aquas, Hoshalli, Bengaluru.
The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 8th Dec, 2024 (Sunday) at Yedyiyuru Vadka Kendra Jayanagar Bengaluru at 1 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Bimla 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 & Jeeta Zutshi
Kaashmiri Lal Zutshi & Seema Zutshi
M.K. Zutshi & Bita Zutshi
S.K. Zutshi & Sanjana Zutshi
Grand Children: Preashti, Nevan, Riddhish



MOTI LAL ZUTSHI (PNB)

Smast Zutshi Pariwar of Anantnag Bhat Pariwar of Sagar Koul Pariwar of Vessu & Pampore Bakshi & Razdan Pariwar of Ang. Mobile: 8377069002, 9662110219

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, it is to inform the demise of **Mr Vinod Raina** S/o Late Smt. Mohini & Late Shri B L Raina R/o 15/11 Railway Road Nanak Nagar Jammu at present in Flat N 8 - 504, Royal Nest Apartments, Techzone 4, Noida Extension U P attained moksha on 02/12/2024.

TENTH DAY KRIYA shall be performed on 11/12/2024 at Choti Ganga Nehar, Murad Nagar Ghat at 9am. Assembly will be held at Royal Nest Apartments.

Grief stricken-
(Brother & Sister in law
Chand Raina & Purima
(Son & Daughter in law)
Vimarsah & Sugan
Vaibhav Raina (Son)
Rita Rajinder Kaul (Sister)
Sunita Kaw & BL Kaw (Sister & Brother in law)
Mobile No-9419195904, 9768672678, 9055013893



Mr Vinod Raina

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Roshan Lal Raina** R/o Mattan, Anantnag, A/P Flat No 08, Block no 147, Jlane No 23, Jagati Colony, Nagrota Jammu.

MOURNING will be observed at community hall lane No 19/20 Back side.

10TH DAY KRIYA will be performed on 11.12.24 at Muthi Ghat at 8.30am.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Asha ji (Wife)
Phoola ji (Babhi)
(Younger Brother & Babhi)
Smt & Shri Roor Krishna Raina
Sh. Shrawan Kumar Raina & Smt. Karun Raina (Son & Daughter in Law)
Smt & Shri Rakesh Mussa (Daughter & Son in Law)
Smt & Shri Sandeep Tickoo (Daughter & Son in Law)
Smt & Shri Dalip Pandita (Daughter & Son in Law)
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY
Raina's, Pandita's, Bhat's
Contact number 7780952378, 9797617215, 9419146199



Sh. Roshan Lal Raina

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our mother **Smt Maya Devi** W/o Late (Sh) Rattan Lal Kotwal R/o Udana Bhabarwah, who left us for her heavenly abode on 28th November 2024.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 7th Dec, 2024 (Saturday) at our residence, Udana, Bhabarwah at 9:00 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 11th Dec, 2024 (Wednesday) at our residence at 01:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Suman Kotwal & Smt. Kamlesh Kotwal
Sh. Sudhir Kotwal & Smt. Uttarna Kotwal
Sh. Susheel Kotwal & Smt. Sapna Kotwal
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Sudha Kotwal & Sh. Vipin Kotwal
Smt. Anu Radha & Sh. Ranash Kotwal
Smt. Manu Rani & Bikram Singh Manha
Brothers & Sister-in-law
Smt. Dayawanti Kotwal W/o Late (Sh) Kishori Lal Kotwal
Sh. Karar Singh Kotwal
All Nephews and Nieces, All Grandsons and Granddaughters Grand Daughter and Grandson-in-law



SMT MAYA DEVI

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt Omashori Dass** W/o Late Maheshwar Nath Dass originally from Bomai, Sopore (Kashmir) on 02-12-2024 presently residing at H.No. 111, Lane 4/C, Anand Nagar Bohri, Jammu-180002 (behind Baldev Hardware).

Tenth Day will be performed on 10-12-2024 at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly at our residence at 12.00 Noon.

Grief Stricken

Smt Vijay & Sh Rattan Lal Dass -**Son & Daughter-in-law**
Smt Nirmala & Sh Kuldeep Kr Dass -**Son & Daughter-in-law**
Smt Pamy & Sh Sunit Kr. Dass -**Son & Daughter-in-law**
Smt Dulari & Sh Omkar Nath Pandita -**Daughter & Son-in-law**
Sh Rajinder Pandita -**Son-in-law**
& **Samast Dass & Pandita Parivaar**



Smt Omashori Dass

OBITUARY/10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh. Piyaraj Lal Koul (Bobu Ji)** S/o Late Shamboo Nath Koul erstwhile resident of Batagan Hardwara at present Flat No. 102, Shivganga Apartment second Vipan Garden New Delhi on 2nd December, 2024.

The **Tenth Day Kriya** will be held on 11th December Wednesday at Gauri Shanker Mandir New Palm Vihar, Block T Sector 105, Gurgaon at 8.00 am. Assembly will be held at Vipan Garden residence at 12:00 Noon

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. B.N. Koul - Brother
Smt. Asha Koul W/o Late Sh. D.K. Koul - Sister-in-law
T.K. Koul & Gudi Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
K.K. Koul & Sreeta Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
C.J. Koul and Asha Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
S.K. Koul and Sunita Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
R.K. Koul and Veena Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
J.K. Koul and Sushma Koul - Son & Daughter-in-law
Sarla Rawal & T.K. Rawal - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sh. C.L. Raina - Brother-in-law
Dr. J.L. Raina - Nephew
Smt. Lalita Gangoo - Sister
Grand Children and Great Grand Children
Ph. No. 778091497, 8800185309



Sh. Piyaraj Lal Koul (Bobu Ji)

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J&K LG vs Omar Abdullah govt: Jurisdictions clearly defined, say Home Ministry sources

JAMMU, Dec 6 (Agencies): Amid the growing friction over the division of powers between the Raj Bhavan and the elected government in Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Home Ministry has said that there is no question of overlapping powers as jurisdictions are very clear, said sources on Friday. Jammu and Kashmir tourism

This comes after a few instances where the Omar Abdullah government has cried foul.

Taking the brewing confrontation further, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Friday said the Omar Abdullah government has enough powers to rise to the aspirations of the people.

The appointment of the advocate general is one point in question where the friction appears to have produced some heat.

D.C. Raina had resigned as the advocate general of the UT immediately after the elected government took office. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah later 'rejected' Raina's resignation and asked him to continue as the advocate general.

Despite the chief min-



ister's directive, Raina could not resume his duty as the advocate general reportedly because the approval from the Raj Bhavan did not come to confirm the chief minister's directive.

This is believed to be one 'clash of authority' between Raj Bhavan and the elected government.

The other flashpoint was reportedly provided by the transfer of three IAS officers by the Raj Bhavan while the chief minister was away in Saudi Arabia performing the 'Umrah' (Pilgrimage to Mecca other than the annual Haj).

"If seen from the right perspective, there is no overlapping of jurisdiction. The right to appoint the advocate general

wrests with the Lieutenant Governor under the J&K Reorganisation Act 2019 read with the J&K Reorganisation Amendment Act 2023. There is no way this should be interpreted as any point of friction between the Lieutenant Governor and the chief minister. The chief minister, as long as he is the CM of J&K as a union territory, should have no confusion about his powers. The chief minister has all the powers except that the prerogative to transfer IAS/IPS officers lies entirely with the Lieutenant Governor as does his power over the UT police department. If the Lieutenant Governor ordered the transfer of some IAS officer in the interest of administration

why should anybody try and interpret it as overlapping or overstepping of jurisdiction?" sources in the Union Home Ministry told IANS.

"Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has made it amply clear that he stands to support and work together with the elected government. In fact, it was the tireless effort and commitment of the L-G that both Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly elections were held peacefully and in the fairest manner that ensured that the will of the people was reflected in the elected government that we have in J&K today," the sources said.

"The L-G is constitution-bound to perform his duty as clearly defined in

the Reorganisation Act. Yes, there is nothing called absolute power which lies either with the Lieutenant Governor or the chief minister. Both are constitutionally elected and appointed offices and each has to perform for the benefit of the people. Anybody trying to create a wedge between the offices of the Lieutenant Governor and the chief minister is neither a well-wisher of the people nor of the two August offices he/she wants to bring into confrontation", sources in the ministry further told IANS.

The same sources added that the rules of business are being vetted by the Union Home Ministry and would soon be made public to put at rest all speculations of overlapping of jurisdiction in J&K.

In a nutshell, as long as J&K remains a UT, the members of the council of ministers must understand the limitations put by the Constitution on their right to freely exercise powers when these come into conflict with those vested by the Constitution in the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

3 notorious drug peddlers arrested with 21 grams heroin, 4 mobile phones, cash of Rs. 38770



Top News Report

SAMBA, Dec 6: Intensifying its drive against narcotics smugglers/suppliers, J&K Police has arrested three notorious drug peddlers including two ladies, all residents of Rakh Barotian Vijaypur and recovered approximately 21 grams heroin, four mobile phones, one weighing machine and cash amounting to Rs 38,770.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur headed by SHO Vijaypur under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under overall supervision of SSP

Samba during special vehicle checking naka near Rakh Barotian Vijaypur, intercepted a bike without registration no. coming from Rakh Barotian side and moving towards Vijaypur for checking.

During checking, approx. 11.43 grams of heroin like substance, 04 mobile phones, one weighing machine and cash of Rs 24630 have been recovered from the possession of bike rider and lady pillion rider.

The accused identified as Bhag Ali alias Ashiq Alim son of Gau and Meenu, daughter of Gau, both resident

of Rakh Barotian, tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba have been arrested and the contraband item alongwith other items recovered on the spot have been seized.

The arrested accused happens to be brother and sister who are involved in illegal narcotics trade and are operating in the Vijaypur area. Both are used to supply drugs to the addicts in the region.

A case FIR No. 155/2024 under sections 8/21/22/27-A/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.

Similarly, in another operation against narcotic smugglers, a female drug peddler namely Roshan Bibi alias

Lalu alias Alu, wife of Lal Hussain, resident of Rakh Barotian Vijaypur has been arrested with approximately 8.90 grams heroin and also recovered cash of Rs 14,140 from her possession by Police team of Vijaypur during special naka near Rakh Barotian Vijaypur.

A case FIR No. 156/2024 under sections 8/21/22/27-A NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and investigation started.

SSP Samba said that police is taking strong action against those involved in narco-trade in the district and stringent legal action are being taken to deal with them.

School of Architecture GCET students explore architectural excellence at SMVDU

Top News Report

KATRA, Dec 6: In an enriching academic exchange, 22 architecture students from the School of Architecture, Government College of Engineering and Technology (GCET), Jammu, along with three faculty members, visited the School of Architecture and Landscape Design (SoALD) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU).

The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure and a deeper understanding of architectural design principles and practices.

The Head of School of SoALD, Ar. Abhinay Gupta, welcomed the visiting team and emphasized the thoughtful campus planning aspects that make



SMVDU a unique academic environment.

He explained the design philosophies behind the campus's spatial organization, eco-sensitive planning, and architectural aesthetics. Following

this, Ar. Navin Gupta, Assistant Professor at SoALD, delivered an engaging lecture on the nuances of thesis preparation.

He guided the students on selecting and approaching their thesis

topics effectively, highlighting the importance of research, conceptual clarity, and innovation in architectural projects.

The visit also included a guided campus tour, allowing GCET students to explore the architec-

tural and landscape design of SMVDU firsthand.

The students observed how theoretical concepts are implemented in real-world scenarios, which would help them in their respective design exercises and academic projects.

The collaborative effort between GCET and SMVDU aims to inspire young architects and foster a culture of shared learning and innovation in the field of architecture.

Amit Kapoor seeks high level investigation in irregularities of JKFFRC

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Amit Kapoor, President of the Parents Association Jammu, has expressed strong concerns over irregularities in the education system and the functioning of the Jammu and Kashmir Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (JKFFRC).

Speaking at a press conference in Jammu, he raised questions about the department's policies, particularly regarding the refusal to admit children under six years old to the first class, despite them being enrolled in earlier grades like nursery or kindergarten.

Kapoor criticized the rule that bars children below three years of age from nursery, calling it unfair and inconsistent, especially when earlier enrolled students face



hurdles in promotion. Kapoor highlighted that orders aimed at reducing the burden on nursery children, such as banning heavy school bags, are being openly flouted.

He also accused private schools of charging admission fees and capitation fees, practices explicitly prohibited.

According to Kapoor, private schools have been allowed to arbitrarily increase fees

with the approval of JKFFRC, a decision he claimed needs thorough investigation. He further alleged a nexus involving the sale of books, notebooks, and uniforms, with schools forcing parents to make specific purchases at inflated prices.

Additionally, Kapoor criticized political leaders for participating in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at private schools, accusing them of indi-

rectly legitimizing the alleged exploitation of parents by these institutions.

He argued that such actions send the wrong message and embolden schools to act arbitrarily, especially during the admission season in March and April.

To address these issues, Kapoor has demanded a high-level investigation into the JKFFRC's operations and fee-related decisions.

He also claimed to have evidence of a major scam within the committee and promised to expose it in the coming days. Kapoor emphasized the need for stricter enforcement of existing rules and immediate corrective actions against schools and regulatory bodies found guilty of wrongdoing.

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1.	Repair of Lane and Drain in Christian Colony in Ward No-7 Head: -(Own Sources 2024-25)	6.93	600	13860	ABCD Class	1 Month

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- o Technical Sanction:- Accorded

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S. No.	Sequence of Activities	Date and Time
1.	Bid submission start date	04.12.2024
2.	Bid submission End date	10.12.2024AT 18.00
3.	Date and time of opening of Bid(Online)	11.12.2024AT 14.00

A. Documents required to be uploaded online for Technical Bid:

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- Contractor Registration card renewed upto 31-03-2025.
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EDITORIAL

INDIA'S
MANUFACTURING
PUSH

India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies globally, with manufacturing at the heart of its growth aspirations. The government's concerted efforts, particularly through initiatives like Make in India and Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes, aim to transform the nation into a global manufacturing hub. However, this vision faces challenges requiring strategic solutions to unlock its full potential.

Manufacturing is pivotal for India's economic and social development. It contributes approximately 17-18% to the GDP and has the potential to generate large-scale employment. With a young workforce and increasing demand for goods domestically and internationally, India's manufacturing sector can bridge trade deficits, foster innovation, and enhance global competitiveness.

Moreover, the manufacturing push aligns with India's ambition to become a \$5 trillion economy. Key sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and automotive are being prioritized to diversify India's export base and reduce reliance on imports, particularly from China.

Launched in 2014, Make in India flagship initiative focuses on attracting foreign investments, improving ease of doing business, and bolstering domestic manufacturing. It aims to elevate the manufacturing sector's GDP contribution to 25%.

To stimulate manufacturing, the government has rolled out Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes across 14 sectors, including electronics, automotive, and renewable energy. These schemes provide incentives for companies meeting pre-defined production targets, fostering local production and reducing import dependence.

Addressing one of India's critical bottlenecks, the National Logistics Policy (NLP) aims to improve transportation infrastructure, cut logistics costs, and streamline supply chains, enhancing India's global competitiveness.

With a focus on upskilling the workforce, the Skill India Mission is bridging the gap between industry requirements and workforce capabilities, ensuring a steady pipeline of skilled labor.

Complementing manufacturing efforts, Digital India promotes automation and digitization, crucial for adopting Industry 4.0 practices in manufacturing.

India boasts a young and dynamic workforce, with over 65% of its population below 35 years. This demographic dividend can power labor-intensive manufacturing industries.

Post-pandemic disruptions and geopolitical tensions have prompted global companies to diversify their supply chains. India is positioning itself as a viable alternative to China, attracting investment from multinational corporations.

A growing middle class with increasing purchasing power provides a robust internal market, enabling scalability for manufacturers.

India's focus on green energy, particularly solar and wind, creates opportunities for manufacturing components and equipment for renewable energy projects, contributing to sustainability goals.

Adoption of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, IoT, and robotics is transforming manufacturing processes, reducing costs, and enhancing quality.

While significant progress has been made, inadequate infrastructure, including power supply and transport networks, increases operational costs and reduces efficiency.

Bureaucratic red tape and inconsistent state-level policies often deter investments. Simplifying regulatory processes is essential for boosting investor confidence.

While India has a large labor force, the lack of specific technical skills for advanced manufacturing processes remains a barrier.

Logistics expenses in India account for 14-15% of GDP, compared to 8-10% in developed economies. Reducing these costs is crucial for enhancing global competitiveness.

India remains heavily reliant on imports for critical components in sectors like electronics and defense. Building domestic capacity for such inputs is a priority.

Ensuring uniformity in policies across states can create a stable and predictable business environment. The focus should also be on reducing compliance burdens and fostering innovation.

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of Indian manufacturing. Providing easier access to credit, technology, and markets can empower these enterprises to scale and compete globally.

Accelerating the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies can revolutionize manufacturing. Public-private partnerships can play a pivotal role in achieving this.

Continued investment in roads, ports, power, and logistics hubs will reduce costs and improve supply chain efficiency, making Indian manufacturing globally competitive.

Adopting green manufacturing practices can align India's industrial growth with its climate goals, attracting environmentally conscious global investors.

Increased investments in research and development can foster innovation, enabling Indian manufacturers to create cutting-edge products and compete in high-value markets.

India's manufacturing push is not just an economic imperative but also a socio-political necessity to ensure inclusive growth and sustainable development. While significant progress has been made, achieving the goal of becoming a global manufacturing hub requires addressing existing challenges through coordinated efforts by the government, industry, and stakeholders. By leveraging its demographic dividend, digital advancements, and policy reforms, India is well-positioned to realize its manufacturing aspirations and emerge as a global powerhouse.

Dr B.R. Ambedkar - was a multifaceted Personality & Messiah of downtrodden



By: Omkar Dattatray

The grateful nation is commemorating / observing the death anniversary of the Dr B.R. Ambedkar today on 6 December 2024 and the best way of paying tribute to this great man on his death anniversary is to remember him and make serious and honest efforts to make India of his dreams which is free from the untouchability & injustice as well as social discrimination. This great man passed away after performing many great deeds which had left indelible imprint and legacy on 6 December 1956 and this irreparable loss was mourned by Indians. His death anniversary is celebrated annually on 6 December as Mahaparivar Din which serves as a solemn occasion for reflection and remembrance, prompting individuals to contemplate the strides made in upholding the ideals set forth by Dr B.R. Ambedkar, while acknowledging the persistent challenges on the path towards a more just and equitable society. This year the nation is observing 68th death anniversary of the great hero. Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar was the embodiment and epitome of multifaceted personality and will be remembered for his unmatched and unparalleled taints of head and heart. He was the doyen of social change, harbinger and advocate of classless and casteless Indian society where people belonging to various castes will get equal opportunity for development. He is remembered for his selfless crusade for social change, social reform and unity in the society. The contribution of Ambedkar in the social and political life of India cannot be exaggerated. He had done much for the cause of the Dalits, under privileged and downtrodden sections of the society. He was born as Hindu but he embraced Buddhism because he felt uneasy with the caste division of Hindu religion and worked hard throughout his life for doing away with casteism in the caste ridden society and worked tirelessly for the cause of abolishing caste division in society. His contribution towards the social and

political emancipation of India cannot be overlooked. His life and contribution was immense to social and political field and will remain to inspire future generations. Ambedkar was highly educated and had a doctorate to his credit. He gave much importance to the education of the Dalits, underprivileged and downtrodden sections of the society. He was of the view that weaker sections and those at the bottom of the society cannot develop without education and he thus gave much emphasis on their education. Ambedkar was the architect of the India's constitution and he was the chairman of the drafting committee of the constitution. His contribution towards the framing of the constitution cannot be under looked. Dr Ambedkar was a multi-faceted and multi-dimensional personality. Popularly known as Babasaheb, Dr B.R. Ambedkar was an eminent educationist, a great economist, an able administrator and a radical political and social thinker of his time. He was a versatile personality who wrote on such diverse subjects as anthropology, sociology, economics, philosophy, religion, law, history and politics. He had good command over all these varied and diverse subjects. He is also known as the father of Indian constitution. Ambedkar was born in the community of Mahars in the present Madhya Pradesh state. Throughout his childhood he faced the stigma of caste discrimination. Hailing from Hindu Mahar caste, his family was viewed as untouchable by the upper castes. He faced worst kind of discrimination and humiliation in his school and then in his future life as well. Ambedkar raised strong voice against this discrimination. After completing higher education and coming back from USA, Ambedkar was appointed as the defense secretary to king of Baroda, but here also he faced discrimination and thus humiliation being an untouchable. He fought against the two principal inhuman social evils prevalent in Hindu society - untouchability and casteism. His social thinking was the outcome of total discrimination and humiliation meted to his community by the upper caste Hindus and thus he raised strong voice against these social evils. This made him the savior and darling of the lower castes. He fought throughout his life for the cause of the lower castes which made him so dear to the lower castes. So his philosophy was the political emancipation and education of lower castes and also their role in participation in the politics. He also worked for political enlightenment as well as and spiritual awakening of his community. He was of the view that political democracy will be fragile without the social democracy at its base. Ambedkar sought to eliminate the con-

traditions resulting from equality in politics and inequity in social and economic life. Institution set up by him became vehicles of change such as Hitkarani Sabha and the Independent Labour Party of India. He stressed upon constitutional methods and means to achieve social justice. He believed in the path of non-violence and peace to attain social, economic and political freedom of the lower castes. Ambedkar was of the firm view that political freedom is meaningless without social emancipation and therefore all of us including those sitting at the top executive positions should work towards the social change and he also believed that regeneration of the country and its politics is not possible without social and economic freedom and therefore social and economic equality is of paramount for the country's development and for attaining social and economic freedom and for this all of us should work in cooperation to achieve social and economic liberty in the country. His plea for adoption of non-violent means is an important component of not only of his political philosophy but his moral and ethical view. He emphasized the need for economic and social emancipation of the underprivileged people. He floated the Bahishkrit Hitkarni Sabha in July 1924. He became founder of Samaj Samata Sangh which was based on the principle of social equality. He is the architect of the constitution and while drafting the constitution, he incorporated the principal of socio-economic justice along with political and civil rights. He sought to make the Indian constitution as an effective means for social change. According to him attainment of political freedom was not the sufficient condition for social change and social regeneration. He stressed for the economic emancipation of the under privileged sections of the society. Thus it was the firm view of Ambedkar that political independence has little meaning and significance without social freedom and social regeneration. He laid foundations of two political organizations namely the Independent Labor Party of India in 1936 and Scheduled Caste Federation in 1942 which later on turned into Republic Party of India. He included principles of socio-economic justice along with political and civil rights in the constitution. Ambedkar sought to make the constitution of India as an effective means of social change. He gave immense importance to fundamental rights and incorporated these in the constitution to give the citizens these civil rights for their social and economic development and for making Indian society an egalitarian one having liberty and fraternity. Ambedkar wanted to make fundamental rights effective and for this it was thought nec-

essary that every citizen should be in a position to claim and demand the fundamental rights. He wanted fundamental rights binding upon all the institutions of the government and private institutions also. He considered fundamental rights of paramount importance for the development of human personality. According to him, these fundamental rights should not be absolute but should be checkmated by fundamental duties and these are interdependent on each other but the original constitution did not had the fundamental duties of the citizens in it and it was in year 1976 that fundamental duties were incorporated in the constitution. He did not thought the need to incorporate secularism in the constitution and the word secular was added to the preamble of constitution of India in 1976 by way of 42nd amendment to the constitution. Ambedkar was appointed the chairman of the drafting committee of the constituent assembly. Being a social revolutionary he championed the cause of the Dalits and other lower castes throughout his life and to the some extent he was successful in this regards as well. He was in fact the messiah of the downtrodden and weaker sections of the society and for their political, social upliftment he worked very hard, day and night and got much for these classes of the society. Ambedkar championed the cause of Dalits and other untouchables who were oppressed from centuries and worked for their equality in social, economic and political life. He wanted to create a new social, economic and political order in which every citizen will feel equal and there will be no discrimination against any one on the basis of his caste, creed, color and faith. He asked the untouchables to organize, educate and agitate as this per him will free these weaker sections from the chain and shackles of untouchability. Ramchandra Guha considered Ambedkar as a unique example of success and inspiration. His journey from being an untouchable to India's first Law Minister is not less than extraordinary and no mean development. Gail Omvedt calls Ambedkarism as a living force in India. Ambedkar's philosophy will continue to inspire Indians for generations. The best tribute to Ambedkar on his death anniversary today on 6 December, 2024 is to make India of his dreams. In brief his was a multifaceted personality which cannot be penned down in a small page.

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The Impactful Role Of A Teacher: Shaping Minds And Futures



By: Amir Iqbal Khan

The role of a teacher goes beyond just delivering content in a classroom. A teacher serves as a guide, mentor and role model shaping not only the minds of students but their characters as well. They are responsible for creating an environment where learning is encouraged, questions are welcomed and curiosity thrives. A good teacher is not just someone who transfers knowledge but someone who instills values,

critical thinking and a love for learning. This is why the best teachers always have an inspiring connection with their students helping them grow intellectually, emotionally and socially.

A teacher's responsibilities include knowing their subject deeply, preparing their lessons with care and being clear in communication. But teaching is also about knowing how to make complex ideas simple so that every student can understand and feel confident in their learning. The best teachers adapt their methods based on the needs of their students, ensuring that each child feels seen and heard. They should encourage questions, foster discussions and create a classroom where mistakes are seen as opportunities to grow not failures to be judged.

A teacher must also live with passion for their pro-

ession. Their dedication to teaching should be evident in everything they do, from the way they prepare lessons to the way they interact with students. Passionate teachers make their subjects come alive and inspire students to explore their own passions. They never approach teaching as just a job but as a calling, making it their life's work to help students achieve their potential.

One of the most important qualities of an effective teacher is emotional intelligence. The teacher has the ability to understand the psychology of his or her students knowing that each child learns differently. This awareness allows him or her to guide students not just academically but emotionally as well. A good teacher helps students set their own goals, encouraging them to believe in their abilities and supporting

them in overcoming challenges. Their encouragement can leave a lasting impact on students, shaping their attitudes toward learning and personal growth for life.

A good teacher is disciplined, professional and driven by a sense of purpose, not material gain. They work not for recognition or reward but out of a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of their students. Such teachers are lifelong learners themselves, continuously seeking to improve their teaching methods and knowledge. This humility and commitment to progress inspire students to also pursue excellence, not just in academics but in all aspects of their lives. These qualities of dedication, passion and empathy define the best teachers and leave an enduring legacy.

Anti Crime NGO Chairman Sham Lal meets SSPs to address rising drug menace in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: In a bid to curb the escalating drug menace in the Jammu region, Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti Crime, NGO held a significant meeting with SSP Special Crime Wing, Crime Branch Jammu, Sanjay Parihar and SSP Crime Branch Jammu, Benam Tosh.

The meeting, held in Jammu, focused on the alarming rise in drug abuse among the youth and the measures needed to prevent their involvement in substance abuse.

During the meeting, Sham Lal Gupta expressed deep concern over the growing prevalence of drugs in the region, which has severely impacted the younger generation.

He emphasized that the surge in substance abuse is not only a health crisis but also a significant social challenge that requires immediate intervention from all stakeholders, including law enforcement, civil society, and families.

SSP Sanjay Parihar provided insights into the steps currently being taken by the Special Crime Wing to combat the



issue. He elaborated on the ongoing anti-drug operations, intelligence gathering, and inter-agency collaborations aimed at disrupting the drug supply chain in Jammu. He also acknowledged the role of NGOs like the Anti-Crime in creating awareness and assisting enforcement agencies in their efforts.

Benam Tosh, SSP Crime Branch Jammu, highlighted the importance of preventive measures to keep the youth from falling prey to drug addiction.

He underlined the need for awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, and local communities to educate young individuals about the dangers of substance abuse. "We must address the root causes of drug addiction, including unemployment and peer pressure, while providing avenues for rehabilitation and skill development," he stated.

Sham Lal Gupta assured full cooperation from the Anti Crime NGO in supporting the authorities through commu-

nity-based initiatives, awareness drives, and counseling programs.

He proposed collaborative workshops involving students, parents, and teachers to create a unified front against the drug menace.

The discussion also touched upon the establishment of hotlines for reporting drug-related activities and strengthening community policing to keep neighbourhoods safe.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to work collectively to safeguard the region's youth from the clutches of drugs.

This crucial engagement between civil society and law enforcement serves as a step forward in addressing one of Jammu's most pressing challenges.

With a coordinated approach, the region hopes to reclaim its future by empowering its youth and eliminating the scourge of drugs.

Gupta along with ASI Naresh Digra, MC Bishnah Ex Councillor Sahil Gupta, Members Mukhtyar Saini, Rakesh Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Tushar Digra, Anshu Kumar, Rohit and others.

MP Gulam Ali condemns attack on Minority Community in Bangladesh

Top News Report

JAMMU / NEW DELHI, Dec 6: Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, strongly condemned the recent attacks on the minority Hindu community in Bangladesh.

He termed the incidents as a blatant violation of human rights and a serious blow to the secular ethos of the region.

In a statement issued on Thursday, Khatana expressed deep anguish over the targeted violence, which included vandalism of temples, destruction of properties, and attacks on individuals.

He urged the Bangladesh government to take immediate action against the perpetrators and ensure the safety and security of its minority popula-

tion. "Such incidents are not only an assault on the minority community but also on the values of tolerance and harmony. It is the responsibility of every nation to protect its citizens, regardless of their religious or ethnic background," Khatana said.

The MP highlighted India's commitment to promoting regional peace and called for international organizations to step in and hold Bangladesh accountable for protecting its minorities. "The global community must stand united against such heinous acts and ensure justice for the victims," he added. He reiterated the BJP's commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of minorities worldwide, urging collective efforts to uphold communal harmony and peace.

Trade Unionist Faizan Tramboo urges parents to prioritize road safety

Top News Report

DODA, Dec 6: Senior NHM leader and Trade Unionist from Doda-Faizan A Tramboo has issued an urgent appeal to parents, emphasizing the need to prevent minor children from driving two-wheelers or four-wheelers.

Tramboo expressed deep concern over the increasing number of tragic road accidents involving minors, stressing the need for immediate action to safeguard young lives.

In a heartfelt message, Tramboo stated, "I kindly request all parents to refrain from



allowing their minor children to drive. Such actions can lead to devastating consequences, putting young lives at great risk. Daily reports of heart-wrenching road accidents involving minors remind us of the preciousness of life." He urged parents to act responsibly by ensuring their children abide by traffic rules and

laws. Highlighting the role of families in fostering road safety awareness, Tramboo added, "Let us prioritize safety to prevent such tragedies. Your cooperation can save lives."

It is pertinent to mention that Faizan A. Tramboo is not only a dedicated employees' leader advocating for the rights and welfare of health employees but also a proactive social activist who tirelessly raises social and developmental issues in the Doda region. His unwavering commitment to the community highlights his vision of a safer and more progressive society.

Vivek Bali demands swift deportation of Rohingya refugees from J&K



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Vivek Bali Prominent Political Leader has made an urgent and impassioned appeal to the administration, demanding the immediate deportation of approximately 10,000 to 20,000 Rohingyas currently residing in Jammu and Kashmir.

Expressing grave concern over the rise in crimes, such as thefts and snatching incidents, Bali emphasized that these activities are allegedly linked to certain individuals within the Rohingya community.

Highlighting a critical issue, Bali pointed out that some Rohingyas have reportedly acquired Aadhaar cards, voter cards, domicile certificates, and other official documents through illegal means. This raises serious questions about lapses in the verification and oversight processes.

"Such illegal acquisitions not only undermine our administrative system but also pose a significant threat to the social and security fabric of the region," Bali stated.

He called upon the Honorable Lieutenant Governor (LG) and the administration to investigate the claims of illegal documentation thoroughly. Implement strict corrective measures to prevent such lapses in the future. Expedite the process of identifying and deporting individuals residing illegally.

Vivek Bali reiterated his commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. He urged the administration to act decisively and promptly to address these pressing issues.

Plantation Drive launched at PM SHRI GHS Tirch



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KUPWARA, Dec 6: The Department of Social Forestry Division Kupwara launched a Mega Plantation Drive at PM SHRI Government High School (GHS) Tirch Kupwara under the campaign "Ek Ped Maan Ke Naam", aimed at fostering a clean and green environment.

The drive was conducted under the dynamic guidance and leadership of Suneesh Boxy (IFS), Director of the Department of Social Forestry (J&K), and Zahid Aslam Maghul, Regional Director, Kashmir.

The plantation drive witnessed enthusiastic par-

ticipation from students and employees of the Social Forestry Department. Hundreds of saplings, including Deodar (Cedrus deodara) and Cypress (Cupressus sp.), were planted during the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Syed Ghulam Rasool Geelani, Block Officer, urged the local community to actively participate in plantation drives to foster an environmentally friendly attitude and contribute to the conservation of forests and wildlife.

He appealed to students, teachers, and civil society members to trans-

form afforestation into a people's movement for a noble cause.

Farooq Ahmad, Headmaster of PM SHRI High School, commended the Social Forestry Department's efforts, particularly the exceptional contributions of Gh. Rasool Geelani, for his outstanding work in forestry.

He highlighted that over the past two years, more than two lakh plants have been planted in the district, significantly boosting the region's green cover.

Geelani stressed the significance of such initiatives in combating climate change, improving ecological balance, and inspiring community involvement, particularly among young students, to work toward a sustainable future.

The campaign "Ek Ped Maan Ke Naam" continues to promote environmental conservation and collective responsibility, paving the way for a greener tomorrow.

Awareness Rally for AIDS awareness organised by GDC Ramkote

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RAMKOTE, Dec 6: As part of week-long activities being organised for the observation of World AIDS Day 2024, the Red Ribbon Club of GDC Ramkote in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society organised an Awareness Rally on Friday.

The objective of the event was to educate and aware the general public about the causes, prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

The rally witnessed an enthusiastic participation from the students of BA Semester Ist and 5th. A total of 50 students participated in the rally that



was flagged off from the college campus and marched through the designated route covering local community of village Ramkote adjoining the college area.

The participants carried banners and posters with messages about HIV/AIDS awareness and also raised slogans like "My Health My Right, Fight AIDS not People Infected and AIDS Ko Harana Hai, Swasth Bhavishya

Banana Hai". The event was organised by Prof Anu Sharma, Coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club under the guidance of Prof Rameek Kaur, Principal of the College.

The event successfully conveyed the message of solidarity and responsibility in fighting the AIDS epidemic. Faculty members namely Prof. Pankaj Nandan and Dr. Sudhir Kotwal actively participated in the event.

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Dated :- 03-12-2024.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders are invited from Registered/Approved Contractor/Dealer/firms and SSI unit for execution of jobs. Tender on prescribed format are available in the Office of Deputy Director Estates, Building No. 4/5-Block C, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. Tender can also be seen/downloaded from jktenders.gov.in against Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand only) as cost of tender documents which should be remitted into treasury through challan under revenue head 0216- Housing in favour of Deputy Director Estates, Jammu. Tender documents should be deposited in Electronic format subject to uploading of following documents. In case of any firm claims MSME rebate for exemption of CDR/Try Challan the firm has to upload exemption certificate from the concerned department.

1. CDR pledged to Deputy Director Estates Jammu.
2. Income tax returns of last financial year.(2023-24)
3. Only Treasury challan of Rs.1000/- (Rupees One thousand) as cost of tender document will be accepted indicating TV no, date and e NIT no to be deposited in the Major head 0216-Housing pledge to Deputy Director Estates Jammu.
4. GST return of last financial year (2023-24)
5. Photo copy of PAN card of the firm.

The brief details of tendered items are given as under:-

S.No.	Particulars of items	CDR Amount
1	Repair /polishing of old furniture	Rs. 10000/-
2	Stitching of Curtains	Rs. 10000/-
3	Chemical foam washing/Vaccum cleaning of furnishing/ Washing Dry cleaning furnishing items	Rs. 5000/-
4	Repair /Spares of Refrigerator/Water Cooler/Water filter /Washing Machine /LED	Rs.5000/-

Tender documents should be deposited in electronic format on the website jktenders.gov.in portal from 05.12.2024 to 17.12.2024 upto 4.30 PM. The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, set of terms and condition of the contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the jktenders.gov.in portal as per schedule on dates given below:-

Date of issue of tender notice	03/12/2024
Period of downloading of tender documents	05/12/2024 to 17/12/2024 from 10 am to 4 .30 pm
Bid submission start date	05/12/2024 from 10 am
Bid submission end date (online documents)	17/12/2024 upto 4 .30 PM
Receiving of hard copy/ CDR/Treasury challan.	No hard copy of any document is required to submit in the Office. All the documents are required to be uploaded in the e tender portal. Only successful bidder will deposit all original documents CDR/ Treasury challan.
Date and time of opening of Technical/financial bids (online).	1) Technical bid on 18.12.2024 at 12.00 PM 2) Financial bid on 21.12.2024 at 12.00 PM in the office of Deputy Director Estates, 4/5 C, Gandhi Nagar or any subsequent date convenient to the Divisional Level Purchase Committee.

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The undersigned has the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons.

DIP/J-7748/24

Ajay Bhatti
Deputy Director Estates,
Jammu

No:- DD Estates/J/Tender/2024-25/969-72
Dated:- 03.12.2024

Prince Kanwaljit Singh, who will be seen in Panchi 2 and Punjabi Aa Gaye Oye, calls himself a director's actor

Punjabi cinema is witnessing a shift—one that balances commercial appeal with deep, character-driven storytelling—and someone who embodies this evolution is Prince Kanwaljit Singh.

Known for his versatility and sincerity, Prince has earned comparisons to some of the finest actors in Indian cinema. And, it's not just because of his commitment to his craft, but also the way he blends humility with artistry.

Prince's preparation for a role is simple and effective. "I don't go too deep into the character's psychology beforehand," he admits. "I don't plan. I go with a fresh mind and let the director guide me."

He allows the character to evolve organically on set, trusting in the director's vision while contributing to the nuances of his role. This is why he calls himself "a director's actor". His collaborative spirit is what helps bring a film's vision to life in the most authentic way possible.

He admits that while he occasionally contributes ideas to set details—like the choice of a torn sweater for a character—he doesn't impose his vision. "My secret also is that I focus on one



film at a time. I am not greedy that way. I feel every character needs a certain look, behaviour and sincerity and when it's one point focus, it's so much easier to maintain consistency that way," he says.

Ask about his signature roles, and his reply is prompt — Pamma from his latest film, Sector 17. "Yes, Pamma is a character that sticks with you," he says, reflecting on the enduring impact of that role in Punjabi cinema.

Prince's rise to prominence didn't follow a conventional path. Unlike many of his peers, who had a clear plan for entering the film industry, Prince's journey was marked by serendipity and raw talent. "I didn't

always know I wanted to be an actor," he shares. "I grew up in a family where education was the focus. But when relatives came over and read magazines featuring movie stars, I got hooked on the idea of acting. One day, I pointed to a picture of a Tamil actor on a motorbike and said, 'I want to be like him!'"

His early exposure to theatre and the connections he made in the industry were crucial in shaping his career. Even as a 10th grader, Prince would travel to Mumbai, spending a year at a time in the city, soaking in the creative energy.

Despite his success, Prince remains grounded. "I didn't know the procedure back then," he reflects on his early days in

theatre and film. "And that was the best thing. I was so ignorant. I just wrote plays, acted in dramas, and people liked it." His lack of formal training in writing and acting didn't hinder his progress; in fact, it allowed him to approach his work without the constraints of overthinking. "I didn't over-prepare or worry about the 'right' way to do things. I just did them."

This unassuming approach is something Prince attributes to his success. "If I had known the rules, I might have over-analysed everything. The fact that I didn't know allowed me to stay true to my instincts."

One of the most profound insights Prince shares during the interview is his philosophy on money and success. "Money is just a byproduct," he asserts. "As long as your body is working, you'll earn. So, my focus is doing good work itself, not the pay check."

Looking ahead, Prince has a packed slate of projects, including Panchi 2 and Punjabi Aa Gaye Oye, a romantic comedy. "Romance was tough for me at first, but it's getting easier," he admits, signalling his willingness to explore new genres and keep growing as an artiste.

Vikrant Massey on wanting validation, how 12th Fail's success was important



Actor Vikrant Massey has opened up about his film 12th Fail, wanting validation from the film industry and success as well as failure in life. In an interview with agency, Vikrant talked about his "urge to be validated by more people and not just be labelled an alternate actor". He also shared how he has seen people change "in success and failure".

Talking about 12th Fail, Vikrant said, "Validation from the industry has come in, and I was longing for it. I always backed myself and continue to do so, but it was very important for me, deep within me, I had this urge to be vali-

dated by more people and not just be labelled an alternate actor. 12th Fail's commercial success was important to me. There are a lot more roles coming my way, and a lot many producers want to work with me now. I wanted that. I am happy, but I also know it's all very temporary, and people change with time."

"My mechanism to deal with success and failure is the same. I don't take either very seriously. Everything is so temporary in life. I have seen people change like the weather in success and failure. I move on very quickly and don't sit with either for too long. The same things can

change equally fast the moment you trip again and are back to where you began," he added.

The 2023 biographical drama film is directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. It is based on the 2019 non-fiction book by Anurag Pathak about Manoj Kumar Sharma. The film also stars Medha Shankr, Anant V Joshi, Anshumaan Pushkar and Priyanshu Chatterjee.

The actor was last seen in The Sabarmati Report. It released in theatres on November 15. The film is based on the tragic burning of the S-6 coach of the Sabarmati Express near Godhra station in Gujarat on February 27, 2002. The Sabarmati Report, directed by Dheeraj Sama, also features Ridhi Dogra, and Raashii Khanna in pivotal roles.

He is also a part of Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Zero Se Restart, which chronicles the making of his 2023 film 12th Fail. The documentary film is narrated, edited and directed by Jaskunwar Kohli. It will be out on December 13.

Tahira Kashyap: Going beyond conventional cinema with 'Sharmajee Ki Beti'

Tahira Kashyap made her feature film directorial debut with the 2024 release 'Sharmajee Ki Beti', which received positive reviews from critics and audiences. The film rides on the narrative of a multi-generational ensemble about the modern, middle-class female experience and the lives of urban women, all with the common surname of Sharma. The Tahira Kashyap directorial revolves around females working through conflicts and coming to a resolution. 'Sharmajee Ki Beti' is not a daily-watch movie, that gives you a high dose of adrenaline rush, or a mind-refreshment. But, the uniqueness of this film lies in its narrative, and how it leaves you pondering over certain aspects of female lives that are hardly talked about in real life, as well as in cinemas.

Released in 2024, 'Sharmajee Ki Beti' was a bold move by Tahira Kashyap in terms of film direction, who chose to go beyond the mainstream media, and break the conventional glass ceiling. In today's cinematic world, action, comedy, drama, and romance are the 'ruling' genres, and the filmmakers are taking the most advantage of churning out endless films, attracting huge crowd to the theatres, and keeping the cash registers ringing. Cinema shapes society, and its real essence lies in balancing entertainment as well as delivering a profound message. On this note, Tahira



Kashyap's directorial highlights the not-so-talked-about aspect of females, mirroring reality and being a prime example of raising the bar of Indian cinema.

Beyond films, Tahira Kashyap also adds to shaping the ideal image of females through her strong and mindful opinions. Very often, she takes to her social media handle to share food for thought on women empowerment, and how society looks at females. After 'Sharmajee Ki Beti' received an overwhelming response, the audiences are keen to see more of Tahira Kashyap's cinematic brilliance.

Aamir Khan on 'chauvinistic' films doing well at the box office: 'Not nice, pushed us back by a decade'

Aamir Khan is not okay with some films promoting a chauvinistic image of what a man should be. In a new interview, the actor shared he doesn't endorse patriarchy as it pushes one back by decades.

Aamir Khan opens up During an interview with agency, Aamir spoke about some films encouraging a more chauvinistic image of what a man should be. He was asked how he felt about it.

To which, Aamir said, "Not nice. It pushes us back a decade. So that's sad. I wish we didn't see that, but that's part of life. The fact is that each one has their own opinion. People have different opinions. A lot of people endorse patriarchy in a strong way, a lot of people endorse patriarchy in a very hidden way. So that's something that we have to deal with".

Aamir has often used stories to put the spotlight on issues such as



domestic violence and abusive marriage, be it Secret Superstar or Laapataa Ladies. Aamir feels that while society has progressed, elements of patriarchy still remain ingrained somewhere.

"They won't go away overnight. These are deep-rooted concepts. A lot of males are very insecure. We live in a patriarchal society where a lot of men believe that they have the power to decide how much independence should be given to the women around them. And that's not so nice, but I feel that these are things that will gradually change. And stories can really change people's hearts. You can try and convince a person in an argument with logic. But that only goes so far. Emotionally convincing a person through stories and characters touch people's hearts in ways," he added.

Aamir Khan to get a special honour

Aamir Khan will be honoured at the Red Sea Film Festival. The 2024 Red Sea Film Festival is set to take place from December 5-14 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Other global cinematic talents which will get the honour include names such as Oscar-nominated actor Emily Blunt and Egyptian screen legend Mona Zaki.

Aamir expressed his gratitude for the recognition, stating, "Cinema has been my lifelong passion, and to be amidst such an inspiring group of artists from across the world is truly humbling," as per Deadline.

Meanwhile, Aamir is busy lobbying Laapataa Ladies, which is India's official entry for the Oscars 2025. It has been renamed Lost Ladies for the international stage. The film's team recently started their Academy Awards campaign and even got the support of director Alfonso Cuarón.

Taapsee Pannu reveals taking on 'boxing, aerial yoga, and squash to prep' for 'Gandhari'

Taapsee Pannu is one of the finest actresses of the industry, has firmly established herself as the queen of alternate cinema, constantly pushing boundaries and taking on roles that defy conventional norms. Known for her versatility, Taapsee has seamlessly transitioned across various genres, from family dramas to horror, action, and more. What sets her apart is her ability to choose characters that challenge societal norms and engage with pressing issues. Films like Pink (2016) and Thappad (2020) are prime examples of her taking on challenges. And now her fans are eagerly awaiting for her next film, Gandhari.

In a recent interview, Taapsee revealed her

fitness regime for the upcoming movie Gandhari. She said, "Now Gandhari Prep is going on apart from Squash, aerial yoga and gym training I'm also doing some boxing so my stamina is ready for the long fight so there isn't a lot of time I waste on set for recovery."

The film revolves around the story of a mother who takes on a fierce fight to save her child who is abducted. Billed as an action-thriller, the film promises yet another powerful performance from the actress, who is known as Undisputed Queen of Female led films. She has been working rigorously to prepare for the role that is sure to leave a lasting impact on the audience. For 'Gandhari' she is



collaborating with writer-producer Kanika Dhillon. The film is tentatively scheduled to stream next year. Fans are

excited to watch Taapsee performing action sequences once again in a tale that is intense, emotional, and gripping.

Madhuri Dixit is the expression queen, and her performance in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' is proof!

Madhuri Dixit recently starred in the horror-comedy flick 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', and delivered a power-packed performance yet again. The actress delighted the cinephiles by diving into the horror-comedy genre, justifying her role to the fullest, and adding momentum to the story's plot. It is not unknown that throughout decades, the 'Dhak-Dhak' girl has been ruling hearts with her aura, charm, and ability to captivate the audience's attention by resonating with them. With an illustrious filmography, Madhuri Dixit has undoubtedly emerged as one of the most versatile actresses, and she only raised the bar of 'versatility' with an impeccable performance in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3'.

Dixit essayed the role of Anjulika and effortlessly served a combination of emotions including fear, comedy, care, rage, revenge and everything in between, some-



thing that the audiences haven't seen before from the actress. The actress embodied the character with such finesse that she aced

every frame of portraying the evil Anjulika, caring for her brother, her chemistry with Vidya Balan, portraying revenge, and more. While the actress did not fail to leave the audience mighty impressed with her powerful dialogue delivery and puns, she expressed even more with her expressions, something that has become the 'Madhuri-thing' over the years! Not to forget that the versatile actress amazed everyone with her spectacular performance in 'Ami Je Tomar 3.0', and ensured to leave all spell-bound with her unmatched charm and screen presence.

'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', an Anees Bazmee directorial, had an impressive theatrical run and did not fail to keep the cash registers ringing. While the audience couldn't take their eyes off Madhuri Dixit in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', they are waiting with bated breath to see more of her on-screen.

PM Modi pays tributes to Ambedkar on death anniversary

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to the main architect of the Constitution, B R Ambedkar, on his death anniversary, saying his tireless fight for equality and human dignity continues to inspire generations.

Ambedkar came from a Dalit family and rose to become one of the most important figures in Indian politics with his championing of the cause of the underprivileged.

"On Mahaparinirvan Diwas, we bow to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of



our Constitution and a beacon of social justice," Modi said on X.

"Dr. Ambedkar's tireless fight for equality and human dignity continues to inspire generations. Today, as we remember his contributions, we also reit-

erate our commitment to fulfilling his vision," Modi said.

The prime minister also shared a picture from his visit to Chaitya Bhoomi, the cremation place of Ambedkar in Mumbai earlier this year.

Proud of my brother, nothing above country for him: Priyanka slams BJP over 'traitor' slur

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra lashed out at the BJP on Friday over its leader Sambit Patra calling Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi a "traitor".

She asserted that nothing is above the country for her brother.

She said the accusation was nothing new coming from such people as those who called former prime ministers traitors.

"Those who can call Jawaharlal Nehru, who spent 13 years in jail during the Independence struggle, a traitor, those who can



call Indra Gandhi, who broke Pakistan into two, a traitor, and those who can call Rajiv Gandhi, who was martyred for the country, a traitor, then if they are doing the same with Rahul Gandhi then there is

nothing new in it," Priyanka told reporters outside the Parliament building.

"I am proud of my brother, for my brother, nothing is above the country," she said as she participated in the

opposition's protest over the Adani issue.

Referring to his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Priyanka said her brother walked 4,000 kms from Kanniyakumari to Kashmir for the unity of this country.

She also alleged that the BJP did not have the courage to discuss the Adani issue in Parliament.

"They don't have the courage to discuss the Adani issue (in Parliament). Why is there a problem in discussion... discussion happens in democracy only, they are afraid of it as well," she said.

On Thursday, Bharatiya Janata Party MPs K

Laxman and Patra cited to the press a report published by French media outlet "Mediapart" to target Gandhi.

Patra claimed that billionaire investor George Soros and some US-based agencies, investigative media platform Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) and Gandhi form a "dangerous" triangle trying to destabilise India and stoke public disaffection for a regime change in the country.

"I have no hesitation in saying that he (Gandhi) is a traitor of the highest order," Patra said.

Excise Policy | Delhi HC refuses to prepone hearing on Kejriwal's plea in money laundering case

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): The Delhi High Court on Friday refused to advance the hearing on a petition by A chief Arvind Kejriwal challenging a trial court's order taking cognisance of a chargesheet filed against him in a money laundering case.

Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri said, "matter will be heard on the same date. I have a lot on the board to hear."

Kejriwal had sought preponement of the date of hearing on his petition from December 20.

After the court declined to change the date, Kejriwal's counsel pleaded that the Enforcement Directorate be directed to a supply copy of its reply to the petition in advance.

"Whatever you file, give it to them also," the court told the ED's lawyer.

On November 21, the high court refused to stay at that moment the trial court proceedings against Kejriwal in the money laundering case.

The high court had issued notice and sought response of the ED on the plea by the former Delhi chief minister.

Kejriwal sought setting aside of the trial

court order and argued that the cognisance of the chargesheet was taken by the special court in the absence of any sanction for his prosecution, which was required, as he was a public servant when the alleged offence was committed.

However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the ED, submitted that a sanction was obtained to prosecute Kejriwal and he would be filing an affidavit.

Besides seeking to set aside the trial court's July 9 order taking cognisance of the chargesheet, Kejriwal has also sought quashing of all proceedings in the case.

The plea contended that the prosecution of Kejriwal was bad in the eyes of law as it was done without obtaining the mandatory sanctions under Section 197 CrPC despite the allegations pertaining to the official acts performed by him.

According to Section 197 of the CrPC, when any person who is or was a judge or magistrate or a public servant not removable from his office save by or with the sanction of the government, is accused of any offence, no court shall take cognisance of such offence

except with the previous sanction.

On November 12, the high court sought ED's response on another plea filed by Kejriwal who challenged summons issued to him on the agency's complaint in the money laundering case.

The high court refused to stay the trial court proceedings at the moment in the criminal case.

While Kejriwal was granted interim bail by the Supreme Court on July 12 in the money laundering case, he was granted bail in the CBI case on September 13.

According to the CBI and the ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the excise policy and undue favours were extended to the licence holders.

The Delhi government implemented the policy on November 17, 2021 and scrapped it by the end of September 2022 amid allegations of corruption.

The money laundering case stems from a CBI case lodged after Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena recommended a probe into the alleged irregularities in the implementation of the excise policy.

Need to protect Ambedkar's ideals, Constitution: Kharage



NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said there is a pressing need to defend, protect and safeguard the ideals of B R Ambedkar as also his "finest" contribution - the Constitution of India.

"On the Mahaparinir-

van Diwas of Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the ardent champion of the Constitution and social justice," Kharge said in a post on X.

He said Ambedkar devoted his entire life to championing the democratic values of liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice.

"It is a pressing need of the hour to defend, protect and safeguard his ideals and ideas, as also his finest contribution to the nation 'the Constitution of India,'" the Congress chief said.

The day marks the death anniversary of B R Ambedkar, observed as Mahaparinirvan Diwas.

It honours the legacy of the leader who gave the country its first Constitution and stood for the rights of the down-trodden and sought to transform India's social fabric.

Woman constable dead, 3 injured as police vehicle overturns in UP's Rampur

RAMPUR, Dec 6 (Agencies): A Police Response Vehicle (PRV) overturned into a drain in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh, leaving a woman constable dead and three other personnel injured, officials said on Friday.

The PRV was on its way to attend a distress call when the incident took place in the Patwai police station late Thursday night, they said.

PRV Commander constable Akash Diwaker, constable driver Sumit Pawar, and women constables Pinky and Ruchi were on board the vehicle. Constable Ruchi, a native of Bijnor district, succumbed to injuries, while other three have been referred to Moradabad for better treatment, according to the



police.

"Our PRV from the Patwai police station area was on its way to an event when it met with an accident and overturned into a drain. Tragically, a woman constable has lost her life, and three others sustained serious injuries," Rampur Additional Superintendent of Police Atul Kumar Srivastava said.

"They were initially treated at the district hospital and later referred to Cosmos

Hospital in Moradabad. All three are stable but are being sent for further treatment and investigation," he said.

The officer said that necessary actions were promptly taken and senior officers reached the site, and the injured were provided immediate care.

"Further investigations are ongoing. The deceased constable was a resident of Bijnor. Appropriate measures will follow," Srivastava added.

Farmers' protests received huge booster dose from no less than Vice President: Congress

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): The Congress on Friday reiterated its support for farmers' demands and said their protests have received a "huge booster dose" from no less a person than Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The opposition party's assertion came ahead of a scheduled march by a group of farmers to Delhi from their protest site at the Shambhu border on the Punjab and Haryana border.

Also, the remarks come days after Dhankhar, speaking at a ceremony to mark the centenary of ICAR-CIR-COT in Mumbai, said, "Agriculture minister, I request you to please tell me, what was promised to the farmer? Why was the promise not fulfilled? What should we do to fulfil the promise? There was a movement last year, and there is a movement this year, too."



Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh noted farmers are marching to Parliament Friday.

"Their protests received a huge booster dose from no less a person than the Vice President and Hon'ble Chairman of the Rajya Sabha himself," Ramesh said in his post on X.

"Farmers and their organisations have been agitating for the following demands - Legal guarantee for MSP, setting of MSP at 1.5 times the comprehensive cost of cultivation, as rec-

ommended by the MS Swaminathan Commission and one-time debt relief for farmers - just as banks have written off Rs 16 lakh crores of defaulting private companies," he said.

They are also demanding decisions on import and export of agricultural commodities be taken by an independent agency in which farmers are adequately represented, he said.

"The farmers want the PM Fasal Bima Yojana - currently geared towards benefiting insurance companies - to be restructured to

meet farmer interests and concerns," Ramesh said, adding, "The Indian National Congress fully supports these and other demands put forth by the farmer organisations."

A heavy deployment of security personnel has been made on the Haryana side of the border. The Ambala district administration has already issued an order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), restricting any

unlawful assembly of five or more persons in the district.

The farmers are gathered under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and have been camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces.

Besides MSP, the farmers are also demanding farm debt waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases (against farmers), and "justice" for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence.

Reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of farmers who died during the previous agitation in 2020-21 are also part of their demands.

10 dead in two road incidents in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit, Chitrakoot

PILIBHIT/CHITRAKOOT, Dec 6 (Agencies): At least 10 people died and around a dozen were left injured in separate road crashes in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit and Chitrakoot districts early Friday, police said.

In Pilibhit, a car with 11 people crashed into a tree in an area under the Neoria Police Station, resulting in the death of five passengers, a senior police officer said.

"Some people from Khatima in Uttarakhand

had come here to attend a wedding. They were on their way back in a Maruti Ertiga car with 11 people onboard. The car apparently lost control and crashed into a tree along the road," Superintendent of Police (Pilibhit) Avinash Kumar Pandey told agency.

"Doctors have informed us that three people were brought dead to the hospital while two succumbed during treatment - a total of five casualties," he said.

Pandey said four of the injured people were referred to a more advanced centre for better treatment while two were discharged after primary aid.

"All possible medical care is being provided to the injured," he added.

In Chitrakoot, Superintendent of Police Arun Kumar Singh said five people died when a Mahindra Bolero collided head-on with a truck, resulting in five deaths.

"The incident happened around 5.30 am

in the Raipura Police Station area.

The Bolero was coming from Prayagraj while the truck from Raipura," Singh said.

"There were 11 people in the Bolero, of which, so far, five people have died while the remaining are undergoing treatment locally. They are being referred to the district hospital for better treatment," the SP said.

Legal proceedings in both incidents have been initiated, police said.

3 Security personnel injured in encounter with Maoists in Chhattisgarh

BIJAPUR, Dec 6 (Agencies): Three security personnel sustained minor injuries in an encounter with Maoists in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Friday.

The exchange of fire took place on Thursday night when the security personnel were positioned in the outer cordon of a newly-set up camp near Jhidpalli village under Pamed police station area, a



senior police official here said.

The gunfight broke around 8.30 pm on

Thursday and lasted for about one-and-a-half hours. Maoists fired shells of barrel grenade launchers, which was retaliated by security personnel, he said.

"Three security personnel sustained minor injuries due to splinters in the encounter and were provided first aid at the camp," he added.

The camp was set up on Monday in the area considered a stronghold of Maoists, he said.

South Korea's governing party head supports suspending Yoon's powers, making impeachment more likely

SEOUL, Dec 6 (Agencies): South Korea's governing party chief expressed support Friday for suspending the constitutional powers of President Yoon Suk Yeol for imposing martial law this week, in a bombshell reversal that makes Yoon's impeachment more likely.

Opposition parties are pushing for a parliamentary vote on Yoon's impeachment on Saturday, calling his short-lived martial law declaration an "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or coup." But they need support from some members of the president's People Power Party to get the two-thirds majority required to pass the impeachment motion. The turmoil resulting from Yoon's nighttime martial law decree has frozen South Korean politics and caused worry among neighbours, including fellow democracy Japan, and Seoul's top ally, the United States, as one of the strongest democracies in Asia faces a political crisis that could unseat its leader.

During a party meeting, PPP leader Han Dong-hun stressed the need to suspend Yoon's presidential duties and power swiftly, saying he poses a "significant risk of extreme actions, like reattempting to impose martial law, which could potentially put the Republic of Korea and its citizens in great danger."

Han said he had received intelligence that Yoon had ordered the country's defense counterintelligence commander to arrest and detain unspecified key politicians based on accusations of "anti-state activities" during the brief period martial law was in force.

"It's my judgment that an immediate suspension of President Yoon Suk Yeol's official duties is necessary to protect the Republic of Korea and its people," Han said.

In a closed-door briefing to lawmakers, Hong Jang-won, first deputy director of South Korea's National Intelligence Service, said Yoon called him on the phone after imposing martial law and read out a long list of politicians he wanted detained. They included Han, opposition leader Lee Jae-myung and National Assembly speaker Woo Won Shik, said Kim Byung-kee, one of the lawmakers who attended the meeting. Kim said Hong told lawmakers he ignored Yoon's orders.

Speaking to reporters at the National Assembly, the



spy agency's director, Cho Taeyong, questioned Hong's account. Cho said such an order would have come to him, rather than Hong, and that he never received any orders from Yoon to detain politicians.

Han earlier said he would work to defeat the impeachment motion even though he criticized Yoon's martial law declaration as "unconstitutional." Han said there was a need to "prevent damage to citizens and supporters caused by unprepared chaos."

Thousands of protesters have marched in the streets Seoul since Wednesday, calling for Yoon to resign and be investigated. Thousands of autoworkers and other members of the Korean Metal Workers' Union, one of the country's biggest umbrella labor groups, have started hourly strikes since Thursday to protest Yoon. The union said its members will start on indefinite strikes beginning on Dec. 11 if Yoon was still in office then.

Impeaching Yoon would require support from 200 of the National Assembly's 300 members. The opposition parties who jointly brought the impeachment motion have 192 seats combined. PPP has 108 lawmakers.

In a televised statement, South Korean Vice Defense Minister Kim Seon Ho promised the ministry's "active cooperation" with an investigation by prosecutors into the military's role in Yoon's martial law enforcement. He said military prosecutors will also be involved in the probe. He denied media speculation that Yoon and his military confidantes might consider imposing martial law a second time.

"Even if there's a demand to enforce martial law, the Ministry of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff will absolutely not accept it," Kim said.

Kim became the acting defense minister after Yoon's

office on Thursday accepted the resignation of Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun, who has been hit with a travel ban and faces an investigation over his role in Yoon's imposition of martial law.

Opposition parties and Han allege that it was Kim Yong Hyun who recommended that Yoon take the step. During a parliamentary hearing on Thursday, Kim Seon Ho said Kim Yong Hyun also ordered troops to be deployed to the National Assembly after Yoon imposed martial law.

Han was previously regarded as a close associate of Yoon as they spent years working together as prosecutors and he served as Yoon's first justice minister. But after Han entered party politics and became PPP leader, their ties soured badly as they differed over how to handle scandals involving Yoon and his wife.

Han leads a minority faction within the ruling party, and 18 lawmakers in his faction voted with opposition lawmakers to overturn Yoon's martial law decree. Martial law ultimately lasted about six hours, after the quick overrule by the National Assembly forced Yoon's Cabinet to lift it before daybreak Wednesday.

If Yoon is impeached, he would be suspended until the Constitutional Court rules on whether to remove him from office or restore his presidential power. Prime Minister Han Duck-soo, the country's No. 2 official, would take over presidential responsibilities.

The main liberal opposition Democratic Party leader Lee Jae-myung said in a televised speech Friday that it was crucial to suspend Yoon as "quickly as possible."

Lee said Yoon's martial law enforcement amounted to "rebellion and also a self-coup." He said Yoon's move caused serious damage to the country's image and paralyzed foreign policy, pointing to criticism from the Biden admin-

istration and foreign leaders canceling their visits to South Korea.

Yoon has made no immediate response to Han's comments. He hasn't made public appearances since he made a televised announcement that his martial law decree was lifted.

Prosecutor General Shim Woo Jung told reporters Friday that the prosecution plans to investigate rebellion charges against Yoon following complaints filed by the opposition. While the president mostly enjoys immunity from prosecution while in office, the protection does not extend to allegations of rebellion or treason. It wasn't immediately clear how the prosecution plans to proceed with an investigation on Yoon.

Democratic Party spokesperson Jo Seoung-ae said Friday the party is considering filing a legal complaint against PPP floor leader Choo Kyung-ho, whom they accuse of attempting to facilitate Yoon's martial law enforcement.

Choo, a Yoon loyalist, had asked party lawmakers to convene at the party's headquarters rather than the National Assembly after martial law began. That meant fewer lawmakers were present for parliament's crucial vote on lifting martial law.

The Biden administration, which has worked closely with Yoon's government while strengthening trilateral security cooperation with Japan to counter North Korean threats and regional instability, has expressed deep concern about Yoon's actions.

In a telephone conversation with South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul, U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken welcomed the lifting of martial law following the parliamentary vote and conveyed his confidence in South Korea's democratic resilience, the State Department said.

A U.S. defense official said U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has canceled a planned visit to South Korea, determining that it would not be an appropriate time. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss travel planning not usually made public, said the Pentagon consulted with Austin's counterparts in South Korea about the decision. Austin is leaving for California on Friday to speak at the Reagan National Defense Forum, and will then travel to Japan.

Australia police search for 2 suspects over arson attack at Melbourne synagogue

SYDNEY, Dec 6 (Agencies): Australian police said on Friday they were looking for two people suspected of deliberately starting a fire at a Melbourne synagogue that injured one and caused widespread damage.

The fire at the Adass Israel synagogue in the city's south began in the early hours of Friday. Police said the suspects were wearing masks.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese condemned the attack and said there was no place for anti-Semitism in Australia.

"This violence and intimidation and destruction at a place of worship is an outrage. This attack has risked lives and is clearly aimed at creating fear in the community," Albanese said in a statement.

Counter-terrorism police will liaise with the Victoria state police on the investigation, Albanese said.

The Victoria state police said a worshipper who was at the synagogue for morning prayers saw two

people who appeared to be spreading accelerant inside the building before setting it on fire.

"We believe it was deliberate. We believe it has been targeted. What we don't know is why and we'll get to the why," Detective Inspector Chris Murray said.

Dozens of firefighters and trucks doused the fire at the synagogue, built in the 1960s by Holocaust survivors in the suburb of Ripponlea.

"There was some banging on a door with some liquid thrown inside and was lit light. The few people inside the synagogue ran outside the back door. One of them got burnt," Adass Israel Synagogue board member Benjamin Klein told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

"The whole place took alight pretty quickly." Television footage showed firefighters at the scene and black soot on the walls, as congregants took Torah scrolls and prayer shawls that had escaped the fire to a car.

The Australian Jewish Association said it was "outraged but not at all surprised" by the attack and that the Jewish community had felt abandoned under the incumbent government.

Albanese's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the association's statement.

Australia has seen a rise in anti-Semitic incidents since Israel retaliated against an attack by militant Palestinian group Hamas on October 7, 2023 with an assault on Gaza that has left tens of thousands of people dead.

Major Australian cities have seen dozens of pro-Palestine protests over the last year. The Jewish community says the government has not done enough to tackle the rise of anti-Semitism.

Dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters on Wednesday gathered outside Sydney's Great Synagogue when some members of the Jewish community were inside, Australian media reported.

2 American climbers and Canadian believed to be dead on New Zealand's tallest mountain

LONDON, Dec 6 (Agencies): New Zealand Police say they don't believe two Americans and a Canadian who have been missing for five days survived a fall on New Zealand's tallest peak.

The three men -- 56-year-old Kurt Blair and 50-year-old Carlos Romero from the United States, along with one Canadian national -- were visiting New Zealand and were reported overdue from their planned ascent of Aoraki Mount Cook on Monday morning, said inspector Vicki Walker, the Aoraki Area Commander, in a statement.

"Due to a favourable break in the weather, a helicopter was deployed today as part of the search for the three climbers missing on Aoraki Mount Cook," said Walker in a statement on Friday. "The search for the men commenced on Monday, following a report that they were overdue."

The search was hampered by dangerous weather all week, but a helicopter crew discovered further climbing-related items on the mountain, including a top, energy gels, a jacket and a pick axe which authorities could not confirm to belong to the three missing men but strongly believe that they did, according to officials. "[On Friday] afternoon, a two-person drone team was deployed by helicopter to a safe area. Based on the footage from the drone, we can see evidence of where the climbers had begun to traverse the slopes beneath Zurbriggen Ridge," Walker continues in her statement. "This evidence

includes footprints and the items we have retrieved. It's now five days since the trio was reported overdue."

"After reviewing the number of days the climbers have been missing, no communication, the items we have retrieved, and our reconnaissance today, we do not believe the men have survived," Walker continues. "We believe they have taken a fall. This is certainly not the news we wanted to share today."

Police have been working with the U.S. and Canadian embassies to inform and support the families of the three men. "First and foremost, we're thinking of the men's families in the United States and Canada. We have spoken to them today and, as you'd expect, it's not the phone call they wanted to receive," Walker said. "I'm devastated for them - the entire search team wanted a positive result. We remain poised to reactivate our search if we receive fresh information or credible reports of sightings - especially from the climbing community."

Police will now launch a recovery operation but say that its feasibility will be carefully considered and managed.

"I know that finding the men will be what the family wants and deserves," authorities continued. "Police has now formally advised the Coroner of our belief that the climbers did not survive a fall. I would like to thank the teams who have given their all to this search. We all wanted this operation to be a success."

US, Japan and Philippine forces jointly patrol in South China Sea after hostilities involving China

MANILA, Dec 6 (Agencies): The United States deployed a reconnaissance aircraft while Japan and the Philippines sent navy ships in a joint patrol in the disputed South China Sea on Friday, two days after the allied forces condemned actions by Chinese coast guard vessels against Philippine patrol ships.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said the joint patrol was conducted in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone by allies and partners to "uphold the right to freedom of navigation and overflight" and "other lawful uses of the sea and international airspace."

Those phrases are used by the U.S., Japan and the Philippines to oppose China's increasingly aggressive actions in the disputed waters. Two Philippine security officials said the patrol was staged about 40 nautical miles (74 kilometers) from Scarborough Shoal, a fishing area hotly disputed by Beijing and Manila off the northwestern Philippines. The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they didn't have authority to discuss such details publicly.

China claims the South China Sea virtually in its entirety and has guarded it assertively with its coast

guard, navy and suspected militia fleets. They have confronted forces from rival claimant states including the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei.

Indonesia also has had faceoffs with Chinese coast guard ships escorting fishermen in the gas-rich Natuna waters in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.

The joint naval patrol, the latest in recent months by the Philippines, the U.S. and their security partners, was delayed by several typhoons that battered the region and was not in reaction to a confrontation on Wednesday that involved Chinese and Philippine ships off Scarborough Shoal, the two Philippine officials said.

The Philippine coast guard said Chinese coast guard vessels, backed by navy ships, fired powerful water cannons and blocked and sideswiped a much smaller Philippine bureau of fisheries vessel escorted by coast guard ships off Scarborough Shoal.

The Philippine vessels were delivering fuel, food and other aid to Filipino fishermen in the shoal, which has been closely guarded by the Chinese coast guard since a tense 2012 territorial standoff with Philip-

pine ships.

The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs protested the Chinese actions.

The Chinese coast guard provided another account of the incident. It said the Philippine vessels encroached on China's territory, prompting it to take action. It said, without offering proof, that a Philippine vessel maneuvered in a way that led to a collision.

The United States, Japan, the European Union and other Western allies expressed alarm over the hostilities, which have increased in frequency since last year.

Japan, which also has territorial conflicts with Beijing in the East China Sea, said the "use of water cannon and obstructive maneuvers undermine the safety of ship and crew." It's ambassador to Manila, Endo Kazuya, said "Japan upholds the rule of law and opposes any actions which increase tensions."

Japan is providing 1.6 billion yen (\$1.6 billion) in security assistance this year to provide the Philippine navy with coastal radars, inflatable boats and other defense equipment to strengthen surveillance of Philippine sea lanes, including in the South China Sea.

Macron vows to stay on as French president, says will name new PM within days

PARIS, Dec 6 (Agencies): French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to remain in office until the end of his term in 2027 and announced plans to name a new prime minister within days, following the resignation of Michel Barnier after a no-confidence vote.

Macron struck a combative tone just a day after the historic vote in the National Assembly left France without a functioning government. He blamed far-right opponents for toppling Barnier's administration, accusing them of prioritising chaos over governance.

"They chose disorder," Macron said.

The president criticised both the far right and far left for uniting in what he termed "an anti-Republican front." Emphasising his resolve, he declared, "I won't shoulder other people's irresponsibility."

Macron confirmed that he would appoint a new prime minister within days but offered no clues about potential candidates.

While attacking his political adversaries, Macron acknowl-



edged his own role in the current political turmoil, which has unsettled financial markets.

Reflecting on his decision to dissolve parliament in June, which led to legislative elections and the resulting hung parliament, Macron admitted, "I do recognise that this decision wasn't understood. Many people criticised me for it. I know many continue to criticise me for it." However, he insisted, "I believe it was necessary" to let voters have their say.

Earlier on Thursday, the Élysée Palace issued a statement confirming Macron had "taken note" of Barnier's resignation. Barnier and

his ministers will remain in charge of current affairs until a new government is formed.

The no-confidence motion passed with 331 votes, forcing Barnier to resign after just three months in office—the shortest tenure for any French prime minister in modern history.

Macron stated that the new prime minister would be tasked with forming a government of national interest that represents all political forces willing to commit to avoiding further no-confidence votes.

"The priority will be to pass a budget law for 2025," he said.

Macron criticised lawmakers for their actions, accusing them of focusing on personal political ambitions rather than the needs of the country. He highlighted the timing of the vote, which comes as year-end holidays approach.

"Why did lawmakers act this way? They're not thinking of you, of your lives, your difficulties," he said. "They're thinking of just one thing: the presidential election — to prepare it, to provoke it, to precipitate it."

Seminar on 'Understanding Your Prakriti' held at Aryans

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: With the aim to create awareness among students about the importance of preserving nature and to encourage them to take small steps towards a sustainable future, a seminar on "Understanding Your Prakriti: Ayurveda's Guide to Holistic Wellness" was held at Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura Near Chandigarh.

Dr. Ragesh, Assoc. Professor, Dept of Toxicology; Dr. Mukta Bawa, Assoc. Professor, Dept of Physiology;



Dr. Pranay, Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh interacted with Aryans students.

Dr. Mukta while addressing said that understanding your

Prakriti is like having an owner's manual for your body. It reveals your strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies towards imbalances.

Dr. Ragesh said that knowing your Prakriti

helps you identify potential imbalances before they manifest as health problems. It's like understanding your car's engine – preventive maintenance based on your unique design

keeps you running smoothly.

Dr. Pranay elaborated that Prakriti is a concept in Ayurveda that refers to an individual's natural state, which is determined by their genetic constitution. It is based on the idea that a person's Prakriti is established at the moment of conception and is fixed throughout their life. For thousands of years, the Indian subcontinent has practiced the archaic medicinal field known as Ayurveda. Ayurveda's central idea is the Tridosha, a framework for understanding health and illness, she added.

JMC organises cloth donation drive with gracious givers



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: In a significant step towards community welfare, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) organized a cloth donation drive under its RRR (reuse, reduce, recycle) initiative in association with Gracious Givers at the Annashetra, Trikuta Nagar Food Bank in Ward No. 54.

The initiative, led by JMC's swacchta Brand Ambassador Nidhi Abrol, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation and contributions from the public and officials alike.

Dr. Divya Sharma, IEC Head, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), along with her dedicated team, actively participated in the event, emphasizing the corporation's unwavering commitment to serving underprivileged communities.

The event saw the donation of clothes and shoes to individuals in need, alongside the distribution of food to beneficiaries, reinforcing the spirit of compassion and social responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Abrol expressed gratitude towards the contributors and highlighted the importance

of such drives in bridging societal gaps.

Dr. Divya Sharma assured the cooperation of JMC for conduct of drives for a noble cause. She also emphasized the importance of such RRR events for sustainable lifestyle approach.

The cloth donation drive is part of JMC's broader commitment to fostering sustainable practices and uplifting marginalized sections of society. Initiatives like these continue to strengthen community bonds and promote the values of empathy and kindness.

Additionally, the event included interactive sessions where beneficiaries shared their experiences and expressed gratitude, adding a personal touch to the event.

Volunteers from various NGOs and local organizations collaborated with JMC, further amplifying the outreach and impact of the drive.

Dimple welcomes Omar's statement on J&K Statehood, special status resolutions



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Sunil Dimple, a prominent political leader and advocate for the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, has expressed his support for the recent statement made by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah regarding the necessity for talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the issues of Jammu & Kashmir statehood and special status resolutions. Dimple emphasized the urgency of these discussions, particularly in light of the pressing need for the restoration of Articles 370 and 35-A.

In his statement, Dimple highlighted the sentiment among the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who are yearning for the reinstatement of their special status and the implementation of the conditions outlined in the Instrument of Accession to India. "The people of Jammu

and Kashmir have made their voices clear; they want their special status back," Dimple stated. "It is imperative for CM Omar Abdullah to take the lead in these talks, as it is a critical step towards addressing the aspirations of our citizens."

Dimple also raised questions about the Congress party's silence on this significant issue. "Why is Congress mum when the voices of the people are at stake? It is crucial for all political parties to unite in advocating for the rights of Jammu and Kashmir," he urged.

The restoration of Articles 370 and 35-A is not just a political issue but a matter of identity and self-determination for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Dimple urged CM Omar Abdullah to prioritize the will of the people in these discussions and to work towards a resolution that honors the historical commitments made during the Instrument of Accession.

As conversations around Jammu and Kashmir continue to evolve, Dimple calls on all stakeholders to actively participate in finding a sustainable solution that respects the region's diverse heritage and the rights of its people.

APS Damana celebrates triumphs and legacy of India's Victory Day

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Army Public School Damana celebrated Victory Day on Friday in the School premises to commemorate resounding military triumph of India over Pakistan on December 16, 1971, leading to the creation of Bangladesh from the former East Pakistan.

The event commenced on a high note wherein approx 200 students attended a motivational session led by Major Prarabdh Bhadoria which set the stage for the forthcoming events for the day. He reminded students of the supreme sacrifices of our Armed Forces who will forever shine in our hearts like the luminous stars in the

sky.

It was followed by screening of a short documentary to the young audience. The students were enthralled to watch the valour of Indian Armed Forces during 1971 Indo-Pak War wherein Chenab Bde played a crucial role.

The movie was followed by an exhilarating session taken by Major Shubhang, KC.

He shared the narratives of indomitable courage and leadership of our soldiers to claim the crucial position from well-entrenched enemies.

Following that, a Painting Competition based on the theme of the Victory Day was conducted for the young

artists of the school wherein the students showcased their artistic skills through drawing and painting.

The Chairman of the School highly appreciated the creative works of the students which highlighted the bravery and courage of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation.

Pushpinder Kaur, Principal of the school also motivated the students to keep the spirit of patriotism high and give their contribution in the nation building.

Overall, the day provided a highly enriching and enlightening experience, leaving students with a deeper sense of patriotism and respect for the soldiers.

Three residential houses damaged in Khanyar blaze



Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 6

(Agencies): At least three residential houses were damaged in a mas-

sive fire in Khanyar area of Srinagar on Friday, officials said.

They said the fire broke out in one of the houses which instantly engulfed the nearby houses.

The officials added soon after the incident fire tenders reached to the spot to douse off the flames, while cause of fire was not known yet.

GDC Kathua extends support towards National language Translation Mission

Top News Report

KATHUA, Dec 6: The Department of Dogri, Govt. Degree College (GDC) Kathua, under the leadership of Prof. Seema Mir, Principal organized a week long awareness campaign about the National Language Translation Mission in collaboration with Bhashini Project funded by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) alongwith GCWParade, Jammu.

Dr. Preeti Dubey, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications and Co-Investigator of the research project at GCW Parade apprised the students about the Govt. initiatives to bridge the Digital Divide.

During this campaign, she presented a lecture on varied topics like the skills required for translation of languages, research and job opportunities for the students of languages like English, Dogri, Hindi and other local languages under Bhashini Project.

Sunil Kumar demonstrated the tools developed for Dogri. The students, teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college contributed in Dogri Data collection required for automatic Spoken Language translation.

Three students of the college Saroj Devi, Arushi Devi and Nikhil of Semester V of GDC Kathua joined the project as part time coordinators with a stipend to be provided by the Govt for their contribution to the project.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof. Seema Mir expressed her gratitude and encouraged such collaborations for the benefit of the students.

She enlightened the students about the need of Skill enhancement for "Atam Nirbharta" of the students which is the need of the hour.

Prof. Seema Mir, further emphasized on the need to imbibe research culture which is also a part of NEP-2020.

She advised the stu-

dents studying different languages and computer application as Major course to take up translation in their research project to meet up the requirement of research in semester VIII.

She appreciated the efforts undertaken by the Govt. to encourage the technological developments of regional languages especially the low resourced regional language like Dogri.

The campaign started with a welcome speech by Meena Devi, Head Department of Dogri, who coordinated the entire campaign with support from Dr. Pritima Sangra and Mukesh Kumar, faculty members of Department of Dogri.

Dr. Yash Paul, Head, Department of Urdu, Dr. Ram Singh, Head, Dept. of Education were present during the session appreciated the technological development of Dogri. Dr. Preeti Dubey, extended heartfelt gratitude to the Principal for her support towards the Bhashini project. The campaign ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Pritima Sangra.

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Uproar in RS after currency notes found in seat allotted to Congress MP Singhvi

which takes place," he said.

Dhankhar added that he was expecting someone would claim the currency notes, but no one has so far.

"Does it reflect the state of the economy that people can afford to forget it," he said. As ruckus broke out, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju asked, "Why should there be an objection to the name being taken? Chairman has pointed out the seat number and the member who occupies that. What is the problem with that?"

He said carrying bundles of notes in the House is not appropriate and agreed that there should be serious investigation into the matter.

Dhankhar added that the anti-sabotage check was done in view of the security challenges.

"I have been careful that anti-sabotage checks must be very severe because in these highly technological situations where chemicals are used, the first and foremost is security... From that perspective it was done," he said.

According to Nadda, the matter was serious and the opposition and treasury benches should not be divided as it is an attack on the dignity of the House.

Taking a jibe at opposition members, he said, "On some issues you show eagerness, while you want to cover-up other issues."

Kharge objected and retorted, "Why is Mr

Nadda saying we are trying to suppress the matter... You do that, we don't do that."

Union Minister Piyush Goyal also said it is a serious issue. "... we don't know what else may be found on that side," he said.

Without taking any names, Goyal accused the opposition of stalling Parliament over 'fake narratives'.

"We have been seeing session after session, on fake narratives, fake views... the Leader of Opposition and the leaders of the immoral alliance have stalled the House," Goyal said.

"They base their narrative on foreign reports, and stall the House. Is there a conspiracy in this as well? People will have to worry about the kind of give and take that happens to forward the fake narrative," he said.

Dhankhar then observed that while the Leader of Opposition has objected to a matter under investigation being debated, Goyal has suggested it should be made a general rule.

Nadda then suggested that the House should pass a resolution saying the proceedings of the House should never be disrupted.

The Rajya Sabha then proceeded with Zero Hour.

BJP leader criticises Omar Abdullah's push for SKIMS Autonomy, reinstatement of Dec 5 holiday

granting autonomy to SKIMS, suggesting that the institute is already function-

ing well under the current administrative structure. Reflecting on its condition up to 2000, he alleged that the institute had become a centre of militancy, with even some employees reportedly involved in such activities.

Koul said that SKIMS has been streamlined and transformed into a reputable healthcare institution serving people from every corner of Jammu and Kashmir. He expressed concern over any move to restore the institute's autonomy, suggesting that it could potentially revert SKIMS to its problematic past. He highlighted the critical role SKIMS now plays in providing treatment to thousands across the region and cautioned against decisions that might jeopardise this progress.

About another demand by the National Conference about reinstating a holiday on December 05, the anniversary of Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, Koul said, "There are enough holidays in the calendar, no need to add more."

Will write to Centre to release funds under ISSS for pension of widows, specially-abled: Sakina Itoo

centre has been released," she said.

She said that they are hopeful that they will get funds soon so that people who are waiting for their pension for a long time can get it.

She said that many specially-abled individuals and widows, who rely on these pen-

sions as their primary source of income, face severe hardships due to lack of timely financial support.

She added that Rs 1000 per month is very less and increasing it to Rs 3000 per month is under active consideration of the government

Army personnel dies of cardiac arrest during search operation in J&K

city, this morning, an army jawan died due to cardiac arrest, the officials said.

They identified the jawan as Jasvinder Singh of the Army's 34 Assam Rifles.

Since the encounter on Tuesday, security forces have launched search operations in the vast forest area to trace terrorists.

Leh-Manali Road to Close on Dec 7: Ladakh Administration Issues Travel Advisory

According to an order this is for information of General Public that Traffic Movement on NH3 (Leh-Manali) will be regulated due to experiencing extreme cold and snowfall in the upper reaches of the valleys and also the phenomenon of icing on roads is evidently seen in the passes.

The route will be officially closed on December 7 2024, therefore, it is requested to plan your travels in advance.

In view of this, the general public are hereby advised to undertake their journey after confirming the status of the road from Police Control Room, Leh.

In case of any emergency, public is advised to contact control rooms for help on the following numbers:

1. DDMA, Leh control room (01982-252049)
2. Police Control Room Leh (600628084)
3. DDMA, Lahaul & Spiti control room (9459461355)

Ladakh-based activist writes to Rijiju to introduce 'Shia Theology' in Jamia Millia Islamia

cultural heritage.

It proposed to provide a special fellowship programme under the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the youth of Ladakh, aimed at giving young people exposure to governance and leadership training.

Furthermore, it also urged the Ministry of Minority Affairs to provide financial and logistical support to students from Ladakh aspiring to pursue higher education abroad.

CRPF constable dies in Anantnag

district.

Quoting officials, news agency GNS reported that a CRPF man who was posted at Mattan fell unconscious last night and was immediately evacuated to PHC Mattan for treatment.

Preliminary investigation suggested that the constable, identified as Azad Ahmad Najar, a resident of Sheikhpura Utersoo, died of cardiac arrest.

Police have registered a case in this regard and investigation has been taken up, said an official.

December 2024 Term-End Examinations of IGNOU going on smoothly

Special teams deployed to monitor Exams in Jails

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: The December 2024 Term-end Examinations of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are being conducted across the Country including Jammu region and will conclude on 9th January, 2025.

Apart from the regular Examination Centres, Regional Centre Jammu has established Examination Centres in Jails as well. These Special Examination Centres are exclusively meant for jail inmates.

As a part of Prison Reforms, IGNOU has established a number of Learner Support Centres in prisons across the Country.

The prisoners are enrolled in various vocational and educational programmes for their social rehabilitation and also to enable them to earn their livelihood after their release from the prisons.

In Jammu region, there are four Learner Support Centres in District Jail Ambphalla, District Jail Udhampur, District Jail Kathua and Central Jail Kot



Bhalwal, Jammu.

The education through ODL mode is provided free of cost. Free of Cost Study Material is also provided to the inmates who are enrolled for IGNOU programmes.

Dr. Jai Prakash Verma informed that the first Special Jail Learner Support Centre was established in Jammu region in the year 1999 in District Jail Amphala which was followed by the LSC in District Jail Udhampur in 2005 and the

LSC in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal in 2007 and District Jail Kathua special LSC was established in 2011.

The all four Learner Support Centres in jails in Jammu region are also the Examination Centres for the ongoing December 2024 Term End Examinations and the officials of the Regional Centre have been deployed to monitor the conduct of examinations throughout the region by making surprise visits for on the spot assessment of

the conduct of examinations, said Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, Regional Centre Jammu.

As a part of monitoring of examinations, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Assistant Regional Director, visited the Examination Centre established in District Jail Udhampur today.

Dharminder Singh Katoch, Superintendent Jail, who is the Coordinator of the IGNOU Centre in Udhampur Jail as well as the Centre Superintendent for the ongoing examinations there, apprised Dr. Sandeep about the conduct of examinations.

Dr. Sandeep expressed satisfaction about the manner in which examinations were being conducted in a fair and smooth manner.

Dr. Sandeep said that IGNOU makes arrangements for the prisoners' studies through ODL mode free of cost so that they earn academic qualifications during their jail tenure and get easy rehabilitation post release.

B Tech Mechanical students of SMVDU visit JKMPCL Jammu for Industrial Exposure



Top News Report

KATRA, Dec 6: Mechanical Engineering students from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) had the opportunity to visit Jammu & Kashmir Milk Producers Co-operative Ltd. (JKMPCL), Jammu, as part of an industrial visit aimed at providing practical exposure to their curriculum.

The visit was coordinated by Dr. Varun Dutta and Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Faculty members from the School of Mechanical Engineering (SoME), along with Chandan Sharma, staff member of the depart-

ment.

During the visit, students gained invaluable insights into the operational aspects of the JKMPCL plant. They observed the functioning of critical components such as boilers, the refrigeration plant, and the overall plant setup.

The session provided the students with hands-on knowledge of industrial processes and their applications in the field of mechanical engineering.

Sardar Chand, General Manager of JKMPCL, and his team warmly facilitated the visit and shared their expertise

with the students.

Their guidance and detailed explanations significantly enhanced the learning experience. Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head of the School of Mechanical Engineering, emphasized the importance of such industrial visits for engineering students.

He stated, "These visits bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, preparing students to face real-world industrial challenges." He also thanked the University Administration & Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor of the University for facilitating and encouraging the technical visits. The visit was highly appreciated by the students, who expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to interact with industry professionals and learn about modern industrial practices.

Week-long 'Urban Harvest' Training program empowers new wave of Urban Entrepreneurs

Equips participants from Ganderbal & Baramulla with cutting-edge skills

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 6: With an aim to foster a sustainable agricultural ecosystem by equipping participants with cutting-edge skills, an entrepreneurship training program titled 'Urban Harvest: Mastering Soilless Cultivation for City Dwellers' concluded at Haran in District Ganderbal and Sopore in District Baramulla.

The week-long training program witnessed participation from a diverse group of aspiring urban farmers, entrepreneurs and students.

The programme aimed to foster a sustainable agricultural ecosystem, introduced participants to modern soilless farming techniques, such as hydroponics and aquaponics, with a focus on sustainable food production in urban settings. It emphasized practical demonstrations, theoretical knowledge, and entrepreneurial guidance to help attendees establish their ventures in urban agriculture.

Experts in sustainable farming practices conducted sessions on topics like nutrient management, vertical farming

setups, market linkages, and the economic potential of urban agriculture.

Dr. Shahnaz Mufti, Professor, Division of Vegetable Science SKUAST-K, organizer of the programme, lauded the initiative of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Govt. of India, New Delhi as a transformative step towards empowering youth and promoting self-reliance through urban agriculture.

She emphasized that soilless farming techniques could address the challenges of limited land and rising demand for fresh produce in cities.

The Program Coordinator acknowledged the efforts and support of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganiae, Nodal officer MSME, Prof. H.R. Naik, Dean FOH, Prof. Shabir Hussain Wani and HOD Vegetable Science, Dr. Asif Bashir Shikari.

The Programme Coordinator thanked the sponsoring agency, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Govt. of India, New Delhi for sponsoring such programmes for the larger benefit of the farming community.

Dy CM reviews working of key Departments in Nowshera; emphasises quality, timely completion of development projects

Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Dec 6: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of Public Works Department (PWD), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Labour, Industries & Commerce besides Geology & Mining departments at Nowshera.

The meeting was attended by senior officers of the respective departments.

The Dy CM assessed scheme wise physical and financial progress on PMGSY projects in Rajouri and Budhal divisions. He directed the officers to expedite completion of ongoing projects while maintaining highest quality standards.

Taking serious notice of reports about substandard work on some PMGSY projects, the Dy CM emphasised that no compromise with the quality of works will be tolerated.

Regarding delay in work execution caused due to forest clearance issues, the Dy CM directed the concerned officers to coordinate effectively and



ensure timely approvals.

During review of the PWD sector, the Dy CM reviewed the physical and financial status of ongoing projects. He instructed the officers to strictly adhere to quality parameters and complete projects within the stipulated timeframe.

Surinder Choudhary was apprised of the Sheshera Wildlife Sanctuary, home to leopards and other animals. He directed the Wildlife Warden to draft a proposal for developing the sanctuary into a prominent tourist destination in view of its

potential to attract the tourists. Highlighting the Government's commitment towards promoting tourism, he urged the officers to publicise the district's scenic locations to draw more visitors.

The Dy CM also reviewed the status of Kheora Industrial Estate, which houses 51 industrial units, out of which 31 are operational. He directed the department to provide a detailed report on the 20 non-functional units. He was apprised that two new industrial estates at Kuldabi and Qila Darhal are also in the proposal stage.

Addressing the Geology and Mining sector, Surinder Choudhary instructed the department to intensify vigilance to curb illegal mining. He emphasized zero tolerance for illegal practices and stressed systematic and scientific mining to conserve resources. Coordination among enforcement agencies was also highlighted to ensure strict action against the violators.

Later, the Dy CM interacted with the public, who apprised him of various issues. He assured them of prompt action and resolution of their concerns.

The meeting was attended by Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Rajouri Sardar Khan, Executive Engineer PWD Koteranka Mohammad Qasim, Executive Engineer PWD Nowshera and Kalakote Mohd Aftab, Executive Engineer PMGSY Rajouri, Shahid Mustafa, Executive Engineer PMGSY Budhal, Intiyaz Mir, Assistant Labour Commissioner Pradyot Gupta and Assistant Director Handicrafts Abhinandan Mangotra, along with other officers of PMGSY and PWD.

NSS Unit GCW Udhampur celebrates Mahaparinrvan Diwas of Baba Saheb Ambedkar



Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Dec 6: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government College for Women Udhampur celebrated the Mahaparinrvan Diwas of Baba Saheb Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar as Social Harmony Day in the college campus here on Friday.

The programme began with the welcome address by Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Programme Officer, NSS Unit of GCW Udhampur, in which he welcomed the Principal of the college, Dr. Nalini Pathania and the special invitees – Safai Karmacharis who were honoured with bouquets.

Principal Dr. Nalini Pathania in her address highlighted the importance of observing Social Harmony Day to realize the ideas of unity in diversity.

Prof. Yash Paul [HoD History] while addressing the students said that Baba Sahib was a scholar of par excellence, a philosopher, a visionary, an emancipator

and a true nationalist and his concept of social justice stands for Liberty, equality and fraternity of all human beings. While speaking on occasion, Dr. Ravinder Kumar spoke on the contribution of Baba Saheb in the making of the Constitution of India. He spoke in detail on the term social democracy coined by Baba Saheb which is concerned with the ideas and principles that systematically shape the constitution, Governments and social life of Indians.

Vipin, representative of the Safai Karmacharis expressed his gratitude to the NSS Unit of the college and the Principal and thanked for such a gesture of harmony.

The event was attended by 150 students and all faculty members of the college. The proceeding were conducted by Manayata Kotwal and Tanya Patyal NSS volunteers of semester 1st NSS volunteers Bhumi Salotra, Ritika Sharma, Khushi, Bharti Sharma and Shagun Sharma also spoke on the occasion.

Higher Secondary School Bhalra holds "Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav"

Top News Report

BHADARWAH, Dec 6: Going by the nationwide celebrations of India's Linguistic diversity, PM SHRI Govt. Higher Secondary School Bhalra, Bhaderwah organized a vibrant "Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav Awareness" Programme here on Friday.

A press statement said that the event was marked by enthusiastic participation of NCC cadets and other students who showcased their talents through various performances and activities.

The programme which was held under the

guidance of Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul was aimed at fostering the legacy of India's rich linguistic heritage.

The Principal of the institution Pardeep Singh Billawria supervised the event.

Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Koul emphasized the significance of the "Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav" as a platform to embrace linguistic diversity and connect with India's multilingual identity. "The event not only celebrated India's linguistic richness but also inspired students to be proud of the nation's cultural heritage," he further asserted.



KPDCL raises final call for interest waiver under Amnesty Scheme

No relief after March 31, 2025, says Chief Engg Distribution

Govt waives off Rs.58 Cr late payment surcharge

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 06: Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) today raised final call to its domestic consumers urging them to come forward and claim waiver on late payment surcharge under the Government's Power Amnesty Scheme, which shall cease to exist on 01.04.2025.

In a statement released today, Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDCL, Er. Aaqib Waheed Deva, said that the Power Amnesty Scheme will be available for domestic consumers only till March 31, 2025 and beyond that there will be no further extension. "Con-

sumers can either pay their principal amount due to Kashmir Discom in full or in equal instalments in the remaining 04 months to claim the waiver on late payment surcharge to settle their claims," she added.

As many as 1,09,648 domestic consumers have so far availed the scheme for waiver on late payment surcharge with KPDCL, which has collected a revenue of Rs.164.00 crore so far. The scheme has targeted a total of 1,50,907 consumers who had a substantial opening balance due to KPDCL.

The Government has also waived off an amount of Rs.58 crore on account of late payment surcharge, thus providing huge relief to the domestic consum-

ers by clearing their opening balances.

Chief Engineer KPDCL advised the remaining consumers to approach their concerned Electric Subdivisions to settle their bills. "There are still a large number of domestic consumers with huge opening balances who are yet to approach their divisions to settle their dues," she added, while advising them to not waste this final opportunity offered under the scheme.

The Chief Engineer further stated that after the closure of the Scheme, KPDCL shall be left with no option but to opt for legal course of action & disconnection of those domestic consumers.

Chess World Championship: Gukesh, Ding play out sixth draw in a row

SINGAPORE, Dec 6 (Agencies): Game 9 of the World Chess Championship match between title holder Ding Liren and challenger Gukesh D ended in a draw after 54 moves in the Catalan Opening. Gukesh had the initiative again in the opening and toward move 20 it seemed he was winning a pawn on the queenside. However, he could not find the correct square for his queen, resulting in a massive trade of pawns and pieces to equalise the position.

Yet again, Gukesh failed to find a winning continuation and gave the advantage to Ding. However, the defending champion has looked more for draws in the games so far instead of showing aggression.

In the post-match conference, Ding, when asked to comment on his passive play, said, "I saw that I am always underestimating my position and my opponent is always overestimating his. I also saw someone say I



always make a draw even if I'm better, but this didn't affect me." The game was so 'drawish' that the players ended with the same time — 38 minutes, 30 seconds — left on the clock for each of them. The chess engine analysis showed they had almost the same accuracy level too. Gukesh had 99.2 accuracy while Ding had 99.3. The accuracy level means the percentage of perfect moves they played.

Grandmaster Anish Giri, commenting on chess24.com, said he was disappointed that Gukesh did not put pressure to win and missed some chances again.

However, Gukesh, in the post-match conference, was unfazed once again for missing an opportunity. "I think it was just a very precise game by both. I may have had the edge at some time but I guess I didn't play precisely," he said.

Ding continued to play the underdog card despite being the defending champion. "I am always under some pressure in the opening. My opponent always has some ideas in the opening. Even today it was the same and at one point I forgot which knight goes where in this (particular opening)," he said.

The players are tied at 4.5 points each with six straight draws now. They meet again on Saturday after a day's break. Ding and Gukesh tried to set the tone for the upcoming games.

Ding said, "It is going to be tough to win. No one is clearly better in this match, so it's going to be tough to win."

Gukesh, who had chosen aggressive and even risky lines to try to win, still followed the same spirit in his prediction about the upcoming games. "We've both shown fighting spirit and entertaining chess... and five more exciting games to go," he said.

India all out for 180 in pink ball Test against Australia

Virat Kohli departs for just 7 runs from eight balls in Adelaide



ADELAIDE, Dec 6 (Agencies): India were all out for 180 at dinner on the opening day of the pink ball Test against Australia on Friday.

Six wickets were lost in the second session after they were reduced to 82 for 4 at tea. Rishabh Pant (21),

captain Rohit Sharma (3), Harshit Rana (0), Ravichandran Ashwin (22), Jasprit Bumrah (0) and Nitish Reddy (42) got out in the post-tea session as Australian bowlers continued their domination on the first day of the second Test. Pacer Mitchell Starc was the wrecker-in-chief

for Australia as he took six Indian wickets for 48 runs.

India squandered a promising start after opting to bat. Yashasvi Jaiswal, who hit a century in the first Test, was out for a duck on the first ball of the match, while his opening partner KL Rahul was dismissed for 37.

Star batter Virat Kohli, who had also hit a hundred in the Perth Test, was dismissed for 7, while Shubman Gill was out for 31 off the bowling of Scott Boland just before dinner.

Brief Scores: India: 180 all out in 44.1 overs (Nitish Reddy 42, KL Rahul 37, Shubman Gill 31; Mitchell Starc 6/48).

England all out for 280 after sizzling Brook century

WELLINGTON, Dec 6 (Agencies): Harry Brook smashed a century before England were dismissed for 280 on day one of the second Test against New Zealand in Wellington on Friday.

Brook top-scored with 123 after the tourists were put in to bat on a green Basin Reserve pitch and he put on a key partnership with Ollie Pope to rescue an England innings which was teetering at 43-4.

Brook was run out on the last ball of the second session after powering England out of trouble to 259-7, before the final three wickets fell quickly after tea.

The in-form Brook registered his eighth century in just 23 Tests and his dismissal was a major boost for the home side after he and wicketkeeper Pope (66) counter-punched with a stand of 174 off just 158 balls.

The partnership was reminiscent of the first Test in Christchurch when the same pair combined for a rapid 151 to rescue their first innings and set up an eight-wicket win for the tourists.

Brook went on to score 171 at Hagley Oval and unfurled another sparkling knock at the Basin Reserve, where he scored 186 when the teams met here last year.

The lanky 25-year-old's power once again couldn't be contained by New Zealand's seam-heavy attack, striking five sixes and 11 fours from his 115 balls faced before his concentration slipped.

He set off for a single to short mid-wicket but Chris Woakes didn't respond and Brook was caught short when



bowler Nathan Smith hit the stumps in his follow-through.

It took Brook just 91 balls to bring up three figures, his second-fastest century, with his most notable shots being two towering sixes over extra cover in the first session.

Will O'Rourke (3-49) finally removed Pope, who mis-timed a pull shot, and the pace bowler struck again to dismiss England captain Ben Stokes for two, caught behind.

Smith (4-86) helped to wrap up the tail to cap an impressive start to just his second Test.

Matt Henry (2-43) and Smith claimed two early wickets each to put the hosts well on top.

New Zealand's poor catching was a major weakness in Christchurch but there was no repeat, with three batters falling to sharp chances in the field.

The impressive Henry had Ben Duckett caught by a diving Tom Latham at second slip without scoring before bowling fellow-opener Zak Crawley for 17.

Smith had both Jacob Bethell (16) and Joe Root (3) caught behind, with Daryl Mitchell grabbing a flyer with one hand at first slip to remove Root.

Champions Trophy hybrid model finalised; India to play its matches in Dubai

NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): The International Cricket Council has reached a consensus to conduct next year's Champions Trophy in a hybrid model, allowing India to play its share of matches in Dubai while agreeing "in principle" to a similar arrangement in multi-lateral events till 2027.

According to a top ICC source, the decision was more or less finalised during an informal meeting between the body's new President Jay Shah and the Board of Directors, including Pakistan, at its headquarters in Dubai.

"It's been agreed in principle by all parties that the 2025 Champions Trophy will be held in the UAE and Pakistan with India playing its matches in Dubai. It's a win-win situation for all stakeholders," the ICC source told agency.

The Champions Trophy is to be held in February-March next year.

Pakistan, while withdrawing its boycott



threat and agreeing to go hybrid in the previous ICC meet last week, had demanded a reciprocal arrangement for itself till 2031. However, the ICC has agreed to a hybrid model for all its events till 2027.

During this period, India will be hosting the women's ODI World Cup in October this year and the 2026 men's T20 World Cup jointly with Sri Lanka.

Given the hosting arrangement, Pakistan would not have been compelled to travel to India if they had insisted against it in 2026 even if a hybrid model was not



in place.

"During the 2026 men's T20 World Cup, Pakistan will play its matches in Sri Lanka. The compensation demanded by PCB for the Champions Trophy hybrid model is still under consideration," the source said.

Agreeing to this arrangement means that the Indian women's team will have to travel to a neutral venue to play their league match against Pakistan, should that be necessitated by the schedule which is yet to come out.

"Cricket should win, that's most important but with respect for all. We

are going to do what's best for cricket. Whichever formula we go in for, it would be on equal terms," Pakistan Cricket Board head Mohsin Naqvi had stated after the last ICC meet.

The latest development will clear the decks for the release of Champions Trophy schedule which has been long awaited by fans and broadcasters, Star Sports.

advance but that deadline has already been breached.

The channel's representatives were in Dubai to discuss the operational modalities of the 'Hybrid Model' and prospective schedule with Shah. But that meeting was postponed to Saturday, according to sources.

The PCB had earlier indicated that it wanted a greater share in the annual revenue cycle to accommodate the Indian demand for a hybrid model but there is no word yet on whether this has been discussed.

India have not toured Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, which killed more than 150 people. Their last bilateral engagement was back in 2012.

Their latest refusal to travel has been blamed on security concerns and the ICC has stated more than once that it does not expect any member board to go against government travel advisories.

"Desperation to create controversy": Josh Hazlewood's manager slams media for misconstruing pacer's comments

SYDNEY, Dec 6 (Agencies): Australia pacer Josh Hazlewood's manager Neil Maxwell has lashed out at the nation's media for blowing the player's comment out of proportion. He also blasted Fox Cricket, the official broadcaster in Australia for the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Hazlewood found himself in the middle of a controversy due to his comments during Australia's Perth Test against India last month. In a press conference at the end of play on Day 3 of the match,

Hazlewood was asked about how Australia would approach day four. His response to the query was, "You probably have to ask one of the batters that question. I'm sort of relaxing and trying to get a bit of physio and a bit of treatment, and I'm probably looking mostly towards the next Test and what plans we can do against these batters."

"I guess the batters are just sticking to what they do, their preparation. They'll have a hit in the morning and talk around plans of what happened in

the first innings, how they can negate that and move forward and improve on that," he added.

At the end of Day 3 in the Perth Test, Australia were 12 for 3 in their chase of 534 runs. They were eventually bundled out for 238 and India went on to win the game by 295 runs.

The comments from Hazlewood gave rise to speculations of a potential rift in the dressing room. "It's taken so out of context and in a negative light," Maxwell told The Sydney Morning Herald. "You've never seen

a closer bunch of players than the players in the last two years of Australian cricket.

"To draw that assumption from a comment from a No.11 batter saying, 'You better ask one of the batters' is so ridiculous. They lose complete and utter credibility."

"There's a desperation to create controversy when you've got 40. cricket media are all trying to get a daily story. I just think there's no incentive for players to provide any color in response," he added.

"Lose between 7 to 10 kgs": Prithvi Shaw sent 'complete overhaul message'



NEW DELHI, Dec 6 (Agencies): Prithvi Shaw is certainly going through the toughest time in his cricket career. The right-handed batter, once touted to be the "next Sachin Tendulkar", could not find any takers at the IPL 2025 mega auction in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia held last month. The 2018 U-19 World Cup-winning captain was seen as the next big thing in Indian cricket, but his downfall in the past few years has taken him out of consideration for the Indian cricket team. Shaw was even dropped from Mumbai's Ranji Trophy squad before going unsold at the IPL auction at a base price of Rs 75 lakh. He is currently playing for Mumbai in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy but has failed to impress with his game so far.

Ex-BCCI selector Jatinder Paranjape feels that the youngster needs a "complete overhaul of his mental thinking".

Paranjape shared his opinions in his column for Sportstar.

Paranjape, who also holds the experience of playing 4 ODIs for India besides appearing in 62 First-Class and 44 List A games, also pointed out that Shaw needs to lose some weight to get fitter. "If I were Prithvi, I would quickly evaluate and conclude that fitness is a major missing piece in his game. Without it, his future in cricket is uncertain. I would stress this aspect: if he can lose between 7 to 10 kilograms of body weight without losing strength, that would be a crucial start," the former BCCI selector said.

"If I were in his position, I would camp in Chennai with Ramji Srinivasan for 10 days and completely dedicate the next two or three years to this transformation. The results would begin to show in the next 45 to 60 days," he added.

Paranjape further said that Shaw needs to improve his game against spin and make sure he doesn't lose his wicket easily.

"Let's move on to the skills part. I have often told him that he seems overly generous with his wicket, particularly against spinners. Almost every domestic spinner in India has managed to get him out. He needs to reevaluate his game against spin," he said.

India Colts set sights on World Cup after record-extending Asian triumph

BENGALURU, Dec 6 (Agencies): A few tough matches tested the junior Indian hockey team during its successful title defence at the Junior Asia Cup and now the players are determined to do well in next year's men's World Cup at home.

The team returned to Bengaluru after a stellar campaign in Muscat, Oman, where they defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 5-3 in a thrilling final. This victory follows India's bronze medal finish at the Sultan of Johor Cup under head coach PR Sreejesh.

"This is truly a proud moment for all of us, and we now look forward to the Junior World Cup in Chennai with great anticipation," Vice-Captain

Rohit said.

"Every player contributed to this remarkable victory, and our collective effort has been truly inspiring. The tough matches, especially against Japan and Pakistan, tested our mettle, but we stayed focused and executed our game plan," he added.

Placed in Pool A, India secured dominant wins over Thailand, Chinese Taipei, and Korea, before overcoming a tough challenge against Japan with a 3-2 victory. Scoring 38 goals and conceding just three in the group stage, the team displayed remarkable offensive and defensive prowess. In the semi-final, India defeated Malaysia 3-1, while the final saw

Arajjeet Singh Hundal shine with a four-goal performance, finishing as the second-highest scorer of the tournament with 10 goals. Captain Amir Ali also hailed the team's determination. "Our journey in the Junior Asia Cup was nothing short of extraordinary," the skipper said.

"Each match presented its own challenges, but our team's determination and hard work shone through."

"Our forwards performed exceptionally well, consistently breaking down defenses and creating scoring opportunities."

"Winning this title for the fifth time is a testament to our pursuit of excellence and the support of our incredible fans," he added.

SKUAST-J faculty delivers keynote address at International Conference in Dubai

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Prof. Parshant Bakshi, Head of the Division of Fruit Science and Incharge of the Centre for Organic and Natural Farming at SKUAST-Jammu, delivered an impactful keynote address on "Strategies for Climate Resilient Horticulture: Sustainable Fruit Production under Changing Climatic Conditions" during the five-day International Conference on Climate Change and Natural Resource Management, held from November 26-30, 2024, at the Grand Excelsior Hotel, Dubai.

The event was organized by the Gochar Educational and Welfare Society (GEWSI), India. The conference brought together 102 experts, including scientists, researchers, students, and entrepreneurs, from countries such as India, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and the UAE.

The event aimed to address critical topics, including sustainable development, climate-smart agriculture, innovative agronomic and breeding practices, post-harvest management,



value addition, and nanotechnology in agriculture and allied sciences.

Prof. Bakshi emphasized the pressing need to adopt climate-smart horticultural practices to ensure the sustainability and productivity of fruit crops amid increasing environmental uncertainties.

He underscored India's vulnerability to climate change, highlighting that 27 out of 35 states and union territories are exposed to climate risks, with Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Bihar

being particularly susceptible to extreme weather events such as floods, droughts, and cyclones.

He elaborated on how climate change adversely impacts horticultural crops, including reduced flowering, lower yields, and compromised fruit quality due to rising night temperatures.

Prof. Bakshi outlined several strategies for building resilience which includes Adoption of adaptive practices such as water-efficient irrigation, organic amendments, and innovative planting systems. Implementation of organic farming,

high-density planting, varietal improvement, smart irrigation, and crop diversification to mitigate risks. Empowering farmers and stakeholders through participatory approaches to adopt sustainable practices Climate-Smart Horticulture Systems and Highlighting advancements like the Parbat walnut variety, developed under his leadership, as a significant contribution to climate-resilient horticulture.

He stressed that achieving climate resilience in horticulture demands collaborative efforts among researchers, policymakers, extension services, and farmers.

Such efforts will ensure the long-term viability of crop production systems, secure food security, and improve rural livelihoods amidst the challenges posed by climate change.

As a mark of recognition, Prof. J.P. Singh, President of GEWSI, Prof. Rajbir Singh, Organizing Secretary felicitated Prof. Bakshi with a memento and certificate for his exemplary presentation and contributions to the field of climate-resilient horticulture.

Jodhamal students excel at District Wushu Championship



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 6: Jodhamal Public School achieved a spectacular milestone at the District Wushu Championship, held recently in Jammu, by securing a stellar total of 26 medals, comprising 4 Gold, 8 Silver, and 14 Bronze.

The students performed under the mentorship of their coaches, Jhanvi and Malkeet, whose dedication proved instrumental in this success.

Adding to the school's accolades, Malkeet herself clinched a Gold Medal in the 60-65 kg weight category, exemplifying the values of hard work and resilience for her students.

The gold medalists, Divnoor, Rhythm Gupta, Rehanshi Mahajan, and Shreya Sharma, demonstrated unparalleled

skill and poise, standing out as champions in their categories.

The Silver Medalists, Aadrika Retvik Bhagat, Anahita Singh Kotwal, Abhiraj Gulati, Navya Pandey, Ashvika Jain, Vihaan Gupta, Medhansh Chadha, and Uday Vir Jamwal, showcased unwavering determination and commendable athleticism.

The Bronze Medalists, Avnit Malhotra, Ridhika Jain, Kaashvi Gupta, Samira Mahajan, Rannesh Sharma, Chitrakshi Kotwal, Andrew Raj Anthony, Narureen Goni, Sharanya Sangra, Kartik Raj, Aanya Mahajan, Nabil Angral, Niyati Anthal, and Viraj Dogra, exhibited impressive grit and perseverance, proving their potential to shine in future competitions.

This exemplary accomplishment has infused immense pride within the Jodhamal community. The Trustee, Director, Principal, and Vice Principal extended their heartfelt congratulations to the medallists and their families, applauding their commitment to excellence. Special recognition was given to the coaches for their relentless dedication and encouragement, which played a pivotal role in this success. Such remarkable performances reaffirm Jodhamal Public School's reputation as a beacon of holistic education, fostering not only academic brilliance but also athletic excellence. These achievements serve as a powerful reminder of the school's mission to inspire students to embrace challenges, achieve their highest potential, and make an indelible mark in every arena of life.

Govt SPMR College of Commerce organizes week-long series of events to mark World AIDS Day 2024

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JAMMU, Dec 6: The Red Ribbon Club of Government SPMR College of Commerce organized a week-long series of events to mark "World AIDS Day 2024," embracing the theme "Take the rights path: My health, my right."

The observance of World AIDS Day 2024 started on December 2nd with a Rangoli Making Competition. Students showcased their artistic flair by creating vibrant designs that represented the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS.

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

A Reel Making Competition on social media platforms was conducted on 3rd of December 2024 where



students were challenged to create short, impactful videos aimed at educating viewers about HIV/AIDS. The reels addressed various themes, such as prevention methods, myths and facts, and the significance of early diagnosis. Taniya Sharma, Manjot Singh and Anish bagged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes respectively.

The Poster Making Competition was organized on 4th December 2024 in which Bhumi Malwal, Gurmeet Singh and Neharika Singh secured first, second and third positions respectively.

The posters made by the participants conveyed powerful messages about safe practices and the importance of regular testing.

Similarly, on 5th December 2024, Painting Competition was organized which aimed at raising awareness and fostering dialogue about HIV/AIDS. About 10 students participated in the event in which Pragati Kohli, Akshita Sher and Akhlesh Singh bagged first, second and third positions respectively.

The activities were adjudged by Prof. Pawan Kumar Gupta,

Prof. Ashu Manhas, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma and Prof. Monika Mahajan.

On the final day, the Prize and Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held to honour the winners of the different competitions organized in connection with World AIDS Day 2024.

Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal of the college, while speaking on the event elucidated about the theme of World Aids Day 2024 "Take the rights path: My health, my right".

He emphasized that there is need to raise

awareness about prevention strategies to achieve the goal of ending the epidemic by 2030.

He highlighted further that strong will power and good mental health is the tool to fight against this deadly disease that attacks immune system.

Later, a display of the artistic expressions of these participants was held at the auditorium of the college. The event was attended by faculty members, students, and the organizing committee.

The proceedings of valedictory function was conducted by Dr. Roomi Rani and vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Binny Kumar.

The entire activities were conducted under the supervision of Dr. Jagmeet Kaur (Convener, Red Ribbon Club), Dr. Deepak Pathania, Dr. Fayza, Dr. Madhu Bala, Prof. Binny Kumar, Dr. Roomi Rani and Ravi Kumar (Physical Director).

DPS Jammu students shine in J&K UT & Inter District Archery Championship 2024



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JAMMU, Dec 6: Divyanka Sharma (V-F) and Jaskirat Singh (V-F), both students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning first

and third prize, respectively in 22nd J&K UT & Inter District Archery Championship 2024 organized by Archery Association of J&K held at Gandhi Nagar, Jammu from November 26 to 28, 2024.

Both the students had participated in Indian Round event under-12 age category. Divyanka and Jaskirat had also received mementoes and trophies. The management of DPS Jammu under the leadership of President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC- Dr. Ritu Singh, Director- S.S Sodhi along with Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra and staff congratulated both the winners and their parents for their victory in the event.

They also extended their best wishes to them for all their future endeavours.

JKBS remembers Ambedkar on Nirvan Divas

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JAMMU, Dec 6: The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha (JKBS) members on Friday paid tributes Dr B.R. Ambedkar on his Nirvan Divas and said that on this day, people across India, especially followers of Dr. Ambedkar, honour his memory and contributions to society, particularly his effort to fight for social justice and equality. It is observed

as a day of reflection on his teaching and legacy, they said.

JKBS' General Secretary RL Kaith said that it was due to his relentless efforts that the country got such a progressive and all-inclusive constitution. While JKBS' Dy Chairman Hav. Des Raj Kaith (Retd) said that ideals and thoughts of this great leader would continue to inspire generations in the years to come.

Rape accused arrested by GRP Jammu

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JAMMU, Dec 6: Continuing drive against wanted criminals and absconders, GRP Jammu apprehended and arrested accused namely Sudham Husain alias Satam Husain, son of Rehmat

Ali, resident of Dhadda Tehsil and District Jalandhar, Punjab arrested from Punjab.

The accused was involved in a case registered under FIR No. 9/2024 Under Sections 70(2), 127(3), 137(2) BNS Section 4 POSCO Act Police Station GRP Kathua.

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