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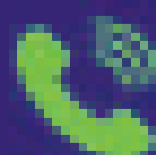
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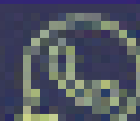
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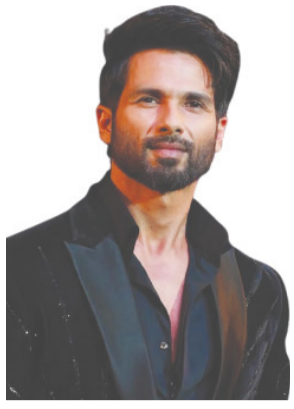


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LG Manoj Sinha over loss of lives in Kathua fire incident

JAMMU, Dec 18 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha expressed sadness over the loss of lives in a tragic fire incident occurred in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir. In a condolence message, the Lt Governor said: "Extremely saddened by the loss of lives due to a tragic fire in Kathua. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. I wish the injured a speedy recovery".

Kashmir remains in grip of severe cold conditions

SRINAGAR, Dec 18 (Agencies): There was a slight improvement in the intense cold conditions in Kashmir as the minimum temperature rose across the valley, but continued to settle below the freezing point, officials said here on Wednesday. Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.5 degrees Celsius "slightly up from minus 5.3 degrees Celsius the previous night, the officials said. They said the intense cold conditions over the past few days led to the freezing of the fringes of several water bodies, including the Dal Lake here, while water supply lines in many areas of the city here and elsewhere in the valley were also frozen due to the cold. The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 5 degrees Celsius a degree down from the night before. Tourist resort Pahalgam, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a low of minus 5.8 degrees Celsius which was slightly up from the previous night's minus 5 degrees Celsius. Konibal, a sleepy hamlet on the outskirts of Pampore town, was the coldest place in the valley as mercury settled at the low of minus 6.5 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature in Qazigund — the gateway to Kashmir — was minus 5 degrees Celsius, Kupwara in north Kashmir minus 4.4 degrees,

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Amit Shah hails reconstruction of Sharda Temple at Teetwal

NEW DELHI, Dec 18 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah lauded the reconstruction of the Sharda Temple and the Sikh Gurdwara near the Line of Control (LoC) in Teetwal, Karnah, Kupwara.

In his address, Shah described the effort as a "historic achievement after 75 years" and a testament to India's dedication to preserving its spiritual and cultural heritage.

Speaking about the temple's importance, Shah said, "The Sharda Temple is not merely



a place of worship; it stands as a beacon of our ancient heritage and learning. Its successful reconstruction has filled the nation with pride and rekindled the faith of devotees worldwide." Dedicated to Goddess

Sharda, the temple holds immense historical and spiritual significance as a renowned seat of knowledge and learning.

The reconstruction, following decades of neglect, has been widely

celebrated by cultural and religious communities, who view it as a vital step in reviving Kashmir's rich historical and cultural identity.

The Save Sharda Committee, a key organization advocating for the preservation of the Sharda heritage, played a pivotal role in the temple's restoration. In a statement, the committee expressed gratitude to the government for its decisive action and highlighted the broader impact of this achievement in promoting unity

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Cong demands resignation of Amit Shah over Ambedkar remarks



NEW DELHI, Dec 18 (Agencies): The Congress on Wednesday demanded the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah for his remarks in the Rajya Sabha which it claimed were an insult to B R Ambedkar.

The opposition party also demanded that Shah should apologise publicly and in Parliament for the remarks.

Referring to Shah's speech in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the Home Minister accused us of speaking about Ambedkar 100 times and "told us that had we remembered God so many times we could

have achieved heaven seven times".

"The 'insult' caused to Babasaheb Ambedkar by Amit Shah is wrong. I demand his resignation," he told reporters in Parliament premises.

"Shah has insulted Babasaheb and the Constitution written by him," Kharge, who was flanked by other opposition leaders, charged.

"The ideology of Manusmriti and RSS shows that they do not want to give respect to Babasaheb Ambedkar and the Constitution. That is why we, all parties, demand his resignation and he should apologise to the country," the Congress chief said.

"If he continues to talk like this, there will be fire across the country if anyone insults Babasaheb Ambedkar like this. We parties would not accept such an insult of Babasaheb Ambedkar," he said.

Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said all Pradesh Congress Committees will be holding marches at all Raj Bhavans across the country on Wednesday over the Ambedkar remarks issue and also the Adani row.

"In protest against the Adani mega corruption scandal and the PM's complicity in shielding Adani, the deteriorating situation in Manipur

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Employers can file wage details till Jan 31 for higher pension

NEW DELHI, Dec 18 (Agencies): Retirement fund body EPFO has extended time till January 31, 2025 for employers to upload wage details etc regarding 3.1 lakh pending applications for pension on higher wages. An online facility was



made available by EPFO for submitting

applications for validation of options/joint options for pension on higher wages, a labour ministry statement said.

The facility was for eligible pensioners or members in compliance with the Supreme Court order on November 4,

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Former Deputy SP, 5 others suffocate to death as fire erupts in house



KATHUA/JAMMU, Dec 18 (Agencies): A former deputy superintendent of police and his three-year-old grandson were among six people who suffocated to death when their rented

accommodation caught fire in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district early on Wednesday, an official said. Four other people injured in the incident were undergoing treat-

ment in a hospital.

According to police, locals noticed the house on fire around 2:30 am and rushed to rescue its occupants. The house was filled with thick smoke, suffocating its occupants in their sleep, they said.

The victims were shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital in Kathua where six of them, including two minors, were declared 'brought dead', officials said. The deceased have

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Arms, ammunition recovered from forest area in Kupwara



SRINAGAR, Dec 18 (Agencies): Security forces have recovered a cache of arms, ammunition and narcotics from a forest area near the Line of Control in Kupwara district of Jammu and

Kashmir, the army said on Wednesday. Acting on a specific intelligence input, the army and police launched a joint search operation in Amrohi area of Tangdhar near

the LoC on Tuesday. "During search, four Pistols, six Pistol Magazines, approx four Kgs of narcotics and other war-like stores have been recovered," the

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EDITORIAL

PM-AASHA

The Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) is a significant initiative by the Government of India aimed at ensuring the welfare and financial security of farmers. Launched in 2018, PM-AASHA seeks to address the issue of inadequate income for farmers and provide them with a stable and assured income for their agricultural produce. This scheme is designed to protect the interests of farmers by ensuring that they receive a fair price for their crops, thereby improving their livelihoods and reducing the risk of exploitation in the agricultural market.

The PM-AASHA scheme primarily aims to safeguard farmers' incomes through a combination of direct interventions and market support mechanisms. It is a comprehensive initiative that encompasses three distinct sub-schemes, each targeting a specific aspect of the agricultural economy. These sub-schemes are:

Under the Price Support Scheme, the government ensures that farmers receive a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce. The MSP is a price set by the government for various crops, which serves as a safety net for farmers. If the market price of a crop falls below the MSP, the government intervenes by purchasing the produce from the farmers at the MSP, thereby preventing them from incurring financial losses. This system guarantees a price floor for farmers, ensuring that they are not exploited by middlemen or market fluctuations.

The MSP is determined by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), and it is revised periodically based on factors such as production costs, demand-supply dynamics, and inflation. The Price Support Scheme is implemented through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other government agencies, which purchase the crops directly from the farmers.

The Price Deficiency Payment Scheme is an innovative approach introduced under PM-AASHA. Unlike the Price Support Scheme, where the government physically buys the produce, the PDPS provides financial assistance to farmers if the market price of their produce falls below the MSP. In this case, farmers are not required to sell their crops to the government. Instead, they receive the difference between the MSP and the market price as direct financial support.

This scheme has been particularly useful for crops that are difficult to procure directly from farmers due to logistical constraints or other reasons. By providing a direct payment to the farmers, the PDPS helps bridge the income gap caused by low market prices and ensures that farmers receive a fair compensation for their produce.

The Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme allows private traders and agencies to participate in the procurement process. Under this scheme, private players are encouraged to procure crops from farmers at the MSP and store them for future sale or distribution. The government provides a subsidy to these private entities to make it financially viable for them to participate in the procurement process.

This scheme helps reduce the burden on government agencies and enhances the efficiency of the procurement system. It also ensures that farmers have access to a wider market and are not limited to government procurement alone. By involving the private sector, the government aims to create a more competitive and dynamic agricultural market, which can benefit both farmers and consumers.

The scheme aims to ensure that farmers receive a fair price for their agricultural produce, which is crucial for improving their income levels and reducing poverty in rural areas.

By providing price security and income stability, PM-AASHA seeks to reduce the distress caused by fluctuating market prices, which often force farmers into debt traps.

The scheme aims to strengthen the agricultural economy by encouraging increased production and improving the financial condition of farmers.

By involving both public and private players in the procurement process, PM-AASHA seeks to create a more efficient and transparent system that benefits farmers.

The implementation of PM-AASHA has been largely successful, with the government making significant strides in ensuring that farmers receive MSP for their produce. The scheme has been especially beneficial for crops such as pulses, oilseeds, and coarse cereals, which have often been neglected in terms of market support. Through PM-AASHA, the government has expanded its procurement network, reaching more farmers and covering a wider range of crops.

However, the scheme also faces challenges. One of the key issues is the inefficiency in the procurement process, which sometimes results in delays and logistical bottlenecks. Additionally, the scheme's impact has been uneven across states, with some regions receiving better benefits than others. There have also been concerns regarding the quality of produce procured under the scheme, as the MSP-based procurement system sometimes encourages farmers to sell substandard produce.

The Spiritual/Religious Significance of Chanting Om Namah Shivaya

By: Omkar Dattatray

The spiritual and religious importance of the cosmic mantra Om Namah Shivaya cannot be exaggerated as this mahamantra forms the core of Hinduism which sanatan Dharma is referred. It is the mantra recited at the birth and death of an individual and it is rightly called Aadi ta Annt. Every Sanatan ritual begins and ends with the chanting of Aum Namah Shivaya or Hari Om and it clearly shows the significance of this great and miraculous mantra. Chanting of Aum Namah Shivaya in fact leads to the salvation of the human beings and it is believed that this mantra liberates the man/women and one is destined to navigate the ocean of samsara and reach the safe and divine destination. Thus the chanting of this cosmic mantra results in the liberation of the human soul and therefore this mantra is the base, core and essence of sanatan Dharma. It is the primal, basic and root mantra and has utmost significance in Hinduism meaning thereby in Sanatan Dharma as any religious ritual is incomplete without the chanting of this principle mantra. Om Namah Shivaya symbolizes, signifies and reflects four Vedas and all the three guna's in Sanatan Dharma. The chanting of Om has great cosmic and spiritual value and its vibration is full of spiritual content and meaning. Every religious ceremony and rituals starts and comes to close with this Vedic mantra. The ancient mantra 'Om Namah Shivaya' rooted in the Vedas, is dedicated to Lord Shiva and represents the five elements of which human body is formed and which also is the cause of the universe. Chanting it purifies the mind, reduces the stress. 'Om Namah Shivaya' is one of the oldest and most revered mantras in Hinduism, and it is believed to have been first mentioned in the ancient Vedic texts, particularly the Rigveda and Yajurveda. "Om" is regarded as the primal sound of the universe, representing the cosmic vibration that sustains all of existence

.The five syllables Na, Ma, Shi, Va and Ya, are said to represent the five elements earth, water, fire, air, and ether. It is commonly dedicated to Lord Shiva and is widely chanted during religious ceremonies, festivals like Maha Shivaratri, and daily prayers or meditation to remove obstacles and struggles from life and attain peace. In fact it also symbolizes the Sanatan Trinity of Bhrama, Vishnu and Mahesh/Rudra/Shiva. Shaivism was one of the earliest organized forms of Hinduism, and it found deep expression in the Tamil tradition, where the mantra became an integral part of religious practices. In Kashmir also, Shaivism flourished in ancient past and Kashmir is a seat of Shaivism as the Kashmiri Pandits were the worshippers of Lord Shiva and even in the present times KP's worship Lord Shiva and propitiate Rudra to please the great Lord of destruction and also to attain peace of mind and relief from the miseries and sufferings of temporal life. The Shiva Purana and other religious texts dedicated to Lord Shiva elaborate on the power of this mantra and talk very high of the mantra. Chanting this mantra is said to purify the mind of negative thoughts, emotions, and attachments. Thus positivity among human beings is ensured by reciting this Vedic mantra. In Hinduism, the mind is often the source of distractions and confusion. Regular chanting helps calm the mind, reduce stress, and foster clarity, creating space for spiritual practices and higher awareness. The sound frequencies of this mantra create resonant vibrations that can heal and realign the body's energies. Studies also reveal that particular frequencies can stimulate healing responses in the body, providing emotional and psychological benefits. From a spiritual perspective, chanting Om Namah Shivaya is believed to cleanse the mind of negative emotions, distractions, and attachments. By repeating these mantras daily devotees can foster a sense of inner peace and harmony, allowing for a deeper connection with the divine also. It results in emotional and psychological benefits. As the body

and mind come into harmony through vibrations of the mantra, practitioners may experience a reduction in anxiety, improved focus, and enhanced emotional well-being. In addition to its psychological benefits, the spiritual effects of chanting this mantra are wonderful. It is believed to elevate consciousness, helping individuals attain higher states of awareness and connect with the divine presence of Lord Shiva. The mantra, in its simplicity and power, serves as a bridge between the material and spiritual realms, guiding practitioners towards liberation, peace and self-realization. This mantra not only removes stress but promotes healing by aligning body and mind. It gives you a sense of direction and purpose in life. There are nine planets and 27 constellations in the world and this mantra integrates all these. Shiva is that nothingness, the dark empty void of space, from which all creation—the stars, planets, galaxies, mountains, oceans, all living beings, etc. manifest and into which all creation disintegrates. Shiva is not a person but a principle. It is called the Shiva Tattva, which is an all-pervading consciousness that fills up this nothingness. Today, even astronomy tells us that 99.99% of this dark matter and dark energy, so called because they do not reflect, absorb or emit light and hence cannot be seen—ever. Shiva means that which is innocent, benevolent, beautiful, transcendental, and absolute. There is a certain correlation between the five elements, seven layers of our being, and our consciousness. Shiva energy permeates through the universe and you will find that it is possible to experience the Shiva Tattva—absolute nothingness—within us. This mantra brings you back to your source. Chanting or listening to mantra produce vibrations, positive, life uplifting energy, and are universal. Om Namah Shivaya is one of the most powerful mantras. Chanting this mantra builds the energy in your system and also clears the environment. People have been chanting this mantra for thousands of years. Na Ma Shi Va Ya—these five syl-

lables indicate the five elements [Known as Pancha Maha Bhoot in Sanskrit]—Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Ether. The five elements are the building blocks of everything in creation, including the human body, and Lord Shiva is the master of these five elements. Whereas, Om is the sound of the universe. Om means peace and love. So the 'Om Namah Shivaya' chanting is done to harmonize the five elements in the environment. Where there is peace, love and harmony in all the five elements, then there is bliss and there is joy not just within you, but also around you. Chanting Om Namah Shivaya helps us to master the five elements within us, leading the mind to silence. Silence leads to the experience of Shiva Tattva. In this way, everyone can access Shiva through this mantra. The chanting of this mantra unites the different koshas or layers of our being and elevates the qualities of Shiva within us. It has the effect of quieting the mind and so is also a good way to prepare for meditation. This mantra infuses positive energy and removes negative energy. It is also a stress-buster helping you to relax and unwind. A restless mind becomes stable and peaceful with regular chanting. Om Namah Shivaya helps you to gain control over your senses. This helps you govern your mind eventually. It gives you a sense of direction and purpose in life. There are nine planets and 27 constellations. Since the Shiva Tattva is the presiding energy and governs the planets as well, chanting this mantra can help nullify the effects of malefic planets to a certain extent. In short Om Namah Shivaya and its chanting transforms the human beings spiritually and helps in meditation as well as elevates the practitioners. There is no exaggeration in saying that this Vedic mantra is chanted in all religious ceremonies, festivals and rituals.

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Beyond the screen: The hidden truths of our social media lives

By: Vijay Garg

Social media is a tool to make life more connected and interesting, it is not a measure to judge worth and success of family and friends

Ever since social media sneaked into our lives, we have made it a shelf to display our lives' wares. We paint our digital walls with milestones, memories, smiles, and sorrows. It's a vibrant collage of life's varied hues, yet what we post is often a curated version of reality. The smiles are brighter, the love is deeper, the vacations are grander, and the heartbreaks are more dramatic. But behind this veneer of filtered perfection, the raw and unfiltered truth often lurks quietly, hidden from the world's gaze.

For a month, I posted pictures from my holiday—pristine landscapes, cheerful meals, and stylish getups—giving the impression that I was the happiest and luckiest person on earth. From the outside, it looked like life was a seamless tapestry of joy and contentment. But behind each post was a personal battle being waged in silence. While

my timeline radiated unbridled joy, I was working on myself to remedy a tough health challenge. Why did I choose to post happy pictures when my reality was tumultuous? Was I pretending? Was I seeking validation? No. I was trying to reassure myself. I was reminding myself that happiness exists, that moments of beauty and joy still punctuate my life. Those posts were not deceit; they were lifelines. Glimpses of joy that I clung to as I navigated the storm within. And in sharing those moments, I was also hoping to pass on slivers of hope to others who might be fighting unseen battles. This is the duality of social media.

The laughter we see might be tears in disguise. The grand celebrations could be cloaked in anxiety. The tears shed publicly may be crafted for effect. What appears authentic can be artifice; what looks carefree can be layered with burdens. This is why we should not judge others based on what we see on their profiles. Why do people disguise their struggles and present happy pictures? It's not necessarily deceit or a desire to mislead others.

Sometimes, it's a way of keep-

ing hope alive. When life's challenges weigh heavily, projecting happiness can feel like a self-fulfilling prophecy. By sharing joy, even when it feels out of reach, we try to manifest it. We tell ourselves that happiness is not an illusion—it's around the corner and within our grasp. We also do it for others. Social media can be a dark and overwhelming place filled with negativity, comparison, and distressing news. By sharing moments of beauty, love and humour, we offer small doses of positivity to those who might need them. But herein lies the trap. When we view others' lives through the glossy lens of social media, we risk falling into the pit of comparison. We measure our own lives against the seemingly perfect lives of others and wonder where we went wrong.

We feel envious, resentful, or inadequate. But this comparison is unfair—because it's based on incomplete information. What you see on social media is a highlight reel, not a documentary. To compare your behind-the-scenes reality to someone else's carefully chosen highlights is to set yourself up for needless suffering. So,

how should we approach social media with clarity and kindness? First, partake in others' happiness without envy. Celebrate their joys as you would want them to celebrate yours.

Let their happiness be a reminder that good things are possible, even if they haven't yet arrived in your life. Second, lend support in difficult times without judgment. If someone shares their struggles, resist the urge to undermine or dismiss them. Behind their words could be a pain far deeper than what they've expressed. Offer empathy, not assumptions. Be the steady presence that reminds them they're not alone. Finally, take social media for what it is—a tool to make life more connected, more interesting and occasionally more fun. It's not a measure of worth, success, or happiness.

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Dr Jitendra informs Lok Sabha about rising private sector involvement in Space activities

Top News Report

NEW DELHI, Dec 18: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh today informed the Lok Sabha about rising public sector involvement in India's Space Sector related activities.

He stated that in recent years, a number of steps had been taken to promote private sector participation in Space sector activities.

The Minister's reply stated several steps are taken by the Government to further promote private sector involvement and the growth of StartUps in the space sector in India.

The space sector has been liberalised and the private sector allowed to carry out end to end space activities.

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) was created in the Department of Space for promoting, authorising and overseeing the activities of Non-Government Entities (NGEs) in the Space Sector.

The Indian Space Policy, 2023 has been formulated by the Government to provide regulatory certainty to space activities by vari-

ous stakeholders, in order to create a thriving space ecosystem.

Various schemes to encourage and hand hold private sector also announced and implemented by IN-SPACe, i.e., Seed fund Scheme, Pricing Support Policy, Mentorship support, Technical Centre, Design Lab for NGEs, Skill Development in Space Sector, ISRO facility utilisation support, Technology Transfer to NGEs, creation of IN-SPACe Digital Platform to connect with all the stakeholders of space ecosystem etc.

The number of Space StartUps have gone up, from just 1 in 2014 to around 266 as on date.

Decadal vision and strategy for the Indian space economy is also announced by IN-SPACe, which shall increase the share of India in the overall space economy.

The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Rs.1,000 crore Venture Capital (VC) Fund dedicated to supporting India's space sector.

IN-SPACe has signed around 71 MoUs with Non-Government Entities (NGEs) to provide necessary support for realization of space

systems and applications envisaged by such NGEs, which is expected to increase the industry participation in manufacturing of launch vehicles and satellites.

In order to ease access to foreign capital by Indian NGEs, the Central Government has brought out revised FDI policy for the Space Sector.

IN-SPACe has initiated the Establishment of Earth Observation (EO) System under Public Private Partnership (PPP). The Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited from Non-Government Entities (NGEs).

Technology Transfer of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to Indian entities is under process and response to RFP is invited from shortlisted bidders.

Announcement of Opportunity is made by IN-SPACe for making available Indian orbital resources to the NGEs. One Indian entity is selected.

With the recent approval of revision in Gaganyaan Programme, the scope of the program has been expanded to include precursor missions to Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), including development

& launch of 1st module of BAS (BAS-01). The 1st module of BAS is targeted to be launched in 2028 timeframe and BAS is expected to be fully operationalised with all modules by 2035 timeframe.

The proposal for Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) aims to successfully orbit Venus and better understand the Venusian surface and subsurface, atmospheric processes and influence of the Sun on Venusian atmosphere. The mission would provide an opportunity to the technologists and scientific community of our country, to further explore and understand the Venusian science considerably well before the global community. The Indian Venus Mission is expected to answer some of the outstanding scientific questions resulting in various scientific outcomes.

The mission is expected to be accomplished on the opportunity available during March, 2028.

The total approved fund for Venus Orbiter Mission is Rs. 1236 Crore, out of which Rs. 824 Crore will be spent on the VOM spacecraft.

It is planned to establish the 1st module of

Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) by 2028 and a fully operational BAS by 2035.

Setting up of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab in Space is not currently envisaged.

However, Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), will be the first National Space Laboratory to conduct multi-disciplinary microgravity experiments and studies in the fields of Science, Technologies, Medicine, Agriculture, Space manufacturing, among others.

BAS will be acting as a platform for global & national collaboration, gateway to lunar exploration & beyond and to help boosting the Space Economy of the country.

With the recent approval of revision in Gaganyaan Programme, the scope of the program has been expanded to include precursor missions to Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), including development

& launch of 1st module of BAS (BAS-01). With a net additional funding of Rs. Rs 11,170 Crore in the already approved programme, the total revised funding of Gaganyaan Programme with enhanced scope is Rs. Rs 20,193 Cr.

Ramban Administration gears up for "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" Campaign



Top News Report

RAMBAN, Dec 18: The District Administration Ramban, held a meeting today to review the preparations for the "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign, scheduled to be conducted from December 19 to 24, 2024 under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, as part of Good Governance Week 2024.

The meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner Roshan Lal and attended by ACD Srinath Suman, CPO Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed, BDOs, Executive Engineers from PWD and PHE, CMO, CEO, and other district and sectoral officers.

During the meeting, the ADDC emphasized

the importance of covering all parameters and targets through a block-level schedule for the campaign. A mega event under the initiative will be held on December 23, 2024, at Khari, showcasing developmental progress and governance initiatives. The ADDC directed officers to highlight achievements and best practices through video presentations in sectors like Rural Development (RDD), Health, Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), and others. The officers were also instructed to expedite project execution, meet financial targets, and adhere to timelines to ensure the timely delivery of benefits to the public.

Key discussions focused on ongoing developmental projects, including healthcare,

educational infrastructure, road construction, accelerated JJM implementation, and enhancements in power infrastructure.

The ADDC urged BDOs and other officers to closely monitor developmental projects; ensuring progress aligns with district goals.

The departments were directed to set up their stalls at identified locations as per schedule to be implemented in various blocks from December 19 to 24, 2024. They were asked to focus on spot redressal of public issues and grievances.

The "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign aims to reinforce the principles of good governance and improve service delivery at the grassroots level, reflecting the commitment of the District Administration to the overall development of Ramban.

Delegation of Phyang lead by Councillor meets CEC Leh



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LEH, Dec 18: Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson was called upon by a delegation led by Phyang Councillor Tundup Nurboo, Ven. Rigzin Dorje, Ven. Konchok Tashi, and organiser Tundup Namgyal at his office today.

The delegation at the onset extended their gratitude to the Council for its support in recognizing Bhoti as the state

official language.

The delegation also apprised the CEC about their upcoming cricket tournament dedicated to the memory of His Eminence Ladakh Chosje Togdan Rinpoche, Padma Bhushan Awardee. The delegation expressed their privilege in being given the opportunity to organize the tournament in honor of such a revered figure. CEC Gyalson commended the initiative and expressed his

support for the event, emphasizing the importance of remembering the contributions of spiritual leaders like Ladakh Chosje Togdan Rinpoche. He highlighted the need for future generations to understand his contributions to Ladakh. Additionally, he suggested organizing a wide range of activities during the tournament to help people gain a deeper understanding of his legacy.

KDP Wing of DPAP urges Central, UT Govts to address issue of KP migrants

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JAMMU, Dec 18: The Kashmiri Displaced People Wing (J&K) of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) has made an impassioned appeal to the Central and Union Territory governments to address the long-standing issue of Kashmiri Pandit displacement.

They have called for a comprehensive and concrete policy for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the displaced community, emphasizing the need for a dignified and secure return to their ancestral homes in the Kashmir Valley.

The leaders underscored the suffering endured by the community over 35 years of exile, describing it as a tragic chapter in India's history that has uprooted patriotic citizens from their roots.

The KDP Wing high-

lighted the profound social, cultural, and economic impacts of displacement on three generations of Kashmiri Pandits. The loss of ancestral heritage, coupled with declining economic opportunities, has left the community struggling to preserve its identity.

The leaders also expressed concern about the dwindling population of the community, attributing it to deliberate neglect and inaction by successive governments. They lamented the repeated failure of past and present administrations to translate promises into tangible results, despite numerous resolutions passed in Parliament and state assemblies over the decades.

The group has also demanded the reservation of two parliamentary seats for Kashmiri Pandits, ensuring that representatives are

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They proposed that elections for these representatives be conducted through welfare associations within migrant camps, an idea approved by the Commissioner Secretary of DMRR in December 2023 but not yet implemented. Additionally, they called for immediate improvement of living conditions in migrant camps, which have remained neglected for decades.

The deteriorating infrastructure, poor sanitation, and overall lack of basic facilities have made life intolerable for residents, prompting calls for urgent action to upgrade the camps.

The leaders also voiced concerns about the economic and educational prospects of displaced youth. They demanded the establishment of industrial zones, cooperative

projects, and special quotas in education and employment to support young members of the community.

They emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for self-reliance, such as providing industrial loans and land leases for business ventures. The efficacy of existing government schemes was also criticized, with calls for a more inclusive and effective approach to addressing unemployment and economic hardships among displaced individuals.

In their critique of bureaucratic inefficiency, the leaders pointed out delays in updating ration cards and the suspension of relief due to procedural hurdles, especially after the death of a family head.

They called for a streamlined process to prevent additional suffering for families during difficult times. Fur-

thermore, they raised concerns about the applicability of the One Nation One Ration Card scheme to displaced migrants, demanding clarity and proper notifications to avoid confusion. Finally, the KDP Wing appealed for a one-time settlement policy that addresses the socio-economic and cultural rehabilitation of displaced Kashmiri Pandits. They called for the restoration of fundamental rights, ensuring the community's rightful place in society as full-fledged citizens. The leaders urged the government to act decisively and compassionately, fulfilling promises made by the Prime Minister and Home Minister during election campaigns.

They stressed the need for an immediate and practical resolution to end the community's decades-long suffering and exile.

Vice Chairperson DDC Reasi assures full support to victims of Paghiala fire incident

Top News Report

REASI, Dec 18: A devastating fire engulfed the shops in Paghiala, Gulabgarh, leaving the local community in shock. The incident resulted in the complete destruction of several shops and vehicles, causing immense financial losses to families from Paghiala, Gulabgarh, and Baransal who depended on these for their livelihoods.

Despite the prompt arrival of the police at the scene, the fire rapidly spread and reduced everything to ashes due to the highly flammable nature of the shops, which were made of

wood and dried grass. The presence of gas cylinders in some shops further escalated the damage as they exploded after the fire started, making it impossible to control the flames in time.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the fire might have been triggered by an electrical short circuit, but the exact cause is still under investigation.

Vice Chairperson of the District Development Council (DDC) Reasi, Adv. Sajra Qadir, expressed her deep sorrow over the tragedy and assessed the damage from locals. "This unfortunate inci-



dent has left many families devastated. I assure the victims of my full support and commitment to ensuring they receive immediate relief and assistance to rebuild their lives," she said.

Adv. Sajra Qadir is actively coordinating with the district administration to provide compensation to the affect-

ed families and expedite rehabilitation measures. She emphasized that efforts will be made to reconstruct the damaged shops and ensure financial aid reaches the victims promptly.

Highlighting the need to prevent similar incidents in the future, she stated, "This tragedy underscores the importance of safety measures in vulnerable areas. We will work towards creating awareness about fire safety protocols and conducting regular inspections to ensure the safety of structures in such regions."

The Vice Chairperson praised the timely

response of the police and the locals there but acknowledged the challenges posed by the wooden and dried-grass structures. She also urged the community to remain vigilant and adopt precautionary measures to minimize risks.

Adv. Sajra Qadir appealed to the local community to come together in this time of need and extend their support to those who have suffered losses. "Our collective efforts can help the affected families recover from this tragedy and rebuild their lives with dignity," she added.

Unscheduled power cuts, Waltangoo Kund villagers up arms against PDD



Top News Report

KULGAM, Dec 18: The residents of kund waltangoo area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district are up in arms against Power Development Department for failing to provide electricity on scheduled time.

According to reports, locals alleged that the

PDD Kulgam has failed to provide adequate electricity to the area. The residents of said areas that the PDD is subjecting them to unscheduled power cuts.

Locals told Top News JK correspondent Gh Nabi khanday that due to the unscheduled power cuts people are forced to take streets.

"The authorities assured us to redress their grievance but the promises done by the authorities proved hoax," they said.

"We facing immense hardships due to hide and seek of electricity in their area," they added.

Threatened to block roads, the locals said if the unnecessary power cuts won't end, we will take on road.

Residents of the area appeals, DC kulgam and Chief Engineer PDD Kashmir to look into this matter and redress their problem as soon as possible so that people can feel some sort of relief.

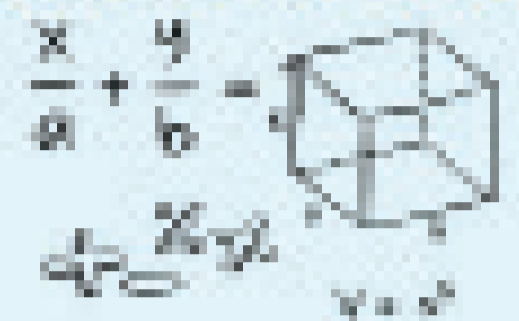


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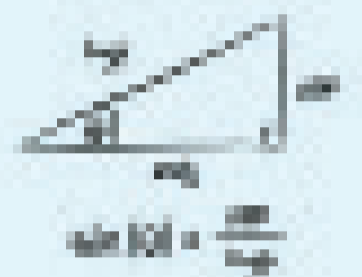


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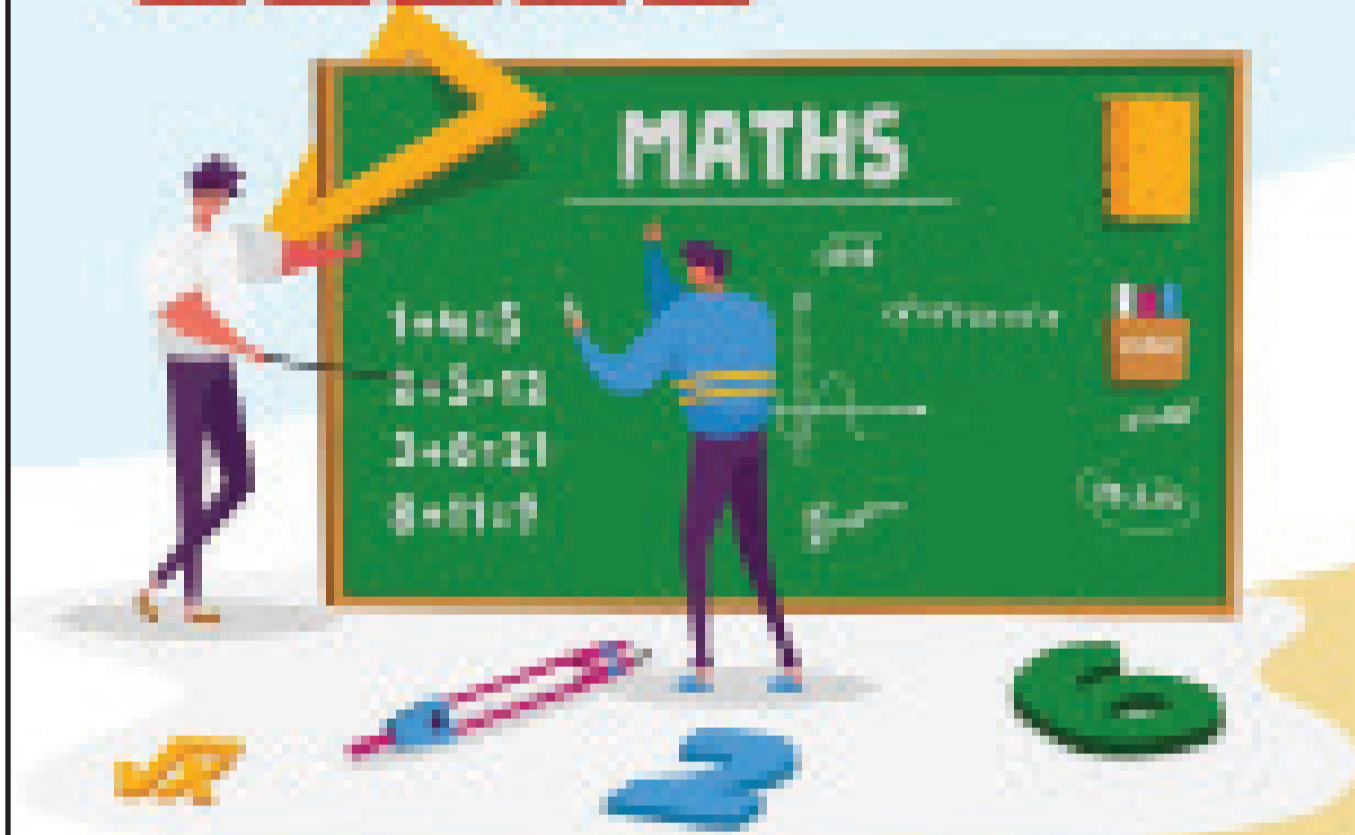
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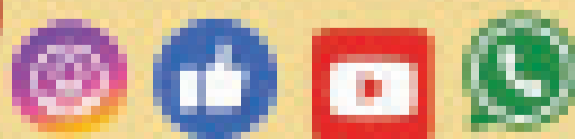
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