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BRIEFLY

Ramban Police recover 20 smartphones worth Rs 5 lakh

RAMBAN, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Cyber Cell of Ramban Police traced and recovered 20 lost mobile phones amounting to approx 05 lakh. Apart from this an amount of Rs 6 lakhs (approx) which has been swindled in various complaints of financial fraud has been recovered and successfully refunded to the victims. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban Kulbir Singh handed over the recovered mobile phones to their legitimate owners at District Police office Ramban. He appealed to the general public to take utmost care of their mobiles as they contain personal data and there is a possibility of misuse.

He said that upon receiving their missing/lost mobile phones, the owners felt elated and expressed their gratitude towards the District Police Ramban, for their arduous effort in tracing their missing mobiles.

SSP Ramban emphasized the importance of safeguarding mobile devices due to the sensitive information they often contain, highlighting the potential risks associated with their misuse. He urged the public to exercise utmost caution in handling their mobile phones to prevent any untoward incidents.

Moreover the SSP reiterated in his appeal to the general public to remain extra vigilant and report promptly to the National Helpline Number 1930, or lodge cyber complaints online at www.cybercrime.gov.in and in case of Lost/Stolen Mobile report on www.ceir.gov.in.

Kashmir reels under intense cold wave, Srinagar records -3.5 °C

SRINAGAR, Dec 31 (Agencies): Kashmir is experiencing extremely cold weather, gripped by the intense Chillai Kalan, the hardest 40 day period of winter.

According to the Kashmir weather forecast, Srinagar recorded a temperature of -3.5 degrees Celsius.

Tourist destination places Like pahalgam and Gulmarg recorded a temperature of -8.4 °C and -11.5 °C. Budgam and

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75 terrorists killed this year in Jammu and Kashmir

JAMMU, Dec 31 (Agencies): As many as 75 terrorists, mostly foreigners, were killed by the security forces in different operations this year across Jammu and Kashmir.

Official sources said in different counter-insurgency operations, the security forces in



the outgoing year have eliminated 75 terrorists, including 45 Pakistanis.

"The local recruitment of terrorists in Pakistan-sponsored terrorist groups is almost nil and this year, 75 terrorists have been killed including 45 of Pakistan origin," they said.

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Next Dec 5 to be observed as holiday: Advisor to CM



SRINAGAR, Dec 31 (Agencies): Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, on Tuesday

said that next December 5 will be observed a holiday and the decision of the same will be taken

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New Year | Maintain road discipline, and avoid journeys in case of bad weather: SSP Rohit Baskotra

JAMMU, Dec 31 (Agencies): In view of New Year celebrations, Jammu and Kashmir Traffic Police, National Highways has issued an advisory asking people to maintain road discipline and avoid journeys in case of bad weather.

An advisory issued by the Senior Superintendent of Police, National Highway, Ramban, Rohit Baskotra stated



that as usual, in view of New Year, people are expected to celebrate the parties with great hustle and bustle in dif

ferent hotels, restaurants, clubs, bars and other places especially in the major towns and cities.

"It is expected that there will be a huge rush of participants and tourists in such locations, especially during the night hours, and to ensure hassle-free vehicular movement, as well as, safe passage to

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Cyber Cell Ganderbal recovers Rs 16 lakh worth of smartphones in 9 months

GANDERBAL, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Cyber Cell in Ganderbal has addressed financial fraud cases totaling Rs.17 lakh and successfully recovered missing or stolen smartphones worth Rs.16 lakh within just nine months of operation.

A police spokesperson revealed that since its establishment in March 2024, the Cyber Cell has retrieved 87 mobile phones from various locations. These devices, either lost or stolen, were returned



to their rightful owners. So far, 74

mobile phones have been handed back, while an additional 13 were returned today. The total value of the recovered smartphones amounts to Rs.16 lakh.

Moreover, with regards to financial fraud cases, cyber cell Ganderbal accounted for 17 Lakhs INR out of which 378527 INR has been already credited to victims' account.

Further, more than 56 cases regarding blackmailing and social

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Farmers Protest: SC defers hearing on shifting Dallewal to hospital, Punjab says negotiations On



NEW DELHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred its hearing till January 2 on compliance of its order by the Punjab government on shifting of farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who has been fasting

for past 35 days over various demands, to hospital.

A vacation bench of Justices Surya Kant and Sudhanshu Dhulia listed the matter for further hearing on January 2 after Advocate General Gurminder Singh,

preparing for the Punjab government, said that an application has been moved seeking three days more time for compliance of the court's December 20 order.

Singh said that a team of negotiators are holding talks with the protesting farmers at the protest site and efforts are being made to shift Dallewal to the nearby makeshift hospital on Punjab side of Khanauri border.

The bench said it does not want to comment on the discussions with the protesting farmers and it only wants compliance of its earlier orders.

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Moderate snowfall during first week of Jan over J&K: MeT

SRINAGAR, Dec 31 (Agencies): Amid forecasts of moderate snowfall from Wednesday, a sharp dip in the night temperature was recorded across Kashmir Valley on Tuesday, officials said.

The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar said that two back-to-back Western Disturbances (WD) are expected to affect Jammu and Kashmir starting from January 1. According to the forecast, a feeble WD is likely to bring light snowfall to scattered areas of Jammu and Kashmir on January 1 and 2, with conditions improving thereafter.

A moderate WD will strike during January 3 to 6 and can cause light to moderate rain over the plains of Jammu and snow at many places of Jammu and Kashmir with the peak activity between January 4 and 5, the MeT office said adding that there is a possibility of heavy snow at isolated higher reaches during the period.

The MeT office has also issued an advisory stating that in view of snowfall, sub-freezing temperature and icy conditions over roads including plains/higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, Tourists/travellers/Transporters are

advised to follow Admin/Traffic advisory.

There is no let-up in icy cold weather conditions in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley that have frozen major water bodies disrupting normal life.

"The cold wave conditions will continue to prevail over the Kashmir valley till end of the year", the MeT office said.

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday at Srinagar witnessed a sharp drop and recorded at -3.5°C against the -0.9°C the

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TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Puran Chand S/o Lt. Sh Kartar Chand R/o Ward No. 18, Qtr. No. 266 Last Mohr Sarwal Jammu.**



Sh Puran Chand

Tenth Day will be performed at our residence Ward No. 18 Last Mohr Sarwal on 31-12-2024 at 11 AM.

Uthala/Rasam Pagri will be performed on Wednesday 1-1-2025 from 3 to 4 PM at Shiv Mandir Last Mohr Sarwal.

Grief Stricken
Manohar Lal & Rachna -Brother & Bhabhi
Rakesh & Savita -Son & Daughter-in-law
Naresh Verma & Shivani -Son & Daughter-in-law
Renu & Sahil Sehgal -Daughter & Son-in-law
Anu & Pankaj Abrol -Daughter & Son-in-law
Grand Children: Shine, Shivam, Avika
Mob. 9797587141, 9419223498

TENTH DAY / UTHALA / KRIYA

With profound sorrow, we announce the passing of **Sh. Dharni Dhar Sharma** (Former President, Saman Dharan Sabha, and Chairperson, Dharmik Yuvak Mandal) on 29th December 2024. His departure has left an irreplaceable void in our hearts and the community.



Sh. Dharni Dhar Sharma

Ritual Details:
Tenth Day: 1st January 2025 (Wednesday), 10:00 AM at Rani Park, Jammu

Uthala: 1st January 2025 (Wednesday), 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Bahman Sabha, Parade, Jammu

Kriya: 2nd January 2025 (Thursday), 12:00 PM at H. No. 23, Sec-6, JDA Colony, Upper Roopnagar, Jammu

IN GRIEF:
Smt. Sulekha Sharma - Wife
Sreedhar Sharma & Shilpi Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law
Vasudhar Sharma & Riya Sharma - Son & Daughter-in-law
Devdhar Sharma - Son
Late Sh. Shakti Prakash & Late Smt. Krishna Kanta - Brother & Sister-in-law
Late Sh. Ram Krishna Sharma & Late Smt. Kanta - Brother & Sister-in-law
Late Sh. Narayan Sharma & Smt. Sushela - Brother & Sister-in-law
Late Smt. Vima & Late Sh. Him Lal - Sister & Brother-in-law
Late Smt. Shanti Devi & Late Sh. Swami Dayal - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Pawan Bala & Sh. Kishan Sharma - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Jay Bala & Late Sh. Ashok Sharma - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Jagriti & Sh. Ved Bhushan Seth - Sister & Brother-in-law
Grand Children: Vedant Sharma
Contact Numbers: 9149639597, 9419200222, 9622100222
We humbly invite you to join us in these ceremonies to honor his memory and pray for the peace of his noble soul.

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother, **MRS ROOP RANI NEHRU** wife of Late Shri Makhan Lal Nehru original R/o Karannagar Srinagar and presently at House No 53, Lane 4, Sec 2, Swaranvihar, (Police Colony) Jammu on 24-12-2024.



MRS ROOP RANI NEHRU

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 01-01-2025 (Wednesday) at Akhnor Ghat & mourning assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of Education at 11 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Ashok Kumar Nehru & Rajni Nehru (Son & Daughter in law)
Surinder Nehru & Nishant Nehru (Son & Daughter in law)
P. L. Tikoo & Asha Tikoo (Son in law & Daughter)
Shanta Ji Subin (Nandni)
R. L. Nehru & Girja Nehru (Dever- Bhabhi)
M. K. Nehru & Sheela Nehru (Dever- Bhabhi)
Sheela Labroo W/o Lt. H. N. Labroo (Bhabhi)
and Samast Parivars of Nehrus, Rainas, Tikus, Labroos, Dhans, Kachroos & Kauls.
9419223020, 9419211055

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Onkar Parshad Sharma (Retd. Chief Account Officer)** S/o Lt. Pt. Sunil Rain Sharma.



Sh. Onkar Parshad Sharma (Retd. Chief Account Officer)

TENTH DAY will be performed on 31-12-2024 (Tuesday) at our Residence, 121, Balishi Enclave, Patta Bohni Jammu at 11:30 AM.

KRIYA will be performed on 01-01-2025 (Wednesday) at our Residence, at 12:00 noon

Rasam Pagri & Uthala will be performed on 01-01-2025 (Wednesday) at Jagat Resort, Shakti Nagar (near AG Office) at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Shalini Sharma (Wife)
Sons & Daughter in laws
Sh. Ashish Sharma & Smt. Manita Sharma
Sh. Ashwini Sharma & Smt. Jyoti Sharma
Brothers & Bhabhis
Lt. Sh. Madan Lal Sharma & Lt. Smt. Sanya Sharma
Sh. Ratan Lal Sharma & Smt. Sudevan Sharma
Dr. B. D. Sharma & Smt. Shaahi Sharma
Lt. Sh. Sunil Sharma & Lt. Smt. Anila Sharma
Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma & Smt. Kanta Sharma
Sisters & Brother-in-law
Smt. Sulesh & Lt. Sh. L. C. Sharma
Smt. Kamlesh & Lt. Sh. Anandhya Sharma
Smt. Anita & Sh. Naresh Sharma

Grand Sons & Daughters (SANGOTRA FAMILY, NIKKAN)
MOBILE NO. 9419175123, 941911508

10TH DAY KRIYA

Our hearts ache with sadness, and many tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. Our beloved mother the soul of our family passed away peacefully to merge with eternity on 23rd December 2024.



SARLA GANJU 11 November 1945 till eternity

The **10TH-DAY KRIYA** will be held at Chota Hariwar Murad Nagar, UP, On Jan 1st, 2025, at 9:30 AM

GRIEVING FAMILY MEMBERS:
Bal Krishna Ganju (Brother-in-law)
Phoola Handoo (Sister-in-law)
Raman & Sunta Ganju (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Rahul & Meenakshi Ganju (Son & Daughter-in-law)
Jyoti & Kuldeep Raina (Daughter & Son-in-law)
Vijay Khan (Sister)
Nancy Yachoo (Sister)
Misheta, Novle, Pyusha, Yash (Grandchildren)
THE ENTIRE GANJU, RAINA, KHARU AND YACHOO FAMILIES, ALONG WITH RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND WELL-WISHERS.
CONTACT INFORMATION:
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PHONE: 9810042965
EMAIL: RAMANGANJU@HOTMAIL.COM
WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF SARLA WITH US

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Umawati (Yaya Maa)** wife of well-known renowned personality Late Sh. Ram Jee Pandita from Villagam (Kupwara) Kashmir A/P Sharda Colony, Pooni Chak Jammu on 28-12-2024. The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Devangan Mata Shradhagri Ashagan Thakral Phallian Mandir Jammu (Gps : 32.709417, 74.778667) on 6th January 2025 (Monday) at 9:30 AM followed by ASSEMBLY at 11 AM at our Jammu residence near Sharda Mandir Pooni Chak Jammu.



Lt. Smt. Umawati Pandita 07-06-1934 - 28-12-2024

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Sh. Vinod Ji Pandita & Smt. Kiren Pandita (709879359)
Sh. Ashwini Pandita & Smt. Pinky Pandita (981840312)
Sh. Ramesh Pandita & Smt. Veena Pandita (979086523)
Daughters & Sons-in-Law
Smt. Phoolaji Bhat W/o Lt. Sh. Kanaya Lal Bhat
Smt. Manakshi Reshi & Sh. Vijay Kumar Reshi (7006372576)
Grand-Grand Children: Arvi & Sandeep Koul, Vikram & Niko, Deshant Bhat & Niko, Amit Reshi, Anu Reshi, Ashish, Akkash, Ruchika, Samiksha, Ananya

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Triloki Nath Handoo S/o Lt. Sh. Vasu Dev Handoo** originally resident of Bhag Jogilanker Rainawari (Kmr) at present H.No. 1/18, Pandoka Colony behind Mast Bah Ashram Patoli Mangotra / Near Sangam Institute Jammu who left abode on 24-12-2024.



Sh. Triloki Nath Handoo

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnor Ghat, Assembling at Muthi Ghat Near Directorate Education Office by 9.30 am on 2-01-2025.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Handoo Parivar / Bhat's Parivar / Munshi Parivar / Raina Parivar / Kachroo Parivar / Dhar's Parivar / Gurkhoo Parivar / Koul Parivar
Mob:- 9697647960, 9419135486

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief, it is informed that **Smt Meena Wati (Sati Devi)** W/o Lt. Sh. Dina Nath Zalpuri of Sagari Anantnag ap. Vishwa Bhatti School Road Opp Nandkishwar Mandir, Akalpur Road Jammu has left for her heavenly abode on 25 December 2024.



Smt Meena Wati (Sati Devi)

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 1st January. Assembly will be held at 9:30 AM at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt. Rani Zalpuri - Sister in law
Daughter in law and Son
Smt. Suran Ji W/o Lt. Durga Nath Zalpuri
Smt. Usha and Sh. Prady Lal Zalpuri
Smt. Beauty and Sh. Sanjay Zalpuri
Daughter and Son in law
Smt. Vijaya Hangoo W/o Lt. Ashok Hangoo
Smt. Bimla and Sh. Mohan Lal Bhat
Smt. Babu and Sh. Durga Nath Bhan
Smt. Soema and Sh. Ravi Raza
Smt. Charpe and Sh. Sunil Jala
Smt. Neetu and Sh. Dileep Bhat
Grandson and Grand Daughter in law
Smt. Rinki and Sh. Vivek Zalpuri
Contact: 9797717190, 789955615

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Shri Surinder Nath Bhan** S/o Late Shri Raj Nath Bhan, originally resident of Raghunath Mandir Hobbakadal Srinagar on 24-12-2024, presently residing at H. No. 153, Upper Laxmi Nagar, Sarnel Jammu.



Late Shri Surinder Nath Bhan

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 02-01-2025 (Thursday) at Akhnor Ghat & Mourning Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate of School Education at 11:30 AM.

Grieving loved ones
Smt. Krishna Bhan (Wife)
(Sons and Daughters in law)
Sh. Bharti Bhushan Bhan and Smt. Neeru Bhan
Sh. Rohit Bhan and Smt. Bharati Bhan
Sh. Ashish Wazir and Smt. Ruby Wazir (Son in law and Daughter)
Vaishnavi, Sharika, Rishi, Mudt (Grand Children)
Sh. Charan Mohan Bhan (Brother)
Sh. Shanti Saroop Bhan and Smt. Sanita Bhan (Brother and Bhabhi)
Sh. Kulddeep Chaku (Brother in law)
Samast Bhan and Koul Parivar
Mob. 9419260046, 962672599

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our Father **Sh. Sri Kanth Raina (Papa Ji)** S/o Lt. Keshow Ram Raina R/o Razdan Mohalla Handwara A/p 3/50 Pandoka Colony, Paloura, Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 23/12/2024.



Sh. Sri Kanth Raina (Papa Ji)

Tenth Day will be performed on 1/1/2024.

GRIEF STRICKEN
(Daughter & Son-in-law)
Smt. Vijay Pandita & Sh. Choni Lal Pandita
Smt. Asha Hastu & Sh. Shubhan Krishen Hastu
Smt. Rajni Chatta & Sh. Vinod Ji Chatta
Sandeep Hastu & Kalpana Hastu
Arun Hastu & Ridhama Hastu
Vaasundhara Chatta, Shyla, Aadriti
Mob. No.: 7889828291, 9469547670

TENTH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Smt. Lalita Sharma W/o Lt. Sh. Ghan Shyam Raina R/o 35 Choughan Fatu Jammu on 22nd Dec. 2024.**



Smt. Lalita Sharma

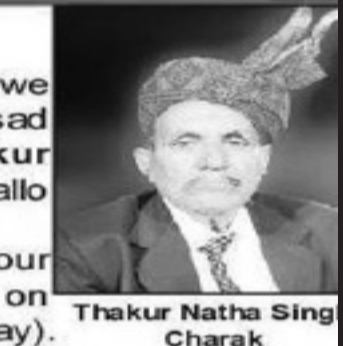
Tenth Day will be performed on 31st Dec. (Tuesday) from 11 AM to 12 NOON at Rani Park Jammu.

Rasam Pagri/Uthala will be performed on 10th Jan. 2025 (Wednesday) from 4 PM to 5 PM at Mahajan Hall, Shalamar Road, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. Sudarshan Sharma W/o R.P. Sharma
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt. Lovely Raina W/o Sh. Anil Raina
Sh. Sunil Raina & Vandana Raina
Sh. Ashwani Kr. Raina & Vishali Raina
Sh. Deepak Raina & Asha Raina
Sh. Subash Raina & Arti Raina - Nephew & Niece in law
Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in-law
Paridhi & Suyash
Grand Children :- Sudhanshu, Dewvan, Tejasvi, Danish, Akshit, Utkarsh, Arya, Sarthak, Adhyan

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Thakur Natha Singh Charak R/o Jallo Chak, Jammu.**



Thakur Natha Singh Charak

10th Day will be performed at our residence Jallo Chak, Jammu on 2/01/2025, at 11:00 am (Thursday).

Grief Stricken
Smt. Guddo Devi -Wife
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Shamsher Singh Charak & Bhavana Charak
Naresh Singh Charak & Anuradha Charak
Daughter & Son-in-law
Neelam Manhas & Ranjit Singh Manhas
Contact Number: 7780917224, 9682350844, 9419129777

TENTH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform that the sad demise of **Smt Lalita Sharma W/o Lt Sh Ghan Shyam Raina R/o H No. 35 Chowgan Fatu Jammu on 22nd Dec. 2024.**



Smt Lalita Sharma

Tenth Day will be performed on 31st Dec (Tuesday) at 11 AM to 12 AM at Rani Park Jammu.

Rasam Pagri/Uthala will be performed on 1st Jan 2025 (Wednesday) at 4 PM to 5 PM at Mahajan Hall, Shalamar Road, Jammu.

Grief Stricken :-
(Sister & Brother in law)
Smt. Sudarshana W/o Lt. Sh. Ram Parkash Sharma
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Smt. Lovely Raina W/o Lt. Sh. Anil Raina
Sunil Raina W/o Vandana Raina
Ashwani Kr. Raina W/o Vishali Raina
Deepak Raina W/o Asha Raina
Subash Raina W/o Arti Raina
(Grand Daughter & Grand Son in law)
Paridhi & Suyash (Grand Daughter & Grand Son-in law)
Grand Children :- Sudhanshu, Dewvan, Tejasvi, Danish, Akshit, Utkarsh, Arya, Sarthak, Adhyan

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Pushpa Bagal W/o Sh Gulshan Bagal R/o 4/61 Indira Colony, Timber Road, Janipur, Jammu,** who left for heavenly abode on 23/12/2024.



Smt. Pushpa Bagal

Details of rituals to be performed at our residence.

Tenth Day Kriya on 1/1/2025 at 11 am.

Kriya/Sej on 2/1/2025 at 12 Noon.

Rasam Pagri on 3/1/2025 at 9:30 AM sharp (in view of Panchak)

GRIEF STRICKEN
Husband
Sh Gulshan Bagal (Rtd Bank Manager, J&K Grameen Bank)

Son & Daughter in law
Sh Vijander Singh & Heena Bagal
Sh Vikramjeet Singh & Indu Pawar/Bagal
Daughter & Son in law
Sh Balwinder Singh Manhas & Vijayata Manhas

Mob No. 9906905474, 9697079886

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Karamyogni Smt. Kamalawati Tikoo (Babi)** W/o Lt. Sh. Shamoo Nath Tikoo R/o Rohama, Baramulla Kashmir on 26-12-2024 at present: Block 168, Flat 14, Lane no 26, Jagti Township.



Karamyogni Smt. Kamalawati Tikoo (Babi)

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Muthi Ghat on 04-01-2025 at 9 AM.

Assembly will be held at Jagti Township in Lane 26 near Block 168, Flat 14.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Sh. Brij Nath Tikoo & Smt. Desha Tikoo (Son & Daughter in law)
Sh. Ashok Kumar Tikoo & Smt. Tili Tikoo (Son & Daughter in Law)
Sh. Makhan Lal Nehru and Smt. Babji Nehru (Son-in-law & Daughter)
Sh. Chatter Ji Bhat & Smt. Sarojini Bhat (Son-in-law & Daughter)
Grand Children:
Sandeep & Kiran,
Sachin & Sakshi,
Ami and Kanana,
Aarti, Bhawana,
Manvi & Rohit.
Great Grand Children:
Master Nalabatra,
Master Arnav,
Master Riyan

Relatives and Friends
8329593635, 9622077358

OBITUARY

With profound grief and anguish we regret to inform that our beloved **Sh. Roshan Lal Raina S/o Late Gopi Nath Raina** resident of Bungalow No-19, Sai Shradha Pisoli Pune-60 (originally Gogjibagh Srinagar) left for his heavenly abode on 25-12-24 at 07:30 pm.



Sh. Roshan Lal Raina

Shradanjali Prayers will be performed on Friday 3rd January 3pm, at his residence in Pune

In Grief :
Lalita Raina (Wife)
Rohit & Anjul (Son & Daughter in Law)
Rakesh & Fabienne (Son & Daughter in law)
Luca, Ariv, Noah & Arsh (Grandchildren)
Raina's, Ambardar's, Badam's & Lago's

TENTH DAY /KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, it is informed to all concerned that our beloved **Smt. Krishana Devi Goswami W/o Late Sh. Hari Datt Goswami (Aish-Wale)** (Founder Chief Editor, Daily Sujanam Newspaper) R/o 16/3, Sanjay Nagar, Jammu passed away peacefully for heavenly abode on 22nd Dec 2024.



SMT. KRISHANA DEVI GOSWAMI

Tenth Day will be performed on 31st of December 2024 at our residence No.16/3 Sanjay Nagar at 11 am.

Kriya will be performed on 1st January 2025 at our residence from 10:00 am onwards.

Rasam Pagri being held on 1st Jan. 2025 at Shri Ram Mandir's Hall, Shastri Nagar at 4:30 - 5:00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Er. S.C. Goswami & Anil Goswami (Former Chairman & Gen Secy. JKDEA)
Er. G.C. Goswami & Neetu Goswami (Charidighat)
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Kanta Sharma & Late Sh. Jagdish Chander Sharma (Jalandhar)
Smt. Sheela Sharma & Late Sh. Bahm Datt Sharma
Smt. Sunita Sharma & Sh. Tarsem Kumar Sharma (Master Ji)
RUP Distt. Vice President Jammu (South - RS Pura)
Brothers & Sister
Late Sh. Suresh Parkash Mehra
Sh. Har Datt Sharma
Sh. Dev Raj Sharma (Calcutta)
Late Smt. Pushpa Sharma (Calcutta)
Grand Sons & Daughters
Akshay Goswami, Avish, Goswami, Ketan Goswami, Gour Goswami, Vidhu & Anju, Subish & Asha, Sanjiv & Sakshi, Gaurav & Timmy, Bobby & Pushpa, Goutam & Ridhi, Nitu, Vivek, Abhinav, Neetu & Vinod Sharma, Sonia & Rajesh Sharma, Meenu & Anshu Sharma, Madhavi & Amit Sharma
Great Grand Sons: Abh, Anni, Anku, Chotu, Ananya, Aganya, Pihu, Kanha, Shivam, Hanoo
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BHOG AND ANTIM ARDAAS

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you the sad demise of our beloved **Sdn Manjit Kour (Retd Account Officer)** D/o Late S Sardar Singh R/o Bakshi Nagar Jammu who left us for heavenly abode on 27.12.2024.



Sdn Manjit Kour (Retd Account Officer)

Arambh Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 31 Dec 2024 at 9.30AM at our residence H.No.96 Near Geeta Bhawan Bakshi Nagar Jammu

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib on 2.01.2025 at 9.30AM at our residence.

Antim Ardas will be performed at Gurudwara Singh Sabha Bakshi Nagar on 2.01.2025 from 10.00AM to 12.00 Noon

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Sister and Brother in law
Sdn Gurcharan Kour (Retd Lect.) and Late S Gurcharan Singh
Sdn Gurmeet Kour (SAI coach) and S D Singh - **Sister and Brother in law**
Sister and Brother in law
Sdn Rajinder Kour (DSP) and S Swaran Singh Jangli (Retd SP)
Sdn Kuldip Kour and S Gurmeet Singh - **Sister and Brother in law**
Sdn Nishchint Kour (Teacher) and S Amolak Singh - **Sister and Brother in law**
Param Jeet Singh - **Brother**
Ravinder Jeet Singh (AE PDD) - **Brother**

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Keemta Shori Dhar W/o Late Sh. M.L. Dhar** on 24-12-2024 originally from Batapora Shopian, presently residing at H.No: 53/2, Pamposh Colony, Janipur, Jammu.



SMT. KEEMTA SHORI DHAR

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 01-01-2025 at Akhnor and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat at 11 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
(Son & Daughter-in-law)
Sh. Ravinder Kumar Dhar & Smt. Sarojni Dhar
Sh. Shashi Bhushan (Pintoo) & Smt. Pinki ji
(Son-in-laws & Daughters)
Sh. Sanjay Bagati & Smt. Pankajam Ji (Bubby)
Sh. Rajinder Raina & Smt. Aruna Ji (Bunty)
Grand-Son-in-law & Grand Daughter
Mr. Anurag Rawat & Mrs. Meghna Dhar (Megha)
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Jugal urges Union Minister Gadkari to limit Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway to IMS Station Katra

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 31: Bhartiya Janata Party senior leader and Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma has urged Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, to reconsider plans to extend the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway up to Tarakote Road. Sharma, in his letter to the Union Minister, requested that the expressway be constructed only up to the (IMS) Katra.

The Member Parliament raised concerns over the proposed extension of the expressway to Tarakote Road, fearing it would bypass Katra's local markets, causing significant economic losses to the town.



He highlighted that Katra, home to more than 100,000 people, would be severely impacted if pilgrims and tourists traveling along the expressway were diverted directly to Tarakote Road.

This route, he said, would neglect the vital commercial areas of Katra, including Banganga and

Charan Paduka, which rely heavily on the influx of visitors.

The MP pointed out that the local population, particularly the youth, had been expressing their discontent, with many even resorting to hunger strikes in protest of the plan.

He emphasized that the current proposal could deprive the local community of the economic benefits they derive from tourism, as well as the traditional hospitality that Katra offers to pilgrims.

Sharma has requested Minister Gadkari to intervene personally and ensure that the expressway's construction is limited to the IMS Station, halting any extension to Tarakote Marg.

Union Home Secretary chairs high-Level meeting in SKICC

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 31: For the second consecutive day, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan led a high-level meeting at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, focusing on Jammu and Kashmir's security and development agenda.

In the afternoon today, the Home Secretary led a high-level meeting which was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, along with top officials from security forces, civil administration.

Sources said that the



meeting reviewed the progress of centrally sponsored flagship schemes, infrastructure development projects, and employment initiatives in the region.

The meeting also touched upon the region's tourism potential and how peace and development could boost this vital sector.

Before returning to New Delhi, the Home

Secretary was expected to assess the implementation of these key projects.

Speaking about today's agenda, a senior official told, "The focus was on ensuring that centrally sponsored schemes directly benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir and contribute to the region's overall development and stability."

In a prior meeting, Govind Mohan urged security agencies to adopt a balanced approach—fostering community relationships while taking firm action against terror.

"A holistic strategy

that combines people-friendly measures with uncompromising counter-terrorism efforts is essential for a terror-free Jammu and Kashmir," he stated.

The previous day's meeting brought together an array of senior officials, including IB Director Tapan Kumar Deka, NIA Director Sadanand Vasant Date, DG BSF Daljit Singh Chaudhary, CRPF DG Anish Dayal Singh, and J&K DGP Nalin Prabhat, among others. The attendees also included top military leaders such as GOC 15 Corps Lt Gen Prashant Srivastav and GOC 16 Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva.

JKBS Members wish all a wonderful 2025



Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 31: To welcome the New Year, the Kaith Music Factory organized a musical event in its studio at Bhagwati Nagar here today in which the Jammu and Kashmir (JKBS) members in large number actively participated and said, "We are very happy, delighted and excited."

Every year, these kinds of events are being held in Jammu and Kashmir but at the Kaith Music Factory, this is happening for the very first time, they added.

JKBS General Secretary RL.Kaith described the occasion as something he has never seen before.

Immensely proud of Music Director Vicky Kaith for making this happen! Happy New Year!, Kaith said.

The event started with national anthem 'Jan Gan Man....' ended with the slogan 'Jai Hind Jai Bharat!'

Earlier, the JKBS members felicitated ASI Rakesh Kumar Lakhotra for winning one gold and two silver medals in the Masters Athletic Championship.

JKBS members presented on the occasion wish all a wonderful 2025, filled with happiness, prosperity, and unforgettable moments.

Prominent among the attendees included Music Director Vicky Kaith, Video Director Nishan Singh, Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu (Retd), Havildar Ghari Lal Lakhotra (Retd), Tilak Raj Bassa. Pinku Kumar Chanjotra and Rahul Kumar.

Two-Week Educational tour of Poonch Campus JU students to South India concludes

Top News Report

POONCH, Dec 31: The two-week educational tour of students from the Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus, University of Jammu, concluded on Tuesday. The tour provided the students with invaluable exposure to advanced sericulture practices and technologies through visits to prestigious institutions in South India, including the CSTRI and SBRL, CSB Bangalore, CSGRG Hosur, in Tamil Nadu, CSRTI Mysore, SSPC Mysore and Egg Preservation Centre Mysore, Extension Centers, Silk Factories and State Department's of Sericulture.

The students engaged with leading experts in CSRTI Mysore, SSPC Mysore and Egg Preservation Center Mysore during their visit. Dr. M. Mvthiakattam, Scientist-D, Sericulture Extension Section, who shared her insights into innovative sericulture extension practices aimed at empowering farmers. Dr. Joycy Ravi D, Scientist-C (Agriculture Specialist), provided a comprehensive overview of agricultural practices that enhance mulberry yield and sustainability. M. N. Nagashree, STA, Train-

ing Division, explained the methodologies involved in commercial chawki rearing to optimize silkworm productivity. Dr. Meghaladevi, Scientist-B, Pest Management Lab, presented effective pest control strategies critical for maintaining healthy mulberry plantations. Dr. Madhusudan, Scientist-D, Molecular Biology Bioinformatics, highlighted groundbreaking research in molecular biology for disease resistance in silkworms. Dr. Vajranna B, Scientist-B, Mulberry Pathology, educated students on the latest advancements in combating mulberry diseases. Dr. Sobhana V, Scientist-C, Soil Science and Chemistry, demonstrated the role of soil management in enhancing mulberry plantation health. Dr. Mallikarjuna G, Scientist-C, Silkworm Pathology, shared strategies to diagnose and mitigate silkworm diseases. Dr. K.M. Ponnuel, Scientist-D, provided a comprehensive overview of seed production processes and techniques.

B. Lalitha, Senior Technical Assistant, detailed the operational aspects of the seed productions and managements. Dr. Chandrashekharaiah, Scientist-D, elaborated on the standards for preserva-

tion temperatures, incubation and related processes.

Earlier, at the Central Silk Technological Research Institute (CSTRI), Bengaluru and SerBiotech Research Laboratory (SBRL), Bengaluru the students interacted with reputed scientists and technical experts like Dr. Nivedita S. Scientist-D, Sanket Kuge, Babu, Sumit Kumar and Dr. Brojeswari Das.

At the Central Sericultural Germplasm Resources Centre (CSGR), Hosur, Tamil Nadu, the students met Dr. V. Nishitha Naik, Director, CSGRC, Dr. Raju Mondal, Scientist-B and Smt. G. Punithavathy, Scientist-D, Dr. G. Subrahmanyam, Scientist-D and Dr. Pawan Shukla, Scientist-D and Harshita, Senior Research Fellow.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director of Poonch Campus, congratulated the students for their successful participation in the educational tour and extended heartfelt gratitude to all the host institutions for sharing their valuable knowledge. He emphasized that such initiatives play a crucial role in enhancing students' learning experiences and broadening their horizons in the field of sericulture.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus, who accompanied the students, expressed her gratitude to the host institutions and scientists for their valuable contributions.

She remarked, "This tour was an exceptional opportunity for our students to witness cutting-edge research and practices in sericulture. The knowledge gained will significantly enhance their academic and professional journeys. We the Faculty members and students are also thankful to the Prof Rakesh Vaid Director Poonch Campus for providing us the opportunity".

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From village fields to scientific frontiers: Dr. Aroosa Mattoo's academic recognition

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Dec 31: Aroosa Mattoo, from village Passerkoot (Chattroo) in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, has been awarded PhD in Botany by the University of Jammu. Her journey reflects her dedication, resilience, and passion for knowledge.

Aroosa's educational journey began in her home village, Passerkoot, where she completed her 8th standard. Growing up in a rural setting, she dreamt of something that was beyond those boundaries, setting the foundation for her future success.

Aroosa continued her schooling in Kishtwar, where she completed her 10th and 12th grades.

After completing her higher secondary education, Aroosa pursued her undergraduate degree at Government Degree College (GDC) Kishtwar, where she graduated in 2014 with distinction. She was one of the top performers in her batch, securing the position of the second topper.

This was a clear indication of her intellectual capabilities and passion for learning. Her performance at GDC Kishtwar laid a solid foundation for her future academic pursuits.

Following her graduation, Aroosa continued

her academic journey by enrolling in the Department of Botany, Jammu University for her Master's degree in 2014. She completed her MSc in 2016 with a commendable percentage, further solidifying her academic credentials.

Aroosa's time at Jammu University helped shape her as a skilled and knowledgeable individual in the field of botany which later became the focus of her doctoral research.

After masters, she set her sights on higher academic qualifications and professional recognition. She successfully passed several competitive exams, including the State Eligibility Test (SET), Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), and National Eligibility Test Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) in 2018.

These accomplishments were milestones that further highlighted Aroosa's commitment to her academic career and her determination to succeed in her field.

Prior to embarking on her doctoral studies, she gained valuable teaching experience at GDC Baderwah during 2018-2019, contributing to the academic community and sharing her knowledge with younger students.

This teaching experience helped her develop essential skills in com-

munication, pedagogy, and leadership, which proved valuable during her PhD journey.

In 2019, Aroosa entered the highly competitive PhD program at Department of Botany, University of Jammu focusing on the topic "Studies on the diversity and bioactivity of endophytic fungi from *Ephedra gerardiana* Wall. ex Stapf."

Over the next five years, she worked tirelessly on her research, contributing to the growing body of knowledge in her field. Aroosa's dedication to her research culminated in successfully defending her PhD thesis.

Among her numerous significant contributions, she discovered and described three species of fungi as "New to Science" besides proposing a new fungal genus along with seven new species.

As of now, she has published 8 research articles, and several more are under review or preparation for publication.

Her contributions to the field are significant, particularly in understanding the endophytic interactions and role of these microbes in medicine and agriculture, a rapidly evolving domain with far-reaching implications.

Alongside her academic pursuits, Aroosa has actively participated in

extracurricular activities, including essay writing and debate competitions, where she earned accolades for her intellectual engagement and public speaking skills.

In addition to her academic achievements, Aroosa held leadership positions, including serving as a Departmental Representative (DR) and member of the JUICCASH (Jammu University Internal Complaints Committee against Sexual Harassment).

These experiences not only enhanced her personal growth but also allowed her to represent her Department and University on various occasions.

Aroosa's academic achievement is an inspiring narrative of resilience, passion, and success. She has proven that determination, combined with hard work, can break barriers and achieve great heights.

Through her academic excellence, leadership roles, and research contributions, Aroosa has not only made her family and village proud but has also carved a path for future generations to follow, particularly the young girls in her village. Her story is a shining example of how dedication to one's goals can lead to success, no matter the challenges one may face along the way.

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EDITORIAL

Indian Space Exploration

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has long been a beacon of innovation and resilience, and 2024 has further cemented its legacy as a global space leader. Building on its illustrious history, this year marked several groundbreaking achievements in science, technology, and exploration, showcasing India's growing prowess in the space sector.

After the historic success of Chandrayaan-3 in 2023, ISRO continued its lunar exploration journey with follow-up missions. The rover Pragyan, which had entered hibernation in the harsh lunar environment, awakened to provide more critical data about the Moon's surface composition and thermal properties. The extended mission period of Chandrayaan-3 offered fresh insights into the presence of water ice in the Moon's southern polar region, a discovery that has potential implications for future lunar colonization and deep-space exploration.

ISRO's accomplishments in lunar research have established India as a leader in low-cost, high-impact space exploration, inspiring collaborations with other nations and private players in space technologies.

Aditya-L1, India's first solar observatory mission, launched in 2023, achieved significant milestones in 2024. Positioned at the Lagrange Point 1 (L1), Aditya-L1 has provided critical data on solar winds, magnetic field dynamics, and the Sun's corona. These findings are expected to deepen our understanding of solar phenomena and their impact on Earth's climate and communication systems.

The mission's success reflects ISRO's capability to undertake complex scientific explorations, contributing to global space weather studies.

2024 witnessed significant progress in ISRO's flagship human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan. Extensive testing of crewed modules and life-support systems ensured that the program remained on track. The agency conducted unmanned test flights with precision, simulating critical conditions to prepare for the first Indian astronauts' journey to space, scheduled for 2025.

This mission marks a pivotal step in making India the fourth country to send humans into space, reinforcing the nation's self-reliance in advanced space technologies.

ISRO's commercial arms, Antrix Corporation and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), achieved remarkable milestones in 2024. Multiple international satellite launches onboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) strengthened India's reputation as a reliable and affordable launch service provider.

The successful deployment of small satellites for global clients highlighted ISRO's cost-effectiveness and efficiency. Additionally, collaboration with private space startups under the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) spurred innovation and economic growth in the sector.

ISRO expanded its capabilities in navigation technology through the NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) system. With upgraded satellites and wider coverage, NavIC is now poised to offer advanced navigation services for civilian and military applications across Asia and beyond. This strengthens India's autonomy in navigation systems, reducing reliance on foreign platforms like GPS.

ISRO continued leveraging space technology for societal benefits in 2024. Advances in remote sensing and Earth observation satellites enhanced agricultural monitoring, disaster management, and urban planning. Programs like Bhuvan, ISRO's geoportals, empowered policymakers with real-time data, driving sustainable development goals.

ISRO's achievements have inspired a new generation of Indian scientists, engineers, and space enthusiasts. Outreach programs, including live-streamed rocket launches and space exhibitions, captivated young minds, fostering a culture of innovation and curiosity.

Despite its successes, ISRO faced challenges, such as balancing its ambitious space exploration plans with tight budget constraints. However, the agency's efficient resource management and global partnerships ensured steady progress. Looking ahead, ISRO aims to expand its interplanetary exploration with missions to Venus and Mars, cementing India's position in the global space race.

2024 was a defining year for ISRO, marked by technological breakthroughs and ambitious projects that strengthened India's position as a space superpower. The organization's achievements not only uplifted national pride but also underscored the potential of science and innovation to address humanity's greatest challenges. As ISRO continues to reach for the stars, it carries with it the aspirations of a billion people, proving that the sky is not the limit—it's just the beginning.

Remembering Amar Shaheed Pt Prem Nath Bhat Advocat

By: Omkar Dattatray

Recently the displaced Kashmiri Pandits on 27th December 2024, have observed 35th martyrdom of Amar shaheed Pt. Prem Nath Bhat advocate a KP leader, social worker and a great human being. On 27th December the displaced KP's also commemorated the martyrdom of all KP's and other nationalist people who sacrificed their precious life for the cause of India and for being staunch Indians. 27th December is every year observed as Chatina Diwas and on this occasion the Kashmiri Hindus remember and pay tribute to all the martyrs who fell to the bullets of the armed marauders. It was on the fateful day of 27th December 1989 at 3PM that the great soul Pt Prem Nath Bhat fell to the bullets of the assassins and was martyred because of his love and patriotism for the country. Pt Prem Nath Bhat was advocate by profession and he was a household name in whole Kashmir. The martyrdom of Prem Nath Bhat came as a rude shock to the nationalists and the Kashmiri Pandits. However the Kashmiri Pandits take great pride in the martyrdom of the great son of mother India. He left his mortal frame for the cause of the unity, sovereignty and integration of Jammu and Kashmir. He was the active member of RSS and a true activist of the Nagbal Prabandak Committee and it was Bhat Shaib who played an instrumental role in the unity of the Kashmiri Pandits and he molded the young men of the Kashmiri Pandits into firebrand patriots as he himself was a firebrand patriot and worked all through his life in propagating the philosophy of the Sangh. Pram Nath Bhat besides a towering advocate was a prolific writer and he wrote thousands of articles in local and national dailies and more so in the RSS mouthpiece the Organisor and in

its Hindi edition PanchaJanya. His articles and write ups are filled with spirit of patriotism and nationalism. Bhat Sahib was a true Indian and he worked for furthering and strengthening the bonds of Indians-ness in the Valley. P.N. Bhat was a great votary and prop under of communal harmony and Hindu-Muslim unity. But the anti nationals did not spare this man of conviction who had great belief in nationalism and thus martyred him near his home in Anantnag on the cold day when the KP's were busy in observing Yaksha Amavas. The terrorists and anti nationals liked the mass migration of the Kashmiri Pandits to happen and thus they resorted to wanton killing of the leaders of the Kashmiri Pandits and his brutal killing was a big shock to not only the Kashmiri Pandits but even to the nationalistic Muslims. It was after the assassination of this great son of mother India that the KP's were forced to leave their homes and hearths and took refuge in Jammu and elsewhere in the country. Bhat sahib besides being an honest advocate was the darling of the Kashmiri Pandits. He was an organizer par excellence and he propagated the Sangh philosophy in the nook and corner of Kashmir. Pt Pram Nath Bhat was a great social activist and reformer and was always at the beck and call of the Kashmiri Pandits and came to the rescue of the community at the time of the need. He was a great social reformer and helped the community of KP's. During his eventful career he helped the people of Muslim community and was a great votary of Hindu-Muslim unity. Bhat Sahib was above all a humanitarian in approach and helped the people irrespective of their religious faith and that is the reason that even the Muslims were grieved over his untimely death. He was a prolific writer and a good orator and for his qualities of

head and heart he is remembered by both the KP's and Muslims even today. His martyrdom was a great loss to the country but it strengthened the bonds of patriotism and the Patriots in general and the KP's in particular are proud of his martyrdom. Throughout his life he worked for the welfare and wellbeing of the Kashmiri Pandits and he also helped the members of his community in distress and helped the needed people who were in need of financial help. He was the eyesore of the anti nationals and anti socials and so they did not spare him and got rid of him but his death was a big loss to the country and patriotism and Indianness. P.N. Bhat was a great nationalist, able advocate, big professional, a philanthropist, a great organizer and above all a great human being. Kashmiri Pandits observe 27th December every year as the Chetna Diwas under the aegis of Pt Prem Nath Bhat Memorial Trust and on this occasion KPs remember this great national hero and also other martyrs who laid down their life for the cause of the nation and the KP's feel much proud about the contribution of this great nationalist for the cause of furthering patriotism and nationalism. On this solemn occasion, 'Sammaan Patra are also presented to the family members of those Kashmiri Pandits who laid down their life and were martyred by the militants and anti national elements. A galaxy of community leaders of the displaced Kashmiri Pandits and the nationalists from other communities and the activists and office bearers of the BJP grace the occasion, besides the members of the KP's. Every year a big nationalist presides over the function. The service, contribution and struggle of P.N Bhat is recalled on the occasion and people remember his and others martyrdom and service to the nation. He was the doyen of nationalism in Kashmir. He used to be

the inspiration for all the nationalist forces. He worked all through his life with missionary zeal and spirit and he was the role model for thousands of the people including the youth of the KP community. Bhat Shaib was a great KP leader who worked for the unity and betterment of the Pandit community. His untimely death is a great loss to the country, KP community and it is very difficult to fill the vacuum of his absence and his loss is an irreparable loss not only to the KP community only but to the whole country as well. He was working for the cause of society and nation building. He was a wonderful professional also and did his duties with humility and responsibility. He was also known for his strong pen and he wrote on the life and issues of the minority community of Kashmir and on the Kashmir situation. He had a special love and regard for the social cause. He would always come to the rescue of the KP community at the time of its need and he did a splendid and commendable job during the communal riots of 1986 and for his contribution and selfless work he will be remembered for generations. In brief Pt Prem Nath Bhat's martyrdom and his simple living and high thinking will continue to inspire the young generation of KP community in particular and the nationalists in general. On the martyrdom day of the great leader and other martyrs, let us resolve to work on the footsteps of Pt. Prem Nath Bhat who was the epitome of professional conduct, nationalist, writer, organizer, social worker and above all a humanist.

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

Particle and nuclear physics highlights in 2024: celebrating the past and looking to the future

By: Vijay Garg

This year marked the 70th anniversary of the European Council for Nuclear Research, which is known universally as CERN. To celebrate, we have published a bumper crop of articles on particle and nuclear physics in 2024. Many focus on people and my favourite articles have definitely skewed in that direction. So let's start with the remarkable life of accelerator pioneer Bruno Touschek.

Bruno Touschek: the physicist who escaped the Nazi Holocaust to build particle colliders

Man of many talents Bruno Touschek pictured in 1955.

Born in Vienna in 1921 to a Jewish mother, Bruno Touschek's life changed when Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938. After suffering antisemitism in his hometown and then in Rome, he inexplicably turned down an offer to study in the UK and settled in Germany. There he worked on a "death ray" for the military but was eventually imprisoned by the German secret police. He was then left for dead during a forced march to a concentration camp in 1945. When the war ended a few weeks later, Touschek's expertise came to the attention of the British, who occupied northwestern Germany. He went on to become a leading accelerator physicist and you can read much more about the extraordinary life of Touschek

Nuclear clock ticks ever closer Today, the best atomic clocks would only be off by about 10 ms after running for the cur-

rent age of the universe. But, could these timekeepers soon be upstaged by clocks that use a nuclear, rather than an atomic transition? Such nuclear clocks could rival their atomic cousins when it comes to precision and accuracy. They also promise to be fully solid-state, which means that they could be used in a wide range of commercial applications. This year saw physicists make new measurements and develop new technologies that could soon make nuclear clocks a reality. Click on the headline above to discover how physicists in the US have fabricated all of the components needed to create a nuclear clock made from thorium-229. Also, earlier this year physicists in Germany and Austria showed that they can put nuclei of the isotope into a low-lying metastable state that could be used in a nuclear clock. You can find out more here: "Excitation of thorium-229 brings a working nuclear clock closer".

Physics World Live: the future of particle physics

Burrows and Tara Shears were speaking on a Physics World Live panel discussion about the future of particle physics held on 26 September 2024.

In 2024 we launched our Physics World Live series of panel discussions. In September, we explored the future of particle physics with Tara Shears of the UK's University of Liverpool, Phil Burrows at the University of Oxford in the UK and Tulika Bose at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the US. Moderated by Physics World's Michael Banks, the discussion focussed on next-generation

particle colliders and how they could unravel the mysteries of the Higgs boson and probe beyond the Standard Model of particle physics. You can watch a video of the event by clicking on the above headline

'Sometimes nature will surprise us.' Juan Pedro Ochoa-Ricoux on eureka moments and the future of neutrino physics

Neutrinos do not fit in nicely with the Standard Model of particle physics because of their non-zero masses. As a result some physicists believe that they offer a unique opportunity to do experiments that could reveal new physics. In a wide-ranging interview, the particle physicist Juan Pedro Ochoa-Ricoux explains why he has devoted much of his career to the study of these elusive subatomic particles. He also looks forward to two big future experiments - JUNO and DUNE - which could change our understanding of the universe.

"Children decide quite early in their life, as early as primary school, if science is for them or not," explains Çiğdem İşsever - who is leads the particle physics group at DESY in Hamburg, and the experimental high-energy physics group at the Humboldt University of Berlin. İşsever has joined forces with physicists Steven Worm and Becky Parker to create ATLAScraft, which creates a virtual version of CERN's ATLAS detector in the hugely popular computer game Minecraft. In this profile, the science writer Rob Lea talks to İşsever about her passion for outreach and how she dispels gender stereotypes in science by talking

to school children as young as five about her career in physics. İşsever also looks forward to the future of particle physics and what could eventually replace the Large Hadron collider as the world's premier particle-physics experiment.

CERN celebrates 70 years at the helm of particle physics in lavish ceremony

This year marked the 70th anniversary of the world's most famous physics laboratory, so the last two items in my list celebrate that iconic facility nestled between the Alps and the Jura mountains. Formed in the aftermath of the Second World War, which devastated much of Europe, CERN came into being on 29 September 1954. That year also saw the start of construction of the Geneva-based lab's proton synchrotron, which fired-up in 1959 with an energy of 24 GeV, becoming the world's highest-energy particle accelerator. The original CERN had 12 member states and that has since doubled to 24, with an additional 10 associate members. The lab has been associated with a number of Nobel laureates and is a shining example of how science can bring nations together after the trauma of war. Read more about the anniversary here.

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Children exploring new world of creativity in Natrang's winter Theatre Workshop

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JAMMU, Dec 31: Outstandingly talented Jammu children are exploring altogether a new world of creativity and innovation at Natrang's winter theatre workshop for children. In a very important creative exercise they improvise five to six short plays everyday and analyse and reflect critically on each other's performance and innovative ideas.

Conceptualized and devised by Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, a new methodology of children theatre is being implemented in an intense theatre workshop which is going on these days at Natrang Studio Theatre in Jammu.

Natrang the premier cultural institution of Jammu devotes the entire winter, offering a unique opportunity for children aimed at exploring the immense inner abilities of children.

While majority prefer to utilize winter vacation in holidaying, few parents finding this as an ultimate occasion, bring their children to Natrang which has pioneered in children theatre and have given platform to thousands of children and have transformed and groomed their personalities.

In Natrang's Winter Theatre workshop-2024 children are working on various aspects of the art of storytelling and



play-making processes.

This Natrang's new approach of working with children is yielding huge visible results as the participating children are demonstrating endless amount of confidence in public speaking and sharing of new thoughts. Away from their routine boring class rooms and usual school curriculum, they have found a new environment filled with highly enterprising, aspiring/inspiring creative and innovative ideas.

They have found a space where they are being encouraged to express their thoughts using dramatics as an effective tool to connect with the world around them.

Every year Natrang organises winter, Spring and Summer workshops for children at its studio theatre where through creative games, improvisations, and exercises they explore their immense inborn inner abilities. Theatre in the

developed world is used as an important tool in personality transformation and amazingly helps in infusing confidence. Stage is considered as the most magical space where a child transforms him/herself into a highly confident personality.

Natrang is doing regular Children Theatre in Jammu for the last 35 years, it has trained, inspired and motivated thousands of children till now and most of them have excelled brilliantly in various fields be it acting, direction, media, management, civil services, medicine, engineering, social work etc. It clearly speaks that no matter what you want to become in life, the confidence, spontaneity, self-exploration, creativity and discipline you imbibe because of theatre training, works as your ultimate weapon and strong motivational force for you to succeed and excel in every sphere of life.

The training module

of Natrang's Children theatre has been exclusively devised by Padmashree Balwant Thakur himself, who has taken the children theatre of Jammu to the entire length and breadth of the country and outside to many nations.

His plays like Mere Hisse Ki Dhoop Kahan Hai and Aap Hamare Hain Kaun are considered as one of the most celebrated and longest living plays by children in India. His play 'Aap Hamaare Hain Kaun' have been staged in French, Creol, and English.

Children have immense possibilities and abilities to perform but they are required to be explored through such highly innovative experiments of theatre and arts in education. They are required to be infused with self confidence and equipped with new tools of communication, organizing self, focusing targets

57 people killed in road traffic accidents this year in Srinagar: SSP traffic

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 31: Road safety continues to be a growing concern in Srinagar, with 4 lakh traffic challans issued this year alone and a tragic toll of 57 lives lost in road traffic accidents.

The figures, released by traffic police, underline the city's increasing unsafe driving practices.

A significant portion of the challans were issued for violations such as speeding, driving without helmets, and ignoring traffic signals, which have been identified as key contributors to the growing number of accidents.

SSP Traffic Srinagar, Muzaffar Ahmed Shah, said, "Despite the issuance of 4 lakh challans this year, the number of accidents and fatalities remains alarmingly high. This is a clear indication that road safety awareness and enforcement need to be further strengthened. We must work together to change the mindset of

drivers and ensure that traffic rules are followed meticulously."

He said that traffic police is committed to intensify efforts to curb road accidents by increasing patrols, improving signage, and conducting public awareness programs.

The authorities are also considering a review of traffic regulations to ensure that the city's growing traffic volume can be managed safely and efficiently.

Social activist Sabiya Bano calls for ban on online gambling

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 31: In a powerful statement that resonates with growing concerns over the impact of online gambling, renowned social political activist Sabiya Bano has called for an immediate ban on all online gambling platforms. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, Bano emphasizes the urgent need to protect vulnerable communities from the potential harms associated with online betting.

"Online gambling is not just a game; it's a crisis waiting to unfold," Bano stated during a recent press conference. "We are witnessing an alarming increase in addiction, financial ruin, and mental

health issues stemming from these platforms. It is our responsibility as a society to safeguard our citizens, particularly the youth, from the predatory nature of online gambling."

Bano's advocacy comes at a time when many regions are grappling with the consequences of unregulated online gambling. With reports of rising addiction rates and incidents of financial distress linked to online betting, her call to action is gaining significant traction among policymakers and community leaders alike.

"By allowing online gambling to proliferate unchecked, we are essentially opening the floodgates to exploitation," Bano continued. "It is imperative

that we take a stand and demand a ban on these services before it's too late. We must prioritize the health and well-being of our communities over profit margins."

Bano's campaign seeks to mobilize public support and legislative action to address the issue head-on. She encourages individuals from all walks of life to join the movement for change, emphasizing that collective action can lead to meaningful reform.

"Together, we can create a safer environment for our families and future generations," Bano urged. "Let us unite in this cause and advocate for a ban on online gambling to protect those who are most vulnerable."

GDC Bishnah hosts screening of Chaar Sahibzaade



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BISHNAH, Dec 31: The Department of Punjabi at Government Degree College (GDC) Bishnah, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a special screening of the movie Chaar Sahibzaade to mark the martyrdom of the Four Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh.

The event, held on 31st December 2024, aimed to honour the supreme sacrifice of these brave sons and to keep their legacy alive for future generations.

Under the guidance of Dr. Shailu Samyal, Principal of GDC Bishnah, the event was a resounding

success. Dr. Samyal's leadership and support were instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the program.

The IQAC, led by Prof. Nisar Ahmad Bhulla, Convenor, played a key role in organizing the event, ensuring all logistics were well-managed.

The screening witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff members of the college, who gathered to remember the unparalleled courage, resilience, and sacrifice demonstrated by the Four Sahibzadas. The movie beautifully depicted the bravery and commitment of the

Sahibzadas to their faith, justice, and righteousness, leaving a profound

impact on all attendees. Dr. Baljit Raina, President of the Punjabi Lekhak Sabha Jammu, graced the occasion as the special guest and shared his insightful reflections on the significance of remembering these sacrifices in the present day. His address underscored the timeless values of courage, faith, and justice upheld by the Sahibzadas.

The event was formally introduced and coordinated by Dr. Kusum, Head of the Department of Punjabi, who warmly welcomed the distinguished

guests and participants.

Dr. Kusum highlighted the importance of commemorating such historic events to preserve the rich history and cultural heritage of Sikhism.

The program concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Prof. Geeta Lakhotra, Faculty, GDC Bishnah, who expressed gratitude to all participants, faculty, staff, and special guests for their contributions in making the event memorable.

The Department of Punjabi and IQAC extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Baljit Raina for his valuable presence and impactful address, and to all those who contributed to making the event a success.

The initiative not only served as a reflection on the heroic legacy of the Four Sahibzadas but also deepened the collective understanding of their vital role in shaping history.

GDC Neeli Nallah organizes Health Care Awareness programme under theme "Seva Se Sikhe"

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UDHAMPUR, Dec 31: The NSS Unit of GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur organized Health Care Awareness programme "Seva Se Sikhe" under GOI initiative and visited Primary Health Centre Garhi.

The event took place in the Health Training centre(RHTC) Ayushman Arogya Mandir Garhi starting at 11:00 AM in which the NSS Program Coordinator, Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, Assistant Professor, Department of English along with NSS volunteers participated with zeal and enthusiasm.

She coordinated the event, with an aim to enhance students understanding of healthcare practices and their role in serving society.

During the visit, Dr Arti Bharat, Medical Officer and Dr. Ritu Raina, Dental surgeon at PHC Garhi and Somraj Gupta, (Head Pharmacist) distinguished medical professional, addressed the NSS volunteers and delivered an enlightening speech on safeguarding various diseases. Medical Professionals emphasized the importance of preventive measures, timely

diagnosis, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. His insights inspired the students to actively engage in community healthcare initiatives.

Prof. Shaista Yasmeen (NSS PO) Department of English, Dr. Zahoor wani and Dr. Nazeer Ahmad Khan led the NSS group during the interaction, providing valuable guidance and support to the students.

The session fostered meaningful dialogue between the students and the healthcare professionals, especially Dr. Arti Bharat, Medical Officer helping them grasp practical aspects of service and care.

Principal of GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur, Prof. (Dr) Seema Arora, was instrumental in facilitating this opportunity for the students.

She motivated the volunteers to seek the benefits of participating in these kinds of events and thereby promoting the community engagement and social responsibility.

This initiative underscored the role of NSS in promoting outreach activities and fostered holistic development among its students.

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FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No 53 of 2024-25/5537-41/G **Dated:30.12.2024**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertisement cost (Rs. In lakh.)	Cost of Tender document (in Rs.)	Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Blacktopping of road from PMGSY road to Deoli Malaman (Under Non Plan) (3 rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	3.86	600/-	7720/-	Month-01	11.01.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	ABCD
2	Construction of road from PMGSY road to Mohalla Captain Som Dutt Sharma at Dhanni (Length-180.00 mtr) Under Non Plan (3 rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	3.94	600/-	7880/-	Month-01	11.01.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	ABCD
3	Construction of road to Mohalla Kirpal Singh, Krishan Singh and others near Play Ground at Bera (Panchayat Bera) Under Non Plan(3 rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	3.90	600/-	7800/-	Month-01	11.01.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	ABCD
4	Blacktopping of road from PMGSY road to Dadora SC/ST Basti (Under Non Plan) (3 rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	4.81	600/-	9620/-	Month-01	11.01.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	ABCD
5	Water Fountain along with allied work at Mata Bala Sundri Temple Bhallad Kathua(2 nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division Kathua	4.00	600/-	8000/-	Months-03	11.01.2025 on or after 1300Hrs	ABCD

(i) If the contractor / firms fails to complete the work within the time mentioned in the NIT / Contract, then the allotted contract will automatically have treated as cancelled after forfeiting the performance security of the contractor / firm and work put to fresh tender without serving any notice from this office.

(ii) The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule

S. No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	30-12-2024
1	Date of publish	31-12-2024 at 1000 Hrs
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 31-12-2024 at 1000 Hrs to 10-01-2025 up to 1600 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 31-12-2024 at 1100 hours to 10-01-2025 up to 1600 Hrs
4	Bid Submission End Date	10-01-2025 up to 1600 hours
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	11-01-2025 on or after 1300 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua.
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. name of work e-NIT No.&dt: duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua and upload the same i.e. treasury challan. The date should be in between publishing and Closing of NIT. Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance.

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Zeenat Aman reflects on 2024: 'Two years ago I had quite contentedly resigned myself'

She shared a series of photos amid Mumbai's cool weather, revealing that she had "quite contentedly resigned" herself to a quiet retirement two years ago before being welcomed back into the public spotlight.

She also expressed gratitude for the opportunities and admiration she continues to receive, emphasising how busy 2024 was for her with all "the shoots in Shimla and Rajasthan, speaking engagements across the country, social media collaborations, and a lot more."

She further captioned the post, "Two years ago I had quite contentedly resigned myself to a quiet retirement with the odd job thrown in to temper the monotony. Now I find myself



struggling to find a spare date on my calendar. Such is the wheel of fortune! Take it from a veteran who's both scraped the depths of despair and tasted dizzying success. So let me sign off for the year with the gentle reassurance that if things are looking bad for you, persevere. The wheel is always turning. Happy holidays and all wishes for a beautiful 2025 from Azaan, Zahaan, Lily, Theo, Benji, Zoe, Oz and myself."

In her journey, Zeenat has delivered some memorable performances, including Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Don, Qurbani, Haré Rama Haré Krishna, Dharam Veer, Dostana, Ajnabee, Roti Kapada Aur Makana and Paapi.

Male-centric shows are every actor's dream, says Abhishek Malik



Abhishek Malik, who plays the role of Neel

Paranjape in the show Jamai No. 1, says the

show gives a fresh perspective on the age-old saas-damaad drama. "It's a male-centric show, which is rare on TV. Most shows revolve around women, but Jamai No. 1 brings a fresh perspective with its focus on the saas-damaad drama. Neel, my character, is genuine, spiritual and values his roots, but he's also a jugadu who knows how to set things right. This unique dynamic with his mother-in-law sets the show apart," he says.

He adds, "Male-centric shows are every actor's dream since TV is mostly dominated by saas-bahu dramas."

Gal Gadot says she underwent brain blood clot removal surgery during fourth pregnancy

"Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot has revealed that she underwent emergency surgery for a "massive blood clot" in her brain during the eighth month of her recent pregnancy.

The 39-year-old actor gave birth to her and husband-entrepreneur Jaron Varsano's fourth child, daughter Ori in early March.

In an Instagram post, Gadot detailed her medical emergency called cerebral venous thrombosis (CVT), saying this year has been "one of profound challenges and deep reflections".

"And I've wrestled with how, or even if, to share a personal story... In February, during my eighth month of pregnancy, I was diagnosed with a massive blood clot in my brain. For weeks, I had endured excruciating headaches that confined me to bed, until I finally underwent an MRI that revealed the terrifying truth," she wrote.

"We rushed to the hospital, and within hours, I underwent emergency surgery. My daughter, Ori, was born during that moment of uncertainty and fear. Her name, meaning 'my light,' wasn't chosen by chance," she added.

During her health crisis, Gadot said she and her family were faced with how "fragile" life can be.



"It was a stark reminder of how quickly everything can change, and in the midst of a difficult year, all I wanted was to hold on and live." In the post, she also thanked the staff and doctors at the hospital where she gave birth to Ori, adding she is "fully healed and filled with gratitude for the life I've been given back." "The journey has taught me so much. First, it's vital to listen to our bodies and trust what it's telling us. Pain, discomfort, or even subtle changes often carry deeper meaning, and being attuned to your body can be life saving," she said.

The actor said aware-

ness matters.

"I had no idea that 3 in 100,000 pregnant women in the 30s+ age group are diagnosed with CVT (develop a blood clot in the brain). It's so important to identify early because it's treatable."

"While rare, it's a possibility, and knowing it exists is the first step to addressing it. Sharing this is not meant to frighten anyone but to empower. If even one person feels compelled to take action for their health because of this story, it will have been worth sharing." Gadot shares daughters Alma, 13, Maya, 7, and Daniela, 3, with Varsano.

Diljit-AP Dhillon to Badshah and Honey Singh: The ugly social media feuds of 2024

From Instagram to Twitter, to YouTube, social media has become a very significant part of our lives, and Bollywood is no different. Celebrities use these platforms to engage with their fans and create buzz regarding their forthcoming projects. However, as is well known, every coin has two sides, and similar is the case with social media. While people use it to keep themselves up to date with the latest B-town buzz, at times they also get to witness massive arguments between their beloved stars. As 2024 comes to a close, let's revisit the most explosive social media feuds of the year.

Diljit-AP Dhillon

Two of the biggest names from the Punjabi music industry, Diljit and AP Dhillon were recently seen pointing fingers at each other. It all started when the Jatt & Juliet actor spoke highly of his contemporaries AP Dhillon and Karan Aujla during one of his concerts. He emphasized on the importance of unity among Punjabi artists. Reacting to this, AP Dhillon claimed that he had been blocked by Diljit during his concert. This statement left the fans dumbstruck.

Anupam Kher-Hansal Mehta

Aside from being one of the most celebrated actors Anupam Kher is also known for speaking



his mind. He recently got into a tiff with acclaimed director Hansal Mehta and the reason is the 2019 biopic, The Accidental Prime Minister. The Aligarh maker was seen supporting journalist Vir Sanghvi's tweet in which he called The Accidental Prime Minister one of the worst Hindi movies.

Reacting to the claim, the actor took to X and wrote, "The HYPOCRITE in this thread is NOT @virsanghvi. He has the freedom to not like a film. But @meh-tahansal was the #CreativeDirector of #TheAccidentalPrimeMinister. Who was present at the entire shoot of the film in England! Giving his creative inputs and must have taken the fee also for it. So for him to say 100% to #Vir-Sanghvi's comment is so messed up and full of double standards! Not that I agree with Mr. Sanghvi but we are all capable of doing bad or indifferent work. But we should OWN it. Not like #HansalMehta trying to earn some brownies from certain section

of people. Common Hansal!! Grow up! I still have all our videos and pics of the shoot together!"

Prince Narula-Yuvika Choudhary

Bigg Boss 9 couple Prince Narula and Yuvika Choudhary have recently been creating headlines for all the wrong reasons. If the speculations are to be believed the beloved couple is headed for a split after the birth of their daughter Ekleen. The reality star raised a lot of eyebrows when he stated in one of his vlogs that Yuvika failed to inform him regarding the delivery date of their firstborn. Since then these two have been at loggerheads, putting allegations on one another. Most recently, Yuvika took to her Instagram story and shared a cryptic post that read, "If you get something, it is soil; if you lose something, it is gold".

Divya Khosla-Karan Johar

Alia Bhatt and Karan Johar are one of the most celebrated actor-director duo in Bollywood and

are often seen coming in each other's support. Alia's last release was Jigra, produced by KJo. Divya Khosla rubbed a few feathers when she accused Alia of buying her film tickets to manipulate box office numbers, leading to a massive war of words. However, Divya did not stop there and further claimed that Jigra is a copy of her film Savi. Karan Johar shared a few cryptic posts following Divya's allegations.

Arshad Warsi-Prabhas

While Prabhas is one of the biggest names in the South, Arshad Warsi has delivered some noteworthy performances in Bollywood. These two actors ignited a social media debate among the fans after Warsi stated that the Baahubali star looked like a joker. Talking about Kalki 2898 AD, he was quoted saying during an interview, "Prabhas, I am really sad, why was he... he was like a joker. Why? I want to see a Mel Max. I want to see Mad Gibson over there." Later on, many South stars such

as Nani and Sudheer Babu came to Prabhas' defense. Addressing a press conference, Nani said, "The person that you're referring to, this must be the most publicity he has got in his life. You are unnecessarily glorifying an unimportant matter."

Badshah and Honey Singh

Rappers Honey Singh and Badshah have been in a long-standing feud for almost a decade now. While Honey Singh has kept his silence on the matter for a long time, he recently called out Badshah for mocking his illness stating "He is one of those who spits and then licks it back; just watch, he'll flip again. I don't consider people like that to be anything." For the unversed, Honey Singh revealed that he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder which led to his disappearance from the music industry.

Nayanthara-Dhanush

Last but not least, two of the biggest names from the South Nayanthara and Dhanush were seen disputing over a three-second clip from their 2015 drama Naanum Rowdy Dhaan. Dhanush served a 10 crore legal notice to Nayanthara after she included the clip in her Netflix documentary, alleging unauthorised use.

Akshay Kumar's Welcome to the Jungle team to shoot mega schedule in Dubai

Akshay Kumar-led Welcome to the Jungle team will extensively shoot for the film in the UAE. Helmed by Ahmed Khan and produced by Firoz Nadiadwallah, the film's team will head abroad after completing a marathon shooting schedule in Mumbai and Kashmir this year.

Talking about the international shoot, director Ahmed Khan said, "We are to kickstart a mega schedule in Dubai, Abu Dhabi which shall play an important role in the movie. The audiences can expect cinematic extravaganza and unlimited entertainment. The team has already scheduled to travel in advance for the recce as well."

Producer Firoz A Nadiadwallah added, "The international schedule

of the movie is kick-starting soon and it will be shot in impressive locations in UAE. The movie action, songs & scenes shall be shot in eminent locations in the UAE with several foreign action & stunt crews, dancers on locations where even high-octane Hollywood films have till date not been given access to shoot. The team is already working on the process of acquiring the permits & rights for the shoot locations."

Recently, the film's team dismissed rumours of delay. Ahmed Khan addressed recent media reports, stating, "There is no truth to these rumours. The film is on track, and we are kickstarting our next leg of the marathon schedule internationally from October, for which



my technical team has already left for the first recce."

Earlier sources said that Jio Studios, initially associated with the production, had withdrawn its support. A source close to the production said, "Jio Studios is no longer associated with this movie. They backed out a couple of months back, and hence the videos were deleted from the internet." This development had sparked concerns

about the film's future, but the latest updates from the team have put those worries to rest.

Welcome to the Jungle is presented by Base Industries Group and produced by Firoz A Nadiadwallah. The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast, including Akshay Kumar, Sanjay Dutt, Arshad Warsi, Disha Patani, Raveena Tandon, Jacqueliene Fernandez, Lara Dutta, Paresh Rawal, and many others.

Rashmika Mandanna marks 8 years in cinema, thanks fans for endless love

"Pushpa 2: The Rule" star Rashmika Mandanna on Tuesday celebrated completing eight years in the film industry and thanked fans for their constant love and support.

Taking to her Instagram Stories, the 28-year-old actor shared a message of gratitude for her fans.

"8 years in the film industry and the only way I could do what I have done so far is only because of your love and support. Thank you," she wrote in the caption.

Born and raised in Kodagu district of Karnataka, Mandanna made her acting debut in 2016 with the Kannada movie "Kirik Party", opposite Rakshit Shetty, and then starred in Telugu hits like "Geetha



Govindam", "Dear Comrade", "Bheeshma" and "Sita Ramam".

Mandanna found countrywide success with 2021 hit "Pushpa: The Rise", co-starring Allu Arjun. She made her Bollywood debut with "Goodbye" and then starred in smash hit film "Animal" with Ranbir Kapoor. The actor most recently starred in "Pushpa 2: The Rule", which has become a runaway hit at the global box office, earning over Rs 1,700 crore since its release on December 5.

Her upcoming movies include "Sikandar" with Salman Khan, "Chhaava" with Vicky Kaushal and Maddock's horror comedy universe title "Thama", headlined by Ayushmann Khurrana. She will also be seen in Tamil movie "Kuberan".

“Government extending all possible help in matter”: MEA on death sentence to Nimisha Priya in Yemen

NEW DELHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday confirmed its awareness of the death sentence handed to Nimisha Priya, an Indian nurse in Yemen, and assured that the government is providing all possible assistance.

In response to media queries regarding the case of Nimisha Priya, MEA official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, “We are aware of the sentencing of Ms. Nimisha Priya in Yemen. We understand that the family of Ms. Priya is exploring relevant options. The government is extending all possible help in the matter.”

Our response to media queries regarding the case of Ms. Nimisha Priya: <https://t.co/DlviLboqKG> pic.twitter.com/tSgBlmitCy — Randhir Jaiswal (@MEAIndia) December 31, 2024

Nimisha Priya, who is sentenced to death in Yemen, is a trained nurse and has worked in private hospitals in Yemen for a few years.

Her husband and minor



daughter returned to India in 2014 because of financial reasons and in that same year, Yemen was gripped by civil war, and they could not go back as the country stopped issuing new visas.

Later in 2015, Nimisha joined hands with a Mahdi to set up her clinic in Yemen's capital city Sana. She sought Mahdi's support because, under Yemen's law, only nationals are allowed to set up clinics and business firms. In 2015, Mahdi accompanied Nimisha Priya to Kerala

when she came for a month-long holiday. During the visit, he stole a wedding photograph of Nimisha, which he later manipulated to claim that he was married to her.

A plea moved by mother of Nimisha Priya had stated, “After a while, Nimisha's clinic began, Mahdi manipulated the ownership documents of the clinic. He also began to take money out of her monthly earnings after telling everyone that Nimisha was his wife Nimisha had alleged that Mahdi had been harass-

ing her and her family for years. Mahdi also seized her passport. This was done to ensure that she would not leave Yemen. He tortured her under the influence of drugs. He threatened her at gunpoint several times. He took all the money from the clinic and her ornaments.”

The plea further alleged that unable to cope with the torture, Nimisha complained to the police in Sana but instead of taking action against Mahdi, the police arrested her and put her in jail for six days. It was further alleged that on her return from jail, the severity of the torture increased manifold.

In July 2017, Nimisha took the help of a warden of a jail located near her clinic. The warden suggested that she should try to sedate him, and then convince him to give her passport. However, sedation did not affect Mahdi, who was a substance abuser. She tried sedating him again, using a stronger sedative in order to retrieve her passport but he died within a few minutes due to a drug overdose.

“I’m sorry”: Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh’s apology and a promise



IMPHAL, Dec 31 (Agencies): Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh today said “sorry” for the unfortunate developments in the northeastern state due to the ethnic clashes that started last year. The Chief Minister, however, said the year ends on an optimistic note and that he hoped that normalcy will return to the state in 2025. “This entire year has been very unfortunate. I want to say sorry to

the people of the state for what's happening till today since last May 3. Many people lost their loved ones. Many people left their homes. I feel regret. I apologise. But now, I hope after seeing the last three to four months progress towards the peace, I believe by 2025, the normalcy will be restored in the state,” the Chief Minister said.

“I want to appeal to all the communities in the

state, whatever happened has happened. You have to forgive and forget the past mistakes and we have to start a new life (towards) a peaceful and prosperous Manipur,” he said, adding that all 35 tribes in Manipur should live together in harmony.

The violence in Manipur has claimed over 180 lives since May last year, when violence erupted over the Meiteis community's demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status and the tribal Kukis' opposition to this.

The Meiteis account for about 53 per cent of Manipur's population and live mostly in Imphal Valley. The tribals, including Nagas and Kukis, constitute 40 per cent of the population and reside mainly in the hills.

Kejriwal launches Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana

NEW DELHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday launched the Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana, registering the priest of Marghat Wale Baba temple near Kashmiri Gate ISBT here.

Under the scheme announced ahead of the assembly polls in February, Kejriwal said all the Hindu temple priests and granthis of Gurudwaras will be paid a monthly honorarium of Rs 18,000 if the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) returns to power in Delhi.

“Today I visited Marghat Baba's temple (ISBT) and launched the Pujari Granthi Samman Yojana. Today is the birthday of the Mahant ji here. I also celebrated his birthday with him,”



he said in a post on X. The former Delhi chief minister alleged that the BJP tried its best to stop the registration process for the scheme but no one can stop a devotee from meeting the god.

Announcing the scheme earlier on Monday, Kejriwal said that he would visit Prachin Hanuman Mandir at Connaught Place to do the registra-

tion of the priests there. As the politics over the honorarium gathered momentum in Delhi, a group of priests staged a protest against Kejriwal outside the Connaught Place temple for announcing the honorarium after a delay of 10 years. The AAP chief was accompanied by his wife Sunita Kejriwal during the visit to Marghat Wale Baba temple.

Yogi Adityanath visits Prayagraj, reviews preparations for Mahakumbh

PRAYAGRAJ, Dec 31 (Agencies): The preparations for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025 have been ramped up as the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited Prayagraj on Tuesday for the fifth time in December to review the preparations for the upcoming event.

During his visit, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the Bio-CNG plant built in the Naini area of the city. The Chief Minister also inspected the key locations such as the Sangam Erawat Ghat, Sangam Noj Ghat, and the newly constructed steel bridge parallel to the Ganga Setu.

In view of the upcoming Mahakumbh event, CM Yogi held a review meeting at the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) Auditorium in the Prayagraj Mela Authority to review the preparations for the event.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minis-



ter, during his visit to Prayagraj would inspect the steel bridge built parallel to the Ganga Setu while doing a ground inspection of various routes.

Yogi Adityanath has already extended an invitation for the Mahakumbh 2025 to President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Thakkar and other dignitaries to attend the

event. The Mahakumbh held once every 12 years, is scheduled to begin on January 13 and conclude on February 26, 2025, in Prayagraj.

The main bathing festival, known as the “Shahi Snan” (royal baths), will take place on January 14 (Makar Sankranti), January 29 (Mauni Amavasya),

and February 3 (Basant Panchami).

As part of the preparations for the Mahakumbh Mela 2025, Uttar Pradesh Police will use underwater drones for enhanced security.

The Maha Kumbh 2025 will showcase a vibrant display of India's cultural diversity from January 10 to February 24. The Uttar Pradesh Culture Department is finalising preparations to present the rich folk arts of India during this period, a press release stated.

The Culture Department will set up 20 small stages at key locations across Prayagraj, allowing tourists, devotees, and locals to experience the country's diverse cultural heritage over 45 days. Folk dance forms from various states across India will be performed on these stages.

BJP accuses Kejriwal of using children for his ‘cheap, dirty’ politics

NEW DELHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): The BJP on Tuesday accused Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal of using children for political gains, charging him with practising “petty, cheap and dirty” politics.

Addressing a press conference, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said Delhi's ruling party has not taken down a post, which shows some children raising pro-Kejriwal slogans, despite the National Human Rights Commission raising serious concerns on the matter.

Such a depiction of children is a violation of the Juvenile Act and the Election Commission guidelines, he said.

“Kejriwal and Chief Minister Atishi are not

sparing even children. They are violating the dignity of children. Is it because Kejriwal knows that he is losing the elections in Delhi,” Bhatia asked.

He asked why Kejriwal was “playing with young and impressionable minds for his petty, cheap and dirty politics”.

The BJP, he claimed, will ensure that the “destroyer of children and a hater of children” is thrown out of power. He accused the AAP government of converting school toilets into classrooms for children and deliberately failing students in Class 9 and Class 11 to ensure higher pass percentages in Class 10 and Class 12.

He added that people will celebrate “Happi-



ness Utsav” — a Delhi government initiative to commemorate the ‘Happiness Curriculum’ in its schools — by teaching the AAP a lesson in the upcoming polls.

The AAP government opened no new school despite promising over 500 of them, and is behind the vacancy of almost 80 per cent post of teachers, he alleged.

Bhatia dubbed Kejriwal's announcement of

Rs 18,000 monthly honorarium to temple and gurudwara priests as yet another “false promise” by the AAP, claiming the former chief minister knows that his “political life” is coming to an end.

Until recently his government was opening liquor shops outside religious places, he said.

The BJP spokesperson noted that the AAP government has also promised a similar

amount to imams but has not paid them for 17 months. “There has been no bigger fraud and deceitful politician in India than him,” he alleged.

Asked about the Congress' charge that the BJP government at the Centre has disrespected former prime minister Manmohan Singh, the BJP leader hit back at the opposition party's “insult” of former PM P V Narasimha Rao, saying it did not even allow his cremation in the national capital.

There has been a bitter war of words between the Congress and the ruling BJP over arrangements at Singh's funeral and over the setting up of a memorial to the ex-PM.

Poor, deprived suffering brunt of ‘Manuvaad’ under BJP: Kharage



NEW DELHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the BJP government at the Centre and the states of having a mindset against the deprived sections of society who are suffering because of the brunt of ‘Manuvaad’.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge alleged that Union Home Minister Amit Shah insults Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar in Parliament and the same mindset against the deprived is being repeated in the BJP ruled states.

He claimed that in the last two days — a Dalit youth is murdered in police custody in Madhya Pradesh's Dewas and the tribal women are tied to trees and beaten in Balasore,

Odisha.

“In Bhiwani, Haryana, a Dalit girl student is forced to commit suicide after being unable to pay her BA exam fees. In Palghar, Maharashtra, a tribal pregnant woman has to travel 100 kilometers in search of ICU and dies.”

“In Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, three Dalit families are forced to migrate because of caste-based attacks on them and the police remains silent,” he claimed.

“It is well known that atrocities are being committed against Dalits, tribals, backward and minority communities under the ‘anti-constitutional rule’ of the Modi government. Those who are poor and deprived are suffering the brunt of Manuvaad,” the Con-

gress chief alleged.

He said a crime is committed every hour against Dalit-tribal women and children, and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), this figure has doubled since 2014.

“The Congress Party will not allow the constitutional rights of 140 crore Indians to be violated and will continue to oppose the anti-constitutional thinking of the BJP-RSS,” Kharge said.

A 35-year-old Dalit man Mukesh Longre died on Saturday after being called to Satwas Police Station in Madhya Pradesh for questioning in a complaint submitted against him by a woman on December 26. This triggered protests from his kin, who alleged murder.

Separately, Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Monday alleged that Dalit man Somnath Suryavanshi was assaulted in a police lock-up in Parbhani, Maharashtra, leading to his death.

The Odisha Police arrested three persons on charges of assaulting two women over allegations that they were attempting religious conversion of some tribal families in Balasore district.

10 men, headed to national park for trekking, attacked by bees in Maharashtra's Thane

THANE, Dec 31 (Agencies): Ten men, all of whom are 18 years of age, were attacked by a swarm of bees in Maharashtra's Thane while they had gone for trekking in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, police said.

Following the attack, the men lost their way and went inside the Yeoor forest, about 4 km away from the national park, fearing that they could be stung by bees again, according to the police.

One of them called up the police and informed them about their situation.

The disaster department of the Thane Municipal Corporation was also informed about the incident, after which a team of police, municipal corporation employees and disaster team personnel of the corporation reached the spot.

The police team and the disaster team personnel rescued the men trapped in the forest in an operation that spanned nearly two hours.

Of the ten men attacked, seven of them were handed over to their families and three

were undergoing treatment at a private hospital in the city, police said.

Police are investigating whether the men had gone to the Yeoor forest with or without permission. Entry into the forest located within a national park requires permission from the authorities.

It is being speculated that the men veered into the forest secretly.

Police also noted the names and addresses of the men and informed their families about the incident.

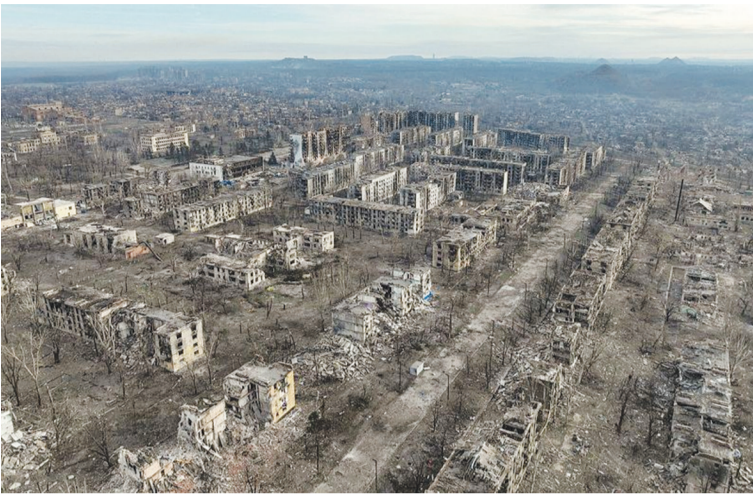
Russian missile, drone attack on Ukraine hits multiple targets, including Kyiv

Ukraine has lost, approximately, half of its energy infrastructure to the war as relentless attacks from Russia continue

KYIV, Dec 31 (Agencies): Russia launched an aerial attack on Ukraine on Tuesday, striking the capital and other regions with multiple missiles and drones.

Ukraine's air force reported a ballistic missile threat at 3 am (0100 GMT), with at least two explosions heard in Kyiv minutes later. Another missile alert was issued at 8 am followed by at least one explosion in the city. Missile debris fell in the Darnytskyi district of the capital with no reports of casualties or damage, the local administration said.

Authorities in the northeastern Sumy region reported strikes near the city of Shostka, where the mayor, Mykola Noha, said 12 residential buildings had been damaged as well as two educational facilities. He said some "social



infrastructure objects" were destroyed, without providing detail.

The air force also reported missiles and drones targeting several other regions of Ukraine.

Around half of Ukraine's energy infrastructure has been destroyed during the war, and

rolling electricity blackouts are common and widespread.

Kyiv's Western allies have provided air defence systems to help Ukraine protect critical infrastructure, but Russia has sought to overwhelm its air defences with combined strikes involving large numbers of mis-

siles and drones.

Russian attacks come as uncertainty looms over the course of the nearly three-year conflict. US President-elect Donald Trump, who takes office next month, has vowed to end the war and has thrown into doubt whether vital US military support for Kyiv will continue.

On Monday, President Joe Biden announced that the United States will send an additional USD 2.5 billion in weapons to Ukraine as his administration works quickly to spend all the money it has available to help Kyiv fight off Russia before Trump takes office.

Russia has held the initiative this year as its military has steadily rammed through Ukrainian defences in the east in a series of slow but steady offensives.

2 policemen killed in attack on checkpoint in Pak's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



PESHAWAR, Dec 31 (Agencies): Two policemen were killed and another injured in an attack by unidentified assailants in Pakistan's restive northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province early Tuesday, police said.

The attack occurred in Daraban Kalan, bordering South Waziristan.

The unidentified assailants managed to escape. Police have

cordoned off the area and started a search operation.

Splinter groups of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) are very active in Daraban area and frequently target security forces.

According to many eyewitnesses, the Taliban takes control of the roads in the district usually in the evening and start checking vehicles on roads.

According to an offi-

cial report released on Monday, security forces in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa killed 270 terrorists in 2024, including high-profile militants with bounties on their heads.

The provincial police arrested 802 suspects during operations, with the conviction rate in terrorism cases rising significantly from 13 per cent last year to 38 per cent, according to the report of the police department issued by the provincial Directorate of Information.

Of the 270 terrorists killed, 32 were individuals with bounties on their heads.

The report also highlighted the heavy toll on security personnel, with 149 police officers killed, and 232 injured in the line of duty this year.

12 people killed in a road accident in Pakistan's Sindh

KARACHI, Dec 31 (Agencies): At least 12 people, including eight members of the same family, were killed when a bus collided with a trailer on the National Highway in the southern Sindh province of Pakistan.

The passenger bus carrying a wedding party was returning from Hyderabad when the accident took place near Moro on Monday night, Deputy Commissioner Arsalan Saleem Hyderabad said.

"There were around 20 people in the wedding party and 12 were killed," he said.

One of the dead, a young girl, who was badly injured in the



accident, succumbed to her injuries in a hospital in Karachi on Tuesday morning.

Saleem said eight of the deceased belonged to the family of a prominent doctor.

A doctor at the Moro government hospital said the condition of five of the injured was critical and they were

moved to Nawabshah and Karachi for better care.

The driver of the trailer who hit the bus fled from the scene.

Road accidents in Pakistan are common because of reckless driving, poor condition of vehicles, damaged roads, and untrained drivers.

Chinese hackers breach US treasury department through third-party software provider

WASHINGTON, Dec 31 (Agencies): Chinese hackers remotely accessed several US Treasury Department workstations and unclassified documents after compromising a third-party software service provider, the agency said.

The department did not provide details on how many workstations had been accessed or what sort of documents the hackers may have obtained, but it said in a letter to lawmakers revealing the breach that "at this time there is no evidence indicating the threat actor has continued access to Treasury information." It said the hack was being



investigated as a "major cybersecurity incident." "Treasury takes very seriously all threats against our systems, and the data it holds," a department spokesperson said in a separate statement. "Over the last four years, Treasury has significantly bolstered its cyber

defense, and we will continue to work with both private and public sector partners to protect our financial system from threat actors." The revelation comes as US officials are continuing to grapple with the fallout of a massive Chinese cyberespionage campaign known as Salt

Typhoon that gave officials in Beijing access to private texts and phone conversations of an unknown number of Americans. A top White House official said Friday that the number of telecommunications companies affected by the hack has now risen to nine.

The Treasury Department said it learned of the problem at the agency on December 8, when a third-party software service provider, BeyondTrust, flagged that hackers had stolen a key used by the vendor that helped them override the service's security and gain remote access to sev-

eral employee workstations.

The compromised service has since been taken offline, and there's no evidence that the hackers still have access to department information, Aditi Hardikar, an assistant Treasury secretary, said in the letter Monday to leaders of the Senate Banking Committee.

The department said it was working with the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to investigate the scope of the hack, and that the hack had been attributed to Chinese state-sponsored culprits. It did not elaborate.

China defends Covid-19 data sharing, says 'did not hold any information back'

BEIJING, Dec 31 (Agencies): Beijing insisted on Tuesday that it had shared information on Covid-19 "without holding anything back", after the World Health Organization implored China to offer more data and access to understand the disease's origins. Covid-19, which first emerged in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in December 2020, went on to kill millions of people, shred economies and overwhelm health systems.

The WHO published a statement on Monday saying it was a "moral and scientific imperative" for China to share more information.

In response, China defended its transparency, saying it had made

the "largest contribution to global origin tracing research".

"Five years ago... China immediately shared epidemic information and viral gene sequence with the WHO and the international community," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said.

"Without holding anything back, we shared our prevention, control and treatment experience," she told reporters at a regular press briefing. But over the course of the pandemic, the WHO repeatedly criticised Chinese authorities for their lack of transparency and cooperation.

A team of specialists led by the WHO and accompanied by Chi-

nese colleagues conducted an investigation into the pandemic's origins in early 2021.

In a joint report, they favoured the hypothesis that the virus had been transmitted by an intermediary animal from a bat to a human, possibly at a market.

A team has not been able to return to China since, and WHO officials have repeatedly asked for additional data.

Mao said Tuesday that "more and more clues" pointed "to Covid-19's origins having a global scope". China was "willing to continue working with various parties to promote global scientific origin tracing, and to make active efforts to prevent potential infectious diseases in the

future", she said.

Pandemic preparedness

This month, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said "the world would still face some of the same weaknesses and vulnerabilities that gave Covid-19 a foothold five years ago", if a new pandemic emerged today.

"But the world has also learnt many of the painful lessons the pandemic taught us, and has taken significant steps to strengthen its defences against future epidemics and pandemics," he said.

In December 2021, spooked by the devastation caused by Covid, countries decided to start drafting an accord on pandemic preven-

tion, preparedness and response.

The WHO's 194 member states negotiating the treaty have agreed on most of what it should include, but are stuck on the practicalities. A key fault line lies between Western nations with major pharmaceutical industry sectors and poorer countries wary of being sidelined when the next pandemic strikes.

While the outstanding issues are few, they include the heart of the agreement: the obligation to quickly share emerging pathogens, and then the pandemic-fighting benefits derived from them such as vaccines. The deadline for the negotiations is May 2025.

Elon Musk changes his name on X to Kekius Maximus



WASHINGTON, Dec 31 (Agencies): Tech titan Elon Musk will now be known as "Kekius Maximus" on X, and he has also replaced his profile picture with the popular "Pepe the Frog" meme. Musk's profile image shows Pepe dressed as a warrior and holding a video game joystick.

Musk, known for his quirky antics and posts on X, did not give any

reason behind the sudden name change. However, he has recently been posting on the meme coin Kekius Maximus, which has attracted attention from investors in the cryptocurrency market.

After Musk changed his name on X, the memecoin Kekius Maximus (KEKIUS) skyrocketed over 500% in just a few hours, according to CoinGecko data.

Meme coins are cryptocurrencies that are inspired by internet memes or trends. A couple of years ago, Musk made the Shiba Inu-inspired Dogecoin a popular player in the meme coin market after frequently tweeting about it.

While there is no such character called Kekius Maximus, it is based on the fusion of the popular 'Pepe the Frog' character with the character of Maximus from the movie 'Gladiator'. Maximus was a Roman general and his role was played by Russell Crowe in the 2000 movie.

'Pepe the Frog', which is infamously used by alt-right groups in the US, is mostly seen as a hate symbol.

South Korea court issues arrest warrant for impeached president yoon

SEOUL, Dec 31 (CIO), National Office of Investigation (NOI) and the defense ministry's investigation headquarters, said in a short notice that the issuance of arrest and search warrants against Yoon was confirmed earlier in the morning.

The unit added that no schedule was set for the execution of the warrants, which in normal

cases are valid for one week from the date of issuance. It marked the first time in the country's modern history that an arrest warrant was issued against a sitting president.

The joint investigation unit requested the warrants against Yoon to the Seoul Western District Court on insurrection and other charges

the previous day.

The unit asked Yoon to appear for questioning three times on Dec. 18, Dec. 25 and Dec. 29, but the impeached leader refused to receive summonses and submit documents for the appointment of his defense counsel.



Yoon's side submitted written opinion and appointed defense

counsel to the Seoul Court just hours after the request for issuance of the warrants.

Yoon was named by investigative agencies as a suspected ringleader on insurrection charge. Yoon said in a televised address on Dec. 12 that he will not avoid his legal and political responsibility for the martial law that was

declared by Yoon on the night of Dec. 3 but was revoked by the National Assembly hours later.

The impeachment motion against Yoon was passed in the National Assembly on Dec. 14 and was delivered to the constitutional court to deliberate it for up to 180 days, during which Yoon's power is suspended.

CEC concludes visit to Bylakuppe, engages with Tibetan Monastic Institutions and Ladakhi students

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LEH, Dec 31: The Chairman/CEC of the LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, completed a successful two-day visit to Bylakuppe, South India.

The visit, which began on December 29, was marked by meaningful engagements with several Tibetan monastic institutions, monastic leaders, and Ladakhi students studying in the region. During the visit, CEC Gyalson reaffirmed his continued support for the Tibetan community's spiritual and educational welfare.

The visit commenced with a warm reception at the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, where representatives from the monastery, Tibetan Settlement Officers, Tibetan Youth Congress, Tibetan Women's Association, and other Tibetan organizations greeted the CEC. The reception underscored the strong bond



between the Ladakhi and Tibetan communities.

CEC Gyalson met with Khen Rinpoche and H.E. Kilkhang Rinpoche and other prominent members at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, focusing on the welfare of the monks, scholarships, and other critical issues.

On the second day, CEC Gyalson visited Sera Mey Monastery, where he was warmly received by the monastic heads and Ladakhi students.

At Sera Mey Monastic University and Sera Jey Monastic Institute, he

engaged with the students, addressing key concerns such as Bhoti language, scholarship programs, and overall development. The students expressed their gratitude for his continued support of their education.

A special program was held at Sera Thekchelling Lachi Monastery, where the CEC met with Khen Rinpoches and Ladakhi monks to discuss important matters related to the community's welfare. He also visited Gyudmed Tantric University in Hunsur, engaging with

Khen Rinpoche, the Yas Board, and Tawa representatives to discuss issues affecting the monastery and its students. The visit also included a meeting with Tibetan Settlement Officers, where important discussions were held regarding the governance and welfare of Tibetan monastic institutions. CEC Gyalson concluded his visit by paying homage to the relic of the late H.E. Chosje Ayang Rinpoche at his monastery and assuring the Ladakhi monks of his continued support.

The visit was hailed as a resounding success, strengthening the ties between Ladakh and Tibetan Buddhist institutions. Participants expressed their appreciation for the CEC's engagement and his ongoing commitment to supporting educational programs, scholarships, and other developmental initiatives.

DC Kishtwar visits District Hospital, makes round of town to assess preparedness

Top News Report



KISHTWAR, Dec 31: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, conducted a comprehensive visit to the District Hospital, the town, and its Peripheral Areas to review the situation following recent snowfall in the district.

The DC assessed the healthcare facilities and medical services being provided to patients at the Dis-

trict Hospital Kishtwar. He interacted with the Medical Superintendent (DH Kishtwar), hospital and reviewed the availability of essential medicines, medical equipment, and other resources.

The DC reiterated the need to provide quality healthcare services, particularly during the challenging winter season.

In the town area, the DC inspected the post-snowfall conditions, focusing on road clearance, power res-

toration, and other public amenities.

He directed the Executive Officer (EO) Municipality to ensure efficient snow clearance and improve sanitation in the town. Special instructions were issued to maintain strict vigilance against land encroachments.

The DC also visited the Chowgan Ground, Kishtwar, to assess its condition after the snowfall. He emphasized the importance of timely maintenance to preserve the ground's usability and cultural significance.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, CEO KDA Rishi Kumar Sharma, EO Municipality/Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, MS DH Kishtwar Yudhveer Singh Kotwal and other senior officers.

Bukido Association of J&K organizes 1st J&K UT Bukido C'ship 2024



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JAMMU, Dec 31: The Bukido Association of Jammu & Kashmir hosted the inaugural 1st J&K UT Bukido Championship 2024 at Kotli Bhawan Hall, Rehari, Jammu. The event was a resounding success, with over 130 athletes participating from five districts across Jammu and Kashmir, showcasing their exceptional skills and passion for this unique martial art form.

The closing ceremony was a grand affair, graced by several dignitaries.

Arun Khanna, a renowned social activist and Chairman of the Health & Sanitation Committee of Jammu Municipal Corporation was the Chief Guest and Gul-E-Surkhab, an International Ju-Jitsu

Player and recipient of the prestigious Khel Ratna Award 2024 and Pankaj Dutta, National Powerlifting Coach and Owner of Fitness Planet Gym were the Guests of Honour while Jasleen Kour was the Special Guest on the occasion.

The championship represented a significant milestone in the promotion of Bukido Martial Arts within Jammu and Kashmir, aiming to inspire and motivate young athletes to take up this dynamic discipline.

The event highlighted the remarkable talent of local practitioners and showcased the growing interest in martial arts in the region.

During his address, Arun Khanna commended the efforts of the Bukido Association of J&K for organizing

such a prestigious event.

He encouraged the athletes to continue pursuing excellence in their respective sports careers. The Guests of Honour, Gul-E-Surkhab and Pankaj Dutta, emphasized the values of discipline, dedication, and physical fitness that martial arts instill in individuals, highlighting their importance in personal and professional growth.

The Bukido Association of J&K expressed its gratitude to all the participants, guests, and supporters who contributed to the success of the championship.

The event not only celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship but also laid a strong foundation for the future growth and development of Bukido Martial Arts in the region.

GDC Thannamandi celebrates New Year by plantation drive

Top News Report

THANNAMANDI, Dec 31: The Department of Botany in collaboration with Campus Beautification Committee of Government Degree College Thannamandi organized a plantation drive to celebrate New Year as part of Viksit Bharat @2047 Abhiyan here on Tuesday.

One Day plantation drive organized under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of the College, on this occasion wherein students of Botany Department including Nursery and Gardening were involved in raising beds and plantation of seasonal plants. Dr. Ashaq Malik, Head, Department of Botany and Prof. Fatima Parveen Convener, Campus Beautification Committee at GDC Thannamandi co-ordinated the event.

While terming plantation the best way to welcome New Year 2025, Prof. Farooq Ahmed emphasized upon the need to plant more and more plants on every occasion to conserve biodiversity, environment and more importantly combat climate change. He appreciated the enthusiasm of the organizing team, especially the budding botanists towards this green celebration and expressed hope for more such plantation drives in the upcoming year.

The program aimed to inspire students and faculty to understand practical aspects of Botany as well as draw deeper connections with biodiversity and environment conservation besides developing a cavernous sense of belongingness towards their college campus and making it more green, attractive, lively and beautiful.

The organizing team included Dr. Ashaq Malik, Prof. Fatima Parveen, Anuj Bali, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Romy Dar, Dr. Nagina Koser, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, Dr. Showkat Ahmed and Sarfaraz Ahmed. Prominent among others who participated in the green campus drive include Dr. Abdul Haque Naimi, Dr. Asif Aijaz Lone, Dr. Nazir Ul Islam, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed and Dr. Mudassir Gori.

Winter vacation for paramedical institutions in J&K to commence from Jan 1

JAMMU, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Office of the Chairperson of the State Allied and Healthcare Council, J&K, has announced the winter vacation schedule for paramedical training institutions in the region.

According to an official circular, all paramedical institutions, including paramedical colleges in Kashmir Division, will observe winter vacations from January 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025.

For Jammu Division, the vacation period will be from January 1, 2025, to January 15, 2025.

It reads as, the schedule aligns with

the yearly activity calendar issued by the government under Order No. 691-HME of 2017, dated December 22, 2017.

The circular also stressed that examinations scheduled during the vacation period must proceed as planned. Heads of institutions have been instructed to ensure compliance with this directive.

Similarly, it is also clarified that the vacation period does not apply to teaching and non-teaching staff or students engaged in clinical postings. The council has urged all institutions to adhere strictly to the orders.

KDP Wing of DPAP congratulates people on New Year 2025

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 31: The KDP Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), led by prominent leaders including Sh. Sanjay Dhar (President), Piaray Lal Pandita (Chairman), Roop Krishen Koul (Vice President), Gowhar Wani (Spokesperson), Raj Kumar Ticku (General Secretary), Daizy Dhar (Mahila Wing President), Vijay Karihalu (Vice President, Kashmir), Renu Razdan (Mahila Working President), Anjali Pandita (Mahila Unit President, Jagti), Avtar Krishen Ladhoo (Unit President,

Jagti), Ravinder Singh (Secretary), Charanjeet Singh (Publicity Secretary), A.K. Koul (Secretary), and Vinkle Kitroo (Unit President, Trt Nagrota), have extended their heartfelt congratulations to the people of India, particularly the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir, on the occasion of the New Year 2025.

The leaders expressed their hope that the new year brings peace, prosperity, and happiness to all, especially the people of Jammu and Kashmir. They prayed for the well-being and good health of every citizen and wished for a year filled with joy

and smiles.

In their message, the leaders also called for the Government of India and the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to prioritize the resettlement and rehabilitation of Kashmiri Displaced Hindus. The community, which has endured thirty-three years of exile, has suffered greatly, and the leaders emphasized the need for justice and action to ensure their return to the Valley.

The DPAP leaders concluded their message by praying that the Almighty brings happiness to the people of the country, especially those who have faced hardships over the years.

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75 terrorists killed this year in Jammu and Kashmir

"Neighbouring Pakistan is making all attempts to push terrorists on the Indian side into the Jammu and Kashmir but the security forces have foiled all their nefarious designs," they said.

They added that between the period of January and December this year, security forces have neutralised 75 terrorists in different encounters and operations besides foiling infiltration attempts across the Jammu and Kashmir.

"Pakistan is still trying to push large number of terrorists to carry out terror incidents but alert security forces have successfully eliminated them," they added.

Out of total 75, 17 terrorists were killed while trying to infiltrate from the Line of Control (LOC) and International Border (IB), adding they said, "as per the official data, the maximum number of 14 Pakistani terrorists have been killed in Baramulla in nine encounters."

Next Dec 5 to be observed as holiday: Advisor to CM

updates were received post-snowfall," he said.

Wani highlighted that the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah chose to remain in the Kashmir Valley during the snowfall, ensuring direct supervision of relief and resto-

ration efforts. "For the first time, electricity was restored within no time this year," Wani added, appreciating the efforts of the administration.

New Year | Maintain road discipline, and avoid journeys in case of bad weather: SSP Rohit Baskotra

the people visiting to celebrate, a Traffic advisory has been issued," he said.

He added that as per the advisory, the general public is requested to maintain road discipline and avoid their journey in case of bad weather vagaries.

"Avoid drink and drive, use of mobile phones, stunt biking, triple riding, underage driving and overloading for safety and security of the commuters," read an advisory further stating that do not plan journey towards landslides, shooting stone and other mudslides areas especially on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and in other hilly terrains of District Udhampur, Reasi, Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar respectively.

The drivers will ensure proper safe transportation plans for commuters before their journey and not violate any Traffic Rules and Regulations.

"People traveling on hilly snow areas are advised to fix anti-skid chains preferably in all tires or in cross be affixed and park vehicles without hampering the routine traffic," it read and asked to deal and cooperate politely with the traffic officials deployed

for duty.

Cyber Cell Ganderbal recovers Rs 16 lakh worth of smartphones in 9 months

media account hacking have been resolved and victims of these crimes have breathed a sigh of relief, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that a small and quaint meeting was conducted today wherein 13 mobile phones were distributed to the victims who thanked the efforts of Ganderbal Police.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Ganderbal Raghav S assured 100 percent efforts in curbing the cybercrimes and requested the public to come forward with complaints and assured that it will be dealt with all sincerity and sensitivity.

The SSP also informed the establishment of the 24x7 Cyber helpline number 9541786772 for Ganderbal, which will be available to public for assistance in any cyber related issue.

Farmers Protest: SC defers hearing on shifting Dallewal to hospital, Punjab says negotiations On

It recorded the submissions of Singh and

adjourned the hearing on the matter.

Earlier on December 28, the top court came down heavily on the Punjab government for not shifting Dallewal to a hospital even as it doubted the intention of the agitating farmers for resisting availability of medical aid to their septuagenarian leader.

Dallewal has been on an indefinite fast at the Khanauri border point between Punjab and Haryana since November 26 to press the Centre to accept the farmers' demands, including a legal guarantee of minimum support price for crops.

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

Moderate snowfall during first week of Jan over J&K: MeT

previous night. This was 0.9°C below average for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during the period.

The ski resort of Gulmarg remained the coldest place with the night temperature further plummeting on Tuesday and recorded at -11.5°C against the -10.0 a day ago. This was 5.6°C below the average for the valley of meadows in north Kashmir during this period of the season.

There was a slight improvement in night temperature at the tourist spot of Pahalgam recorded a low of -8.4°C against the -9.2°C the previous night and this was 3.2°C below normal for the valley of shep-

herds in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday. The Picnic spot of Kokernag further plunged to a low of -5.6°C on Tuesday against the -2.4°C a day ago and it was 2.9°C below normal for the south Kashmir destination.

Qazigund also witnessed a significant drop and recorded at -7.5°C on Tuesday against the -2.8°C on Monday. This was 4.8°C below normal for the gateway to Kashmir on Srinagar-Jammu National highway in South Kashmir.

The night temperature at the frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara in north Kashmir stayed at 0.1°C for the second consecutive day on Tuesday and this was 3.1°C above normal for the border district during this period of the season, the MeT office said.

Kashmir reels under intense cold wave, Srinagar records -3.5 °C

Ganderbal recorded temperatures of -4.4°C and -3.4°C, respectively. Meanwhile, Bandipora and Baramulla recorded temperatures of -0.6°C and -4.0°C.

The Meteorological department predicts a severe cold spell will grip the region over the next 4-8 days.

According to the Meteorological department, December 31st is expected to be cold and dry. Starting January 1st, two consecutive Western Disturbances will bring changes to J&K and surrounding areas. 1-2 Jan(Feeble WD):Light Snow at scattered places during 1st evening to 2nd morning. On 3-6 Jan(Moderate WD):Light to moderate Snow at many places.

Ahmed Taha Masoody shines at 5th Junior World Pencak Silat Championship

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Dec 31: In a proud moment for India, Ahmed Taha Masoody, a young martial artist from Srinagar, brought laurels to the nation by securing a bronze medal at the prestigious 5th Junior World Pencak Silat Championship. The championship was held from 18th to 22nd December 2024 at the Sports City ADNEC Center in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The event saw participation from 1,100 athletes representing 55 countries, making it one of the most competitive tournaments in the sport.

Ahmed's incredible performance stood out among a field of highly skilled athletes from across the globe. By clinching the bronze medal, he showcased not only his talent but also the growing presence of Indian athletes in the world stage.

This achievement was made possible through

Ahmed's unwavering dedication, the unflinching support of his family, and the guidance of his coaches, especially Mohd Iqbal, the Coach of the Pencak Silat Federation of India.

Iqbal has been instrumental in identifying and nurturing young talent in the country. His mentorship and encouragement have played a pivotal role in Ahmed's rise as a prominent athlete in the sport.

Ahmed's success at the world championship follows an exceptional performance in November 2024, where he secured four gold medals in two national-level Pencak Silat championships. These back-to-back victories at the national level were a precursor to his remarkable success on the international stage, cementing his reputation as one of the brightest young talents in the sport.

Hailing from the picturesque valley of Kashmir, Ahmed's journey to global recognition is a



testament to resilience and determination. Despite facing challenges such as limited facilities and resources in his home state, Ahmed's passion for Pencak Silat, combined with the support of his family and coaches, has propelled him to extraordinary heights.

The championship, organized under the auspices of the international Pencak Silat federation, was a grand celebration of martial arts. Athletes from traditional Pencak Silat powerhouses such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Phil-

ippines dominated the event. Despite this, Ahmed showcased exceptional skill, grit, and determination to secure his place on the podium, earning admiration and respect from participants and spectators alike.

Ahmed expressed his gratitude to his family, coaches, and Mohd Iqbal for their constant support. "Winning a medal at the world championship has been a dream come true. It wouldn't have been possible without the encouragement of my family and the mentorship of Iqbal, who has been a

guiding light throughout my journey," he said.

Ahmed's accomplishments have brought immense pride not only to his family but also to the entire nation. His success is a source of inspiration for countless young athletes, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, where his journey serves as a reminder of the immense potential waiting to be harnessed.

As Ahmed continues to rise in the world of Pencak Silat, his achievements underline the importance of nurturing young talent and supporting athletes at the grassroots level. His story is a shining example of how perseverance, passion, and the right support system can lead to global recognition.

With his determination and talent, Ahmed Taha Masoody is poised for even greater achievements in the future, bringing more glory to India and inspiring the next generation of athletes.

Doda police arrests absconder evading arrest since last 9 years



Top News Report

DODA, Dec 31: Continuing its drive to arrest wanted criminals, absconders, Doda Police has arrested another ABSCONDER who was evading arrest since last 09 years.

Giving details Police said that one accused namely Mohd Amran Malla, son of Mohd Afzal Malla, resident of Harpura tehsil koker-nag Distt anantnag was

involved in a theft case FIR No.185/2014 under Section 457/380 RPC registered against him in Police Station Doda and finally the case was Challenged in the year, 2015. The said accused person was declared as absconder by the court of law and general warrant of arrest under section 299 Cr.P.C was issued against him. But he was evading his arrest since 2016.

On the directions of

SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta, a special team was constituted headed by Inspector Parvaiz Ahmed khanday, SHO Doda and duly assisted by PSI Ankush Nagra.

The team generated sources and after getting technical lead tracked down the absconder and finally arrested him from Jammu.

The accused person is being produced before the court of law.

Mentionable here that Doda in a special drive against the criminals has arrested (22) absconders during the current year including arrest of (04) absconders during the month of December-2024.

The SSP Doda in his address has asked all the accused persons who are absconding in different criminal cases of district doda to either surrender before the concerned Hon'ble courts and avoid humiliation or they will be chased and arrested and produced before the Hon'ble courts shortly.

SKAUST-K holds EAP on Sheep, Goat health management at KVK Kulgam

Top News Report

KULGAM, Dec 31: One day entrepreneurship and skill development on Feeding, Breeding and Health management of Sheep and Goat was organized by SKAUST-K in collaboration with Sheep Husbandry Department Kulgam here at KVK Pombay area of South Kashmiri's Kulgam district on Tuesday.

Programme was aimed for skill upgrada-

tion of the sheep breeders and it is satisfying for them to see Sheep Breeders participating in good numbers in such programmes and getting knowledge on scientific animal rearing.

Programme was sponsored by Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Entrepreneurship, New Delhi in which more than 100 Sheep Breeders participated and interacted with Dr Parvaiz Ahmed Reshi, Senior Scientist Animal

Nutrition), SKAUST-K. Dr Zahoor Ahmed Wani, Senior Scientist (Veterinary Parasitology), SKAUST-K. Dr Muzamil Abdullah, Scientist (Livestock Production Management). Dr Shahid, Scientist (Animal Breeding). Dr Adil Ahmed Dar, Sheep Development officer, Kulgam.

Chief Guest, Professor Manzoor Ganai. The breeders hailed the efforts of the SKAUST-K for organising the programme.

Essay writing competition on Chemistry in Every Day Life held at GCW Udhampur

Top News Report

UDHAMPUR, Dec 31: As part of departmental activities, the Department of Chemistry, Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur organized two activities in the month of December, 2024 under the aegis of IQAC here on Tuesday.

The activities were organised under the supervision of Dr. Indu Khajuria, Head of the



Department of Chemistry.

The first event was an essay writing competition on the topic "Chemistry in EveryDay Life" for B.Sc. Semester-I students in the Chemistry

Laboratory. Dr. Monika Gupta (Associate Professor) and Dr. Madhvi Bhardwaj (Assistant Professor) were judges of the event.

The second event was a one-day lecture by Dr.

Shubham Sharma in the Department of Chemistry. The lecture was delivered on the topic "Nuclear and Industrial Disasters".

The results were declared by Dr. Indu

Khajuria (HOD Chemistry). Vanshika, Anshika and Varsha secured the first, second and third hird positions respectively. Dr. Shubham Sharma and Dr. Bilal Ahmed contributed in the smooth conduct of the event.

Dr. Indu Khajuria (HOD Chemistry), Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Madhvi Bhardwaj and Dr. Bilal Ahmed were present during the lecture.

GDC Darhal organizes seminar on directive principles of state policy and fundamental rights and duties

Top News Report

DARHAL, Dec 31: Government Degree College (GDC) Darhal held a one-day seminar today focused on the "Directive Principles of State Policy and Fundamental Rights and Duties in the Indian Constitution."

This event aimed to enhance awareness among students regarding their rights and responsibilities as citizens of India, in line with the Shikshit Bharat initiative that seeks to educate and empower young minds about the foundations of Indian democracy and the importance of constitu-

tional values.

The seminar provided an engaging platform for students to explore the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution, including the right to equality, freedom of speech, and the right to education, as well as the essential duties that accompany these rights.

Special emphasis was placed on understanding the Directive Principles of State Policy, which guide the State in ensuring social and economic justice. Participants gained a holistic understanding of how these rights, duties, and principles shape their roles as responsible

citizens.

Under the able guidance of Principal Prof. Zamir Mirza, who chaired the event, Dr. M. Saleem Wani served as the resource person, delivering key insights throughout the sessions.

The seminar also saw enthusiastic participation from Dr. Taseem Ahmed, Dr. Akhlaq Ahmed, Dr. Anzaar Ahmed, alongside many other dedicated teachers and students who contributed to the enriching discussions.

The event featured distinguished speakers, including legal experts, educators, and representatives from civil

society, who shared valuable insights into the constitutional framework and its relevance in contemporary society.

Interactive sessions encouraged active participation among students, allowing them to ask questions and engage in discussions about real-life scenarios that relate to their rights and responsibilities.

This initiative reflects GDC Darhal's commitment to cultivating informed, responsible, and active citizenship among its students. By equipping them with knowledge about their fundamental rights,

duties, and the Directive Principles of State Policy, the seminar aimed to inspire a generation that not only values democratic principles but also takes meaningful actions toward contributing positively to the nation.

A large number of students and staff members participated in the Program.

Prominent among others were Prof. Anzar Ahmed, Dr. Shahid Nabi Dar, Dr Mohd Shakeel Kataria, Prof. Iqbal Ahmed, Prof. Sumina Begum Prof. Rahul Sangra, Dr. Mohd Sagir, Dr. Atta ul Rehman and Dr Muzamil.

Blanket donation drive held by NSS unit of GLDM GDC Hiranagar



Top News Report

HIRANAGAR, Dec 31: Continuing the tradition of spreading warmth during the winter season, GLDM GDC Hiranagar organized a Blanket Donation Drive under the banner of "To Share is Human," led by the NSS unit of the college. The initiative aimed to provide relief to the underprivileged amidst the chilly winter weather, bringing com-

fort to those in need.

Faculty members of the college actively participated in the drive, contributing generously within their capacities to support the noble cause. The blankets were distributed at Ward No. 13, Deepak Chowk, Hiranagar, where the NSS volunteers reached out to the community, ensuring that those most in need received the warmth and comfort of a blanket.

This heartfelt initiative not only provided physical comfort to the underprivileged but also reinforced the values of sharing, humanity, and social responsibility, reminding everyone of the power of collective action in making a positive impact during challenging times.

Awareness programme on Cervical Cancer held at GCOE

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 31: An awareness program on Cervical Cancer and HPV Vaccination was held at Government College of Education (GCOE) Jammu. The program was held under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar. The programme was initiated with a brief introduction to the topic by Prof. Deepali Devi.

Dr. Davinder Kour,

Convenor of the Sparsh Committee educated the students about the hazards of Cervical Cancer and the importance of HPV Vaccination for women. She explained that HPV is a Human Pappilloma Virus which causes Cervical Cancer. In every two minutes, one woman died because of Cervical Cancer globally. In India also, the mortality rate of cervical cancer is 22 women per 100,000.



She Motivated the students for this HPV Vaccination. Five students agreed to undergo HPV Vaccination. Pamphlets were also distributed to the Participants Senior faculty members Prof. Satish Sharma, Prof. Prof. Anuradha Choudary, Dr. Sushma Bala, Dr. Shalini Rana, Coordinator IQAC, were also present at the event.

Prof. Kiran Thapa proposed a vote of Thanks.

Other Committee Members who were present were Dr. Rakesh Bharti, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Prof. Roopa Kumari, Dr. Shalini Sharma, Dr. Ambica, Dr. Sonam Gandotra, and Students committee members Jaspreet Kour and Bhagya Laxmi.

This awareness program demonstrates the college's commitment to promoting health education and wellness among its students.

Rohit Sharma to quit Test Cricket, says report

Indian cricket team skipper Rohit Sharma is all set to announce his retirement after the end of the ongoing five-match Test series against Australia, according to a report.

MELBOURNE, Dec 31 (Agencies): Indian cricket team skipper Rohit Sharma is all set to announce his retirement after the end of the ongoing five-match Test series against Australia, according to a report by Times Of India. The report claimed that the BCCI top brass and selectors have already spoken about the decision and it is highly unlikely that Rohit will be changing his mind. While the exact time of the announcement is not determined, the report said that it will happen after the final Test match in Sydney.

However, if India qualify for the World Test Championship (WTC) Final, Rohit may try to convince the selectors to allow him to stay.

India skipper Rohit Sharma looked shattered as he confessed to being "disturbed" after the heavy loss to Australia



in the fourth Test here, saying there are "things" that he needs to address at a personal level apart from the team's collective problems amid intense focus on his form.

With 31 runs in six innings across three Tests, the Indian skipper's tally is just one more

than Jasprit Bumrah's series wicket-haul of 30. The clamour for Test retirement have reached a crescendo and Sydney could be his final port of call in whites but he doesn't want to go out without a fight.

Where does he stand as a batter and as a captain? What

is his frame of mind? The questions are many but the answers are not so simple.

"I stand where I am standing today. There is nothing to think about what has happened in the past. Obviously, few results have not gone our way. As a captain, yes, that is disappointing," he tried to conceal his disappointment after the 184-run defeat but then revealed what has become obvious. He is not in a happy place.

"You know, a lot of the things that I am trying to do is not falling in the place that I would want to. But mentally, look, you know, it is disturbing without a doubt. If you have come here and try and do successfully what you're supposed to and if those things don't fall in place, that is a big disappointment. But as of now, that is where it is," Rohit explained.

Indian bowlers exposed flaw in Konstas' forward defense: O'Keeffe



MELBOURNE, Dec 31 (Agencies): Former Australian cricketer Kerry O'Keeffe has raised concerns about the batting technique of 19-year-old opener Sam Konstas.

He has warned that the glaring flaws in his forward defence could derail his promising Test career if not addressed urgently.

O'Keeffe's critique came after Konstas's struggles against India in the Boxing Day Test at the MCG, where

his weakness against inswinging deliveries was exposed.

While inswinging deliveries have troubled Konstas, O'Keeffe believes the real issue lies in his forward defense technique.

Speaking on Fox Cricket, O'Keeffe explained, "The Indian tacticians have identified a problem with the forward defense of Sam Konstas. This flaw has now been exposed on the global stage and will likely be targeted by

bowling units around the world."

In the fourth Test against India, Konstas was dismissed in both innings by inswinging deliveries.

In the first innings, Jasprit Bumrah tested him early, though Konstas managed to survive by attacking rather than defending.

However, by the second innings, Bumrah initially bowled outswingers to set Konstas up before delivering a lethal inswinger that shattered his stumps.

"Sam's front shoulder, he loses it completely and just plays with his hands. He's pushing his hands at the ball away from his body. The gap is created, and Bumrah went through it. He doesn't need too many invitations," O'Keeffe noted.

Vaishali wins World blitz finals qualifier

NEW YORK, Dec 31 (Agencies): Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali showcased her skill by winning the women's qualifier to advance to the quarterfinals of the World Blitz Championship here.

Following Koneru Humpy's stellar performance, which earned her the gold medal and a prize of USD 60,000, it was Vaishali's turn to impress her fans. She triumphed in the women's section, scoring 9.5 points, with three draws on her way to a 9.5/11 performance.

Russian Kateryna Lagno came closest to Vaishali, scoring 8.5 points, while the remaining six qualifiers finished with an identical 8 points. Despite meeting the points criteria, Humpy was eliminated due to the worst tiebreaker, finishing ninth.

In the open section, ten players tied for first place, including world number one Magnus Carlsen. Carlsen scored when needed and drew six of his 13 games, finishing among the co-leaders at the end of the qualifiers.

Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi won the qualifier with 9.5 points, benefiting from the best tiebreak, while Fabiano Caruana of the United



States finished second, ahead of Carlsen, who placed third.

Surprisingly, none of the Indians made the top eight, despite some early promising performances.

Erigaisi Arjun played brilliantly at the start, securing victories in the first five rounds but faded to finish with a subpar seven points.

R Praggnanandhaa was the best-placed Indian, with 8.5 points, but a last-round loss to Russian Daniil Dubov cost him a spot in the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, Vaishali will face Chinese Grandmaster Zhu Jiner.

Vaishali's back-to-back victories against GMs Nana Dzagnidze of Georgia and Valentina Gunina (Both Fide); Carissa Yip (Usa) Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz).

Indian player to top the event with ease.

Indian standings open: R Praggnanandhaa (8.5) - 23; Raunak Sadhwani (8) 46; Arjun Erigaisi (7) 64; Aravindh Chithambaram (7) 68; V Pranav (7) 67; Women: R Vaishali (9.5) 1; K Humpy (8) 9; Divya Deshmukh (7) 18; Vantika Agarwal (7) 19; D Harika (7) 22.

The Qualifiers: Open: 1-8: Ian Nepomniachtchi, Volodar Murzin (Both Fide); Fabiano Caruana, Hans Niemann Moke, Wesley So (all USA); Magnus Carlsen (Nor); Duda Jan-Krysztof (Pol); Alireza Firouzja (Fra).

Women 1-8: R Vaishali (Ind); Lei Tingjie, Wenjun Ju, Zhu Jiner (all Chn); Kateryna Lagno, Valentina Gunina (Both Fide); Carissa Yip (Usa) Bibisara Assaubayeva (Kaz).

Indian cricket has depth to fill Rohit, Virat's void: Lehmann

MELBOURNE, Dec 31 (Agencies): Indian cricket has produced a generational superstar in Yashasvi Jaiswal and will remain in good health even when Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma decide to call time on their careers, feels former Australia head coach and two-time World Cup winner Darren Lehmann.

The 54-year-old, who played 27 Tests and 117 ODIs during his decade-long career, is also captivated by Jasprit Bumrah's skills, claiming to have never seen any player have more impact in a single series.

Talking about impending retirements of Rohit and Kohli following their poor show in the ongoing series where India trail 1-2, Lehmann was empathetic and practical about the transition in Indian cricket.

"Look whenever they decide to give it away and whatever happens in next few days they



have been great players for India over a long period of time," Lehmann, a member of 1999 and 2003 ODI World Cup-winning teams told agency.

"Now actually we see younger players starting to step up for India and play well at next level. There is so much depth in Indian cricket I won't worry too much," Lehmann was pretty matter of fact.

"Whenever these two guys decide to retire, there are so many talented youngsters that Indian cricket will be in good stead." Having watched Jaiswal emerge as the flagbear-

er of Indian batting in the series, Lehmann made a bold prediction about the southpaw, who has scores of 161, 82 and 84 in this series.

"Oh, superstar. One of the best I have seen," Lehmann said quickly, before the question was finished.

"He (Jaiswal) and Harry Brook are two next generation players. They are the ones that people will sit back and say they are good players. He played very well in Melbourne and was outstanding in Perth. He has come up leaps and bounds on this tour," the beefy left-hander of yesteryears said.

But Lehmann reserved his highest praise for Bumrah, equating him with all-time greats such as Wasim Akram and Glenn McGrath.

"I presume he (Bumrah) is the next captain when Rohit finishes. He did a really good job in Perth. He is the best bowler I have ever seen live."

"I have seen Wasim Akram, Glenn McGrath and all but I have not seen a bowler have impact like him in a single series like Jasprit Bumrah has since Mitchell Johnson in 2013-14 Ashes win."

"This is very similar as Bumrah already has 30 wickets. He has been outstanding to watch. He will do well when he gets a chance to lead India." Talking about transition, Lehmann noted that Australia's batting could be a concern, rather than the bowling, even though Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Scott Boland, and

Michael Neser are all in their early to mid-30s.

"I am not so worried about bowling as lot of good kids are coming up. Lance Morris, Xavier Bartlett from Brisbane Heats, so there are plenty of them. Spinners are okay but it is the batting that is being tested at the moment," said Lehmann.

"There will be some changes with greats retiring but fast bowling will be good enough. How long Cummins and Starc survive time will tell, but hopefully, they will get to till next Ashes." Lehmann has had a decent reputation as a coach but when asked if he would consider coaching the Indian national team, the answer was negative.

"It would have been an honour to work with Indian national team but I am done with international cricket. I just want the young guys to get better," Lehmann signed off.

Navjot Sidhu wants Travis Head punished for conduct so 'no one dares follow suit'

Australia vs India: Former Indian batter Navjot Singh Sidhu has slammed Travis Head's 'obnoxious' celebration after Rishabh Pant's dismissal in the recent Boxing Day Test. Sidhu labeled the act as "obnoxious behavior", saying the celebration insulted not just Pant but the entire Indian population of 1.5 billion.

Carlsen says Anand, for all his good qualities, isn't ready for FIDE job

CHENNAI, Dec 31 (Agencies): The Magnus Carlsen saga has taken new twist. A couple of days after being disqualified from the World Rapid Chess championships in New York for wearing jeans, the former world champion took a dig at Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand, who is a deputy president in the international chess federation (FIDE).

While speaking to an online app, Carlsen said the disqualification was 'draconian' and criticised the FIDE for mishandling the issue. He even said that there was no grown-ups to discuss with in FIDE and called the officials "robots" unable to make independent decisions. "Well... let's go back to a couple of days ago.

I did have some choice words for FIDE in my interview with you. And I would say that it was a bit imprecise. I definitely mean it when it comes to certain people in FIDE. No question about it," he told an app, adding he almost booked his flight back home. The Norwegian is participating in World Blitz after FIDE chief Arkady Dvorkovich intervened.

"We had long conversations with Anand yesterday and others, which generally didn't lead anywhere. It was generally the same answers that arbiters are basically robots who cannot think on their own, who have no way to even deviate slightly from... I don't even know if I broke any rules. I still haven't gotten a clear answer on that,"

Carlsen said.

Anand told Chessbase India that Carlsen was penalised for breaking rules. For his part, Carlsen said he did not break any rules and at least he has not got a favourable reply from FIDE.

"Anand said very clearly that he didn't know that he had any opportunity to do anything past, you know, go with the arbiters' honestly draconian decision of not pairing me. And that means that he was, for all his good qualities, not ready for this job. That's what I feel," Carlsen said. The FIDE also tweaked the dress code that said "elegant minor deviations (that may, in particular, include appropriate jeans matching the jacket) are allowed."

MELBOURNE, Dec 31 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu slammed Travis Head's celebration after dismissing Rishabh Pant, calling it an insult to 1.5 billion Indians and demanding "stringent punishment" to prevent similar acts on the cricket field in the future.

The incident took place during the final session of Day 5 of the Boxing Day Test when Head dismissed Pant, who had scored a brisk 30. Head's peculiar celebration—pointing one finger into a circularly shaped hand—left fans and commentators puzzled. Although Channel 7's James Brayshaw and Pat Cummins later clarified that the gesture symbolised "putting his finger on ice".

"Travis head's obnox-



ious behaviour during the course of the Melbourne test doesn't auger well for the gentleman's game..... sets the worst possible example when there are kids, women, young & old watching the game..... this caustic conduct did not insult an individual but a nation of 1.5 billion Indians.....stringent punishment that would serve a deterrent for

the future generations needs to be slapped on him so that no one dares follow suit !!!" Sidhu wrote on X.

Channel 7's James Brayshaw offered some clarity. "Now, great people in the back have said after he took 4-10 within 17 balls in Sri Lanka in 2022 he was quoted as saying, 'I had to put the digit on ice'," Brayshaw said. "So that

was the celebration. He said 'I just got him, and I'm putting it back on ice.'"

Australia captain Pat Cummins provided an explanation for Head's celebration. "I can explain that. His finger is so hot, that he is going to put it in a cup of ice. Yes, that's what it is. That's normally the running joke. Was it at the Gabba or somewhere,

where he got a wicket as well and just got straight to the fridge, grabs a bucket of ice, puts his finger in and just walks in front of Lyno (Nathan Lyon). Just like that, I think it's very funny. So that's what it would have been, nothing else," Cummins told reporters after Australia won the match by 184 runs to go 2-1 up with one match left in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Despite Head's struggles with the bat—registering scores of 0 and 1 in the match—he made a decisive impact with the ball. His timely breakthrough dismissed Pant, triggering a collapse in the Indian batting lineup. India lost their last six wickets for just 34 runs, succumbing to 155 in their chase of 340.

Release all Samiti members detained during protest against proposed ropeway project: Rao

Top News Report

JAMMU, Dec 31: Kuldeep Kumar Rao, who contested from 79-Jammu North Assembly constituency in the recently conducted Assembly election, demanded the release of 18 protesters including Bhupinder Singh and Sohan Singh who were detained by the administration against the ropeway project.

He praised the unity shown by the people of Katra in particular & other social & political activists in general.

He criticized the administration for suppressing the voices of people fighting for their rights.

He expressed his disappointment over the arrests, calling it a blatant misuse of power and an infringement on democratic values.

The proposed project which is being resisted by the local traders will hamper the livelihood of thousands of families who earned their bread & butter from the pilgrimage. It is very shocking that the administration instead of listening to genuine concerns of the local traders who are major stakeholders in this issue, are detaining and arresting the protesters, which is highly condemnable.

While commenting on last two days business proceedings in J&K Assembly said that unfortunately both NC & BJP Assembly members, are in fact, fighting for the cause of their individual Political Parties and not the cause of common man- the un-employment, rising sky rocketing prices, adulterations in medicines, fruits, vegetables, problems of farmers, Govt. Higher Secondary Schools &



Colleges are working without infrastructure & staff, illegal mining etc., Rao said that huge scandal in Mining Department in collusion with Junior most Officers sitting on Senior most lucrative chairs, worth several hundred crores running in Jammu for last many years, highlighted in news papers, need a thorough probe at the hands of reputed Agency like CBI so that truth comes to fore and Jammuites heave a sigh of relief.

He further said that after dozens of looting Machines- called Toll Plazas installed at National Highways, smart electrical meters, Property Tax, the increase prices of Sand, Bajri & stones are another gift to poor people of Jammu making it extremely difficult for the poor people to raise a room for them. He further expressed great concern that India was divided in 1947 on the basis of casteism and

sadly the ruling dispensation, all over India, has openly propagated 80-20 formula which is very harmful & dangerous for the unity and integrity of country.

He cautioned the people to read between the lines and emphasized that such like drama will continue in the Assembly for next five years and the cause of common man will be sacrificed over their Party interest.

Rao thanked the voters of 52- Doda Assembly constituency who voted for change to Mehraj Malik, AAP candidate, a real public representative, rejecting the old spent forces of traditional Political Parties' candidates, even if the local leaders of these Parties once again succeed in getting votes in other Assembly constituencies in J&K-UT, by their old plan of dividing them on caste & religion base.

Rao said that a very dangerous trend is going rounds in politics from many years & once again the poor people get misled in recently these Assembly elections by these traditional political Parties' through their local leaders. All traditional Political Parties are spreading the same old message for playing caste base politics during elections that if such & such Parties comes to power than such & such religion groups will be targeted. It is totally a false agenda being spread by these traditional political parties only to mislead poor people. The need of the hour is to expose all these tradition political parties for playing caste base politics.

The present situation in the country in general & J&K in particular is due to the corrupt & caste base politics being played by all these traditional political parties.

NSS Unit of Dogra Degree College visits Old Age Home at Amphala



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SAMBA, Dec 31: In an initiative to spread warmth and compassion, the NSS Unit of Dogra Degree College, in collaboration with the UBA Cell, organized a visit to Home for Old Aged and Infirm, Amphalla, Jammu. The visit was aimed at bringing joy and comfort to the elderly residents of the home.

The visit was led by the NSS Programme Officer, Ms. Simran Thakur, alongside the UBA PI Coordinator DDC, Balwant Singh, who actively participated in distributing the donated items.

Principal Dr. Bela Thakur also extended her support for the initiative, which reflects the College's commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.

Around 25 enthusiastic volunteers participated in the event. The volunteers engaged with the elderly residents, spending time with

them, distributing the donations, and bringing smiles to their faces.

The event began with the introductory speech by R.C Vaid, Zonal Physical Education Officer(Retd.), Member of the Managing Committee followed by the Mr. Balwant Singh's note highlighting the goals and objectives of the visit. Some of the students shared their experiences and also gave singing performance. The senior citizens at the home also participated by singing and sharing their valuable life experiences.

The event ended with the key address of I.D. Soni, Former State Commissioner, J&K, Bharat Scouts and Guide, President of the Managing Committee of Home for Old Aged and Infirm. Vinod Kumar, Social Activist and member of the bc managing committee played very important role in making the visit a success.

As part of the initiative, the college contributed various eatables, winter accessories, Wheel chairs and clothes to the residents, ensuring they have the warmth and comfort they need during the winter season. The contributions were collected by the NSS Unit from both students and staff members, reflecting the community's spirit of care and solidarity.

The initiative is a part of the NSS Unit's ongoing efforts to promote social responsibility and contribute positively to society under the visionary leadership of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Chairman Dogra Educational Trust & Dr. Samar Dev Singh Charak, Secretary Dogra Educational Trust.

The team expressed its commitment to continue such activities in the future, strengthening bonds with the community and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Anti Crime NGO Chairman meets DIG JKS Range to discuss drug menace, community engagement



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JAMMU, Dec 31: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti Crime NGO, held a meeting with DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma to address the pressing issue of drug abuse and emphasize the importance of strengthening police-public collaboration.

The meeting, aimed at fostering community engagement and combating the drug menace, witnessed active participation from several prominent individuals.

During the discussion, Sham highlighted the growing threat posed by drug addiction, particularly among the youth, and the need for coordinated efforts to curb this menace.

He stressed the importance of police-public meetings in building trust, enhancing aware

ness, and creating a supportive environment for tackling drug-related issues.

Gupta also appreciated the efforts of the police force in addressing the drug problem and urged for more community-oriented programs to further these initiatives.

DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma acknowledged the concerns raised by the Anti Crime NGO and assured that the police are committed to addressing the drug menace through stringent enforcement measures and awareness campaigns. He encouraged citizens to actively participate in police-public meetings and provide valuable inputs to enhance law enforcement efforts.

The meeting was attended by several notable Members, including Mukhtiyar

Saini, Co-Convenor of the Ex-Serviceman Cell BJP, and Sahil Gupta, Ex-Corporator BJP of MC Bishnah.

Other team members present were Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Tushar, Anshu, Rohit, Abhishek Sharma, and several others.

Their active participation underlined the collective resolve to address societal challenges through collaborative efforts.

The discussions concluded with a mutual commitment to intensify awareness campaigns, especially in vulnerable areas, and to organize more police-public interactions to foster mutual understanding and cooperation.

Sham Lal Gupta assured the NGO's full support to the police in their efforts to combat drug abuse and strengthen public safety.

This meeting marks another step forward in the collaborative fight against drug abuse, highlighting the pivotal

role of NGOs, community members, and law enforcement in creating a safer and healthier society.

Install statue of Gen Zorawar Singh at Pangong Tso Lake: SSP



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JAMMU, Dec 31: Col SS Pathania, Chief Convener and President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP) J&K UT, expressed his happiness for installation of statue of Chatrapati Shivaji at Pangong Tso lake as a tribute to a great king and warrior. However, he said he was baffled, dismayed and disappointed with the decision makers as the local legend and great warrior General Zorawar Singh

also known as Napoleon of India was ignored along with the history.

Gen Zorawar Singh extended the frontiers of Dogra empire and conquered Ladakh, Baltistan, Skardu and Tibet, thereby making J&K biggest state in India, he said adding that in a mountainous terrain with icy winds, treacherous routes and a small self contained horse backed Dogra army displayed unparalleled courage and bravery under the dynamic leadership of bravest of the brave, General Zorawar. Pathania urged the UT government and Central Government to recognize the achievements and bravery of gallant Dogra soldiers led by General Zorawar and install a statue alongside the statue of Chatrapati Shivaji at Pangong Tso lake, as a tribute to legendary General Zorawar Singh.

Statue of both great warriors at the backdrop of beautiful Pangong Tso Lake will surely continue inspiring our present and coming generations, he said.



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