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Suspected terrorists open fire on **Indian Army** on Rajouri LoC; Army **Retaliates**

JAMMU, Feb 8 (Agencies): Suspected terrorists opened fire on Indian Army troops deployed along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Keri sector of Rajouri district. The incident took place in the forward area of Line of Control today afternoon and is believed to have been done by suspected terrorists from across the border.

According to sources in the Indian Army, a few rounds were fired at the Indian Army personnel, who responded with retaliatory fire on the location from where the fire came. Forces are now conducting searches in the area where the incident has been reported.

Sources said that a patrolling party of the Indian Army was fired upon by suspected terrorists from across the border at around 2 PM this afternoon near Baratgala in the Keri sector of Rajouri. "No loss of life or injury has been reported so far in the incident while searches are underway in the area," sources

MeT predicts isolated to scattered light rain and snow in next 3 days

SRINAGAR, Feb 8 (Agencies): The Meteorological Department has predicted isolated to scattered light rain and snow in Jammu and Kashmir for next three days beginning on

Sunday. Winter this year has been quite unusual, with colder-than-normal nights and unexpectedly warmer days. The winter has also witnessed a deficit precipitation.

Officials said Jammu and Kashmir has seen a significant rainfall deficit in January, with data showing an 87% shortfall from January 1 to January 29.

According to the MeT forecast, there is a possibility of light rain and snowfall at isolated locations on Sunday. The weather may turn slightly active on February 10 and 11, with light rain and snowfall expected at scattered places in Kashmir.

From February 12 to 14, the weather is expected to remain predominantly dry. However, another round of generally cloudy weather with chances of light rain and snow at isolated places is forecast for February 15 and 16.

Meanwhile, almost ■Turn to page 9

Delhi Polls: Parvesh Verma's family express joy and gratitude as BJP leader set to defeat Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, Feb 8 (Agencies): As Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Parvesh Verma is set to defeat Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Keiriwal from New Delhi constituency, Verma's family expressed their joy and gratitude at the results.

According to the Election Commission of India. Verma is leading by over 4000 votes against Kejriwal with counting for the last round still underway.

Parvesh Verma's wife, Swati Singh Verma, said the victory shows the trust, people of Delhi have put in BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking with agency, Swati Singh Verma said. "Today's victory shows that people have trust in BJP and PM Modi. The people of Delhi were fed up with the different governments for the past 26 years. Now, the development will happen.

Parvesh Verma's sister, Rachna Sindhu,

highlighted the strong support from the women in the constituency, while his daughters, Trisha and Sanidhi, expressed gratitude for the people's

Speaking with ANI, Rachna Sindhu said, "I am happy just like an elder sister when she sees her brother's success. I am happy just like the women of the constituency who have shown their trust in Parvesh, voted for him, and gave him their blessings. In these elections, I didn't work like a party worker."

She added, "I am a strong supporter of BJP. Parvesh has done the work of carrying forward his father's legacy, and he will do the same work in future also. We worked in those areas where we needed to do a door-to-door campaign. The women are not safe in Delhi - so what they'll do with free bus service? The women saw a hope in the BJP."

Daughters of Parvesh Verma, Trisha and Sanidhi said, "We thank the people of New Delhi for their support. The

people of Delhi will never make the mistake of giving a second chance to a person who runs government by telling lies...We knew that there would be a clearcut victory, we were just waiting for the right time. This time the people of Delhi did not let lies win..."

Sanidhi further said, "We all are very happy. I thank the people of New Delhi for giving us a chance to serve them for the next five years. We are very happy about becoming the MLA.. We have always accepted the posts given to him by the party, this time too we will accept it happily."

Meanwhile, according to the latest update from the Election Commission of India (ECI) at 1:54 pm, BJP is ahead on 48 seats while AAP on 22 seats. The majority mark in national capital in 36.

BJP has won in eight constituencies so

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Jammu BJP celebrates party's performance in Delhi Polls



JAMMU, Feb 8: BJP workers led by senior party leaders on Saturday thronged the party headquarters here to celebrate the saffron party's performance in Delhi assembly polls where it is poised to dislodge the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and form the government after more than 26 years.

Amid bursting of fire crackers and distribution of sweets, the party workers were also seen dancing on the tunes of

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the drums to celebrate the victory.

"The people of Delhi rejected corruption by voting for BJP. We salute the party leadership and workers for their hard work," J-K BJP president Sat Paul Sharma said. He said the defeat of AAP national convener and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal from his seat is a clear message from the people that they do not

want "corrupt leaders".

Trainer holds

13 years of experience

"This victory is people's

Sharma said. Senior BJP leader and MLA Vikram Randhawa said the voters of Delhi exercised their democratic right wisely to say

win... the national

capital will see mas-

sive development with a

double engine govern-

ment under the lead-

ership of Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi,"

"This is the victory of nationalism. Winning the national capital is a

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LAHDC Kargil Calls on CM Omar Abdullah to discuss issues of Ladakh Students, Patients, Residents in J&K

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Top News Report

JAMMU. Feb 8: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today chaired a high-level meeting with a delegation from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil and senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir to discuss and resolve various concerns of stu

dents, patients and residents of Ladakh.

Representing LAHDC Kargil, the delegation was led by Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, alongside Feroz Ahmad Khan and other councilors.

The delegation also included Member of Parliament Ladakh Haji Mohd Haneefa Jan and

senior National Conference leader and former Minister Qamar Ali Akhoon.

Addressing the delegation, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, urged the visiting delegation to take up the matter with the Ladakh administration to ensure the posting of senior officers in Jammu and Srinagar,

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AN-32 Kargil courier service airlifts 24 stranded passengers

KARGIL, Feb 8 (Agencies): Twenty-four stranded passengers were airlifted by Indian Air Force (IAF) between Kargil and Srinagar on Saturday, marking the commencement of AN-32 Kargil courier service, a lifeline to the Union Territory of Ladakh during winter

On the first day, 12 passengers travelled in the AN-32 Kargil courier

months.



service from Kargil to Srinagar and an equal number between Srinagar to Kargil, an offi

cial said. The Kargil courier service operates on Kargil-■Turn to page 9

10TH DAY/KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved mother Smt Karan Devi W/o Th Karam Singh Manhas originally R/o Village Tope Manhasan presently R/o H.No. 156 Rampura left for heavenly abode on 30th January 2025.

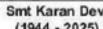
10th Day will be performed on 8th Feb. 2025 at Durga Bhawan at 11 AM.

Kriya will be performed on 11th Feb. 2025 at home

Rasam Pagri/Uthala on 12th Feb. 2025 at 2 PM onward followed by Pritibhoj at Durga Bhawan. GRIEF STRICKEN

Daughters-in-law & Sons

Mrs Neelam & Kanwal Singh Manhas - 9419125441 Mrs Rosina & Narinder Singh Manhas Grand Children: Anshu, Ashish, Abhishek, Tejaswani.





Smt Karan Devi (1944 - 2025)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

10th Day of our beloved mother, Parkasho Devi, wife of late Shri Govind Ram Sharma, will be held on Feb 8, 2025, at 12:00 hrs.at residence

Kriya on Feb 9, 2025, at 12:00 hrs.at residence. Uthala on Feb 9, 2025, from 3 to 4 pm at Geeta Bhavan Vinayak Nagar Muthi

Deepest Regards From:

Ram Lai Sharma & Anita Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) Ami Chard Sharma & Sandi Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) K D Sharma & Sangeeta Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) Prithyi Sharma & Veena Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-law) Ram Payori and Kaka Ram Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law) Swama (Daughter) Wio Late Bharat Bhushan Sharma Valshno and Tribhuvan Sharma (Daughter and Son-In-law)

Contact: 9419100359, 9560277750, 9419362296, 9622088361



Parkasho Devi

Sh. Parth Singh Charak

Shri Chaman Lal Khachroo

Late Smt. Sheela Pandita

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our beloved (Father) **Sh. Parth Singh Charak** S/o Lt Sh. Punjab Singh Charak H.No 86 (Private), Sec 2 Chhanni Himmat, Jammu left for heavenly abode on 30-1-2025. 10TH DAY will be performed on 7th of Feb (Friday) 2025 at our residence at 11 AM.

KIRYA will be performed on 10th of Feb (Monday) 2025 at our residence at 12 AM.

UTHALA will also be performed on 10th of Feb (Monday) 2025 at our residence at 2 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN Smt. Bimla Devi - Wife Brothers and Bhabi's

Lt Sub Sh. Chhattar Singh Charak and Lt. Smt. Shakuntla Devi

Sh. Kehar Singh Charak and Neelam Charak Son's-in-law and Daughters-in-law

Keshav Singh Charak and Laxmi Charak Labb Singh Charak and Rajni Charak

Son's-in-law & Daughter

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10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

For our beloved mother, Parkasho Devi, wife of the Late Sh. Govind Ram Sharma, will be held on Feb 8, 2025, Saturday at 12:00 hrs at residence.

Kriya: Feb 9, 2025, Sunday at 12:00 hrs. at residence Uthala: Feb 10, 2025, Monday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Geeta Bhawan, Vinayak Nagar, Upper Muthi. Deepest Regards From:

Sons & Daughters-in-law Sh Ram Lal Sharma & Smt Anita Sharma Sh Ami Chand Sharma & Smi Salodi Sharma

Sh K D Sharma & Smt Sangeeta Sharma

Parkasho Devi Sh Prithvi Sharma & Smt Veena Sharma Smt Ram Payari & Sh Kaka Ram Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law) Smt Swarra W/o Late Sh Bharat Bhushan Sharma (Daughter and Son -in-law) Smt Vaishno & Sh Tribhuvan Sharma (Daughter and Son-in-law)

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R/O Village Mathwar

OBITUARY/10th DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father, Shri Chaman Lall Khachroo, originally from Shalayar, Habbakadal, Srinagar and presently residing at E-606, Stellar Jeevan, Sector 1 Greater Noida West Noida, left for his heavenly abode on 3rd February 2025.

The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Chhota Haridwar/ Gangah Nahar Ghat, Muradnagar on 12th February 2025 at 8.30 am.

IN GRIEF

Ralani Bangai (Wife)

Indu Munshi and S N Munshi (Daughter and Son in Law) Kiran Kaboo and Sunil Kaboo (Daughter and Son in Law) Youngley and Jubbi- Nephews

Raje and , Vyoma Kaboo and, Anuj (Grand Children and their spouses)

Saanvy - (Great Grand Child) KHACHROOS, BAMZAI'S, LAJPAT NAGAR WALE, MUNSHIS,

KABOOS, KOULS AND KAULS, MATTOOS

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Mother Smt. Sheela Pandita W/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Pandita, originally R/o Nuner, Ganderbal presently residing at H.No. 1877-B, Jain Nagar, Dehi-81.

10th Day Kriya will be performed at Munak Canal, Ghat near Badli Telephone Exchange, Sector - 18 Rohini on Sunday 9th February, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-(Sister-In-Laws)

Smt. Lalitashorie W/o Lt. Sh. Shyam Lal Pandita

1/1/1946 to 31/1/2025 Smt. Jaikishorie Wlo Lt. Sh. Dwarika Nath Pandita Sh. Shiban Krishen Pandita & Smt. Usha Ji Pandita (Brother-In-Law & Sister- In-Law)

Sh. Rajinder Pandita & Smt. Rashmi Pandita (Son & Daughter-In-Law) Smt. Jyoti Koul & Sh. Sanjay Koul (Daughter & Son-In-Law).

Smt. Renu Raina & Sh. Sanjay Raina (Daughter & Son-In-Law) Vasundhara & Shivam Bhat (Grand Daughter & Son-In-Law) Grand Children:- Dr. Kartik, Dr. Shagun, Shivam, Riddhima

Mobile No. 9818578093, 9419420115, 9419117919

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you about the sad demise of our beloved Sh Karam Chand Katoch R/o H. No 13 Old Karan Nagar Jammu on Sunday 9th February 2025 at his native Village Bhagwah District Doda.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt Thakri Devi (Wife) Sh. Kuldeep Singh Katoch (Son) Smt. Kanya Devi (Daughter in Law)

Daughters and Son in Law's Smt Leela Devi W/o Sh Balwant Singh

Smt. Pushpa Devi W/o Sh. Laxhman Singh Rathore

Smt. Urmilla Devi W/o Sh. Satish Manhas Smt. Sharda Devi W/o Sh. Ranjeet Singh Bandral Smt. Vijay Kumari W/o Sh. Dharminder Singh

Smt. Veena Devi W/o Sh. Kuldeep Charak Grand Son And Grand Daughter

Neeral Katoch Sachin Katoch

Shivani Katoch (Grand Daughter in Law)



Grand Daughters & Grand Son in law Nishu Katoch W/o Sh. Surjeet Singh Sonal Katoch W/o Sh. Mangeshwar Singh Sheetal Katoch W/o Sh. Amar Singh PHONE NO'S 9103817147, 9419907781

TENTH DAY/KIRYA/UTHALA

With profound grief, we regret to inform you that our beloved Smt Kusum Khajuria, W/o Dr.Yash Pal Sharma, R/o 132 Raghunath Pura, Jammu Tawi, has joined the lotus feet of Almighty, on January 30, 2025.

Tenth Day rituals will be performed on 08-02-2025 (Saturday) 11:00 AM onwards at Tootiyan, Rani Park, Jammu. Rasam Kriya will be performed at our residence 132 Raghunath Pura, Jammu on 09-2-2025 (Sunday). Uthala will be performed on 10-2-2025 (Monday) at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Brahman Sabha, Parade Jammu.

Sh Arvind Sharma & Smt Anjana Sharma (Son & Daughter-in-Law) (Brother & Sister-in-Law)

Sh Rajinder Khajuria (Rtd Pri. Tech Officer IIM Jammu) & Smt Madhu Khajuria Col Ajay Khajuria & Smt Lajoo Khajuria (Brother & Sister-in-Law)

Smt Vijay Bali W/o late Sh Bhim Sen Bali (Sister & Brother In Law) Smt Khashyma and Sh Bhupinder Singh (Sister & Brother In Law)

Vishwas Bali and Isha Bali (Nephew and Daughter in law) 9419194549; 99880 49292; 9419211301 8493805403

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that Smt Kanta Kaw W/o Sh. B.L. Kaw originally R/o Madanyar Srinagar at present Bhawani Nagar Jammu left us for her heavenly abode on 2-2-2025 at Bombay. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at

PRAYERS/ASSEMBLY will be held at our residence 35 B Lane No-6, Bhawani

Mr. Bansi Lal Kaw -Husband

Mr C.L. Kaw & Mrs. Rajni Kaw - Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law Mr Shivake Kaw & Mrs. Priyanka Kaw -Son & Daughter-in-law Mrs Sumit Kaw & Mrs Ashwini Naik Kaw - Son & Daughter-in-law Mr Raj Kumar & Mrs Kailash Devi -Brother & Bhabhi

BHAT'S, RAZDAN'S, RAINA'S, KUNDU'S, ZUTSHI'S

the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Om Parkash Manhas S/o Late Sh. Bal Krishan Manhas R/o Bahu Fort Jammu on

Tenth Day will be performed on 07-02-2025 (Friday) at our residence at 11.00 am. Karam Kriya will be performed on 08-02-2025 (Saturday) at our residence.

2025 (Monday) at our residence at 04.00

Smt. Nidhi Manhas- Daughter-in-Law Sh. Rohini Manhas- Son

Sh. Ashok Manhas- Brother Sh. Kishore Manhas- Brother

Mob.: 7006272451, 9419108226

10TH DAY/KRIYA

about the sad demise of our beloved Sh Kushal Magotra S/o Late Sh Thakur Dass, R/o Magotra House, Opp. Tawi Apartments, Sidhra, Jammu. The 10th Day will be performed at our residence Magotra House, Opp.Tawl Apartments, Sidhra or

09-02-2025 (Sunday) from 12 noon onwards. Kriya will be held at our residence Magotra House, Opp. Tawi Apartments, Sidhra on 10-02-2025 (Monday) at 12 noon.

GRIEF-STRICKEN: Rama Devi (Mother) Nidhi Magotra (Wife)

Mob: 9622556969

Ananya & Shiv Magotra (Daughter-In-law & Son) Usha & Ram Krishan Sharma (Sister & Brother-in-law) Sunanda & Jugal Kishore Sharma-Ex Minister (Bhabhi & Brother) Ramni & Late Mohinder Sharma (Bhabhi & Brother) Sarla & Deepak Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law) Anju & Kuldeep Magotra (Bhabhi & Brother)



SH KARAM CHAND KATOCH



Smt Kusum Khajuria

Sanjay Khajuria-Reporter Times of India (Brother)

Diksha Khajuria, Arunuma Khajuria, Raghunandan Khajuria, Adityanadan Singh, Sidhant Khajuria (Nephews and Nieces)

SMT KANTA KAW

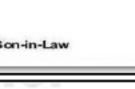
Ms Santosh Kumari & Ms Bholi Devi -Sister

29-01-2025.

Pagri/Uthala will be performed on 10-02-

Grief Stricken

Smt. Priya Manhas- Daughter-in-Law



Sh. Om Parkash

Manhas



10TH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Kushal Magotra** S/o Late Sh Thekur Dass, R/o Magotra se, Opp. Tawi Apartments, Sidhra, Jammu. The 10th Day will be performed at our resident Magotra House, Opp.Tawl Apartments, Sidhra o 09-02-2025 (Sunday) from 12 noon onwards. Kriya will be held at our residence Magotra House Opp, Tawi Apartments, Sidhra on 10-02-202: (Monday) at 12 noon,



Sh Kushal Magotra

SMT. GOPI SHORI RAINA

KARAMYOGI SMT. PRABHAWATI BHAT

(TULSI)

Rama Devi (Mother) Nidhi Magotra (Wife) Ananya & Shiv Magotra (Daughter-In-law & Son) Usha & Ram Krishan Sharma (Sister & Brother-In-law) Sunanda & Jugal Kishore Sharma-Ex Minister (Bhabhi & Brother) Ramni & Late Mohinder Sharma (Bhabhi & Brother) Sarla & Deepak Raina (Sister & Brother-in-law) Anju & Kuldeep Magotra (Bhabhi & Brother)

10TH DAY KRIYA

Mob: 9622556969

of February 2025. TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Alkhroor Ghat: 11/02/2025 (7:30 AM) and the Assembly will be held Muthi Ghat near Director School Education office arou

h, Jager Nath Bhat (Brother) mit Phoda Ji and Dr. H N Bhat (Bhabhi and Brother) in t Deshe Ji Shet (Bhabhi)

Shit Nishna J and Sh Tej Krishen Raina (Daughter in law and Son) Shit Usha J and Mot Lai Pandta (Daughter and Son in law) on Lond a and Mot La Penda (Jougney and Son I law and Son)
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Smit Shariko Ji and Diesp Roina (Daughter in law and Son)
Smit Shariko Ji and Diesp Roina (Daughter in law and Son)
Smit Sharina and Sh. Sanny Raina (Grand Daughter in law & Grandson)
Smit Sharin Gupta and Sh. Caurav Cupta (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Luw)
Smit Shalini Gupta and Sh. Caurav Cupta (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Luw)
Smit Pooja Pandita & Sh. Amil Pandita (Grand Daughter in law & Grandson)

CONTACT NO: 7006029375 : 94 19 19 8023 : 94 19 13 15 65 : 9867 56 53 04

Snit lisha Bhatland Sh. Sumit Bhat (Granddaughter & Grand Son In Law) Snit Shabb Chaburwod and Sh. Shubhari Chaburvod (Granddaughter & Grand Son In Law) D. Warsha Tandor and Dr. Khany Vandon (Granddaughter & Grand Son In Law) Great Grand Children - Shyna, Aama, Myra, Jaivik, Gaurvi, Diryana, Kashvi, Devishi, Vihana, Darsh

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret you to inform that our mother Karamyogi Smit. Prabhawati Bhat (Tulsi) Wo Lt. Sh. Neel Karith Bhat of Sagam, Kokarnag presently reciding at Purkhu Camp, Jammu has joined the lotus feet of Almighty on 06 Feb 25. Tenth Day Kriya Karam will be performed on 15 Feb 25. (Sen.) 5 (Sat) at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu at 0800 hrs ssembly will be held at Community Hall Purkh GRIEFLY STRICKEN:-

GRIEFLY STRICKEN:Son and Daughter-in-law
Sh Ashok Kumar Bhat and Smt Nancy Bhat
Daughters and Son-in-law
Smt Bimla j and Sh. R.L. Pandita.
Smt Sentosha j and Sh. R.N. Pandita
Smt John Sh. M.K. Raina
Grandson and Grand Daughter-in-law
Mr. Sunny Sagar Bhat and Mrs Shanu Koul Bhat
Grand Daughters and Crand Son-in-laws
Mrs. Anchana Bhat and Mr. Rockey Koul
Mrs. Manila Bhat and Mr. Rockey Koul

Mrs Manju Bhat and Mr. Rohit Koul

Maternal Grand Children Bablu ji, Anu ji, Shallu ji, Nishu ji, Vity ji, Anku ji, Anshu ji, Gugi ji and Lily ji DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:amiya, Mahi, Aarav, Vivan, Ridhvika, Shiven, Shivel and Pari ontact Nos. 9596803621, 6005207976

TENTH DAY / KIRYA / RASAM PAGRI With profound grief & sorrow, we infor ne sad demise of our beloved Sh. Rajeev Sharma S/o Lt. Sh. Sushil Kumar Sharm who left for the heavenly abode o 31-01-2025

TENTH DAY will be held on 09-02-2025 at 10.00 am at Community Hall - B1, DLF New Town Heights, Sector-86, Gurugram KRIYA & RASAM PAGRI will be per rmed at Jammu Yatri Bhawan, Haridwa on 10-02-2025 at 11.00 am onwards GREATLY LOVED, DEEPLY MISSED BY:-

SH. RAJEEV SHARMA Smt Rama Sharma- (Mother) Smt Brahmnishtha Sharma- (Wife) Sh Shivang Sharma & Sh Satvik Sharma -(Sons) Smt Rashmi Sharma & Sh Raman Sharma -(Sister & Brother-in-law) Sh Umesh Sharma & Smt Rachna Sharma -(Brother & Sister-in-law)

Sh Sanjeev Sharma & Smt Shelja Sharma -(Brother & Sister-In-law) (Niece & Nephew): Shashank, Sara, Saransh, Sohiela, Sauhaard ALL RELATIVES & FRIENDS

CONTACT: +91 9711417342 | +91 9953604506 **BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS** nd sorrow & grief ne sad demise of IN GRIEF SSartaj Singh (Son) na Ishar & Capt. Murti Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-Lav pu Ishar & Capt. Murti Gupta (Daughter & Son-in-Lav pu Ishar & Daughters-in-law) (Nephews & Daughters-in-law) Er Kaw Gutteen Singh & Amarpreet Kaur jali & Anmol Joshi (Grand Daughter & Grand Son-ir Grand Children Maayank Murti, Rounak Sasan, Harshabad Singh Great Grand Child Arjan Joshi Selatives and Friends

TENTH DAY & KRIYA With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of out beloved mother Smt. Rani Jamwal W/o Lat Sh. Balbir Singh Jamwal R/o Sector-E, H.No 49 Sainik Colony Jammu who left for heave ly abode on 31.01.2025.

ly abode on 31.01.2025. 10TH DAY will be performed on 09.02.2025 (Sunday) at 11:00 A.M at Ram Mandir, Sainli 12.02.2025 (Wednesday) at our residence H.NO.49 Sector-E, Sainik Colony, Jammu. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

GRIEF STRICKEN
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Randeep Singh Jamwal and Komal
Mandeep Singh Jamwal and Sawinder
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Monika Salathia and Virinder Singh Salathia
Anamka Jamwal and Manjit Singh Jamwal
Grand Children: Advitya, Advay, Rasik, Ayam, Pranav, Karmanaya, Rhitvik

10TH DAY / KRIYA/UTHALA

CONTACT NO. 9654691076

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sac demise of Late Sh Sudershan Kohli (C/o Kohli Studio) S/o Late Sh Kartar Nath Kohli on 30th January 2025. 10th Day Saturday (8-2-25) (11.00 am - 12.00 pm) Kriya Tuesday (11-2-25) (12.00 pm)

Uthala Wednesday (12-2-25) (4:00 - 5:00 pm) All the rituals will be done at our residence: H No 2/124 Shant Nagar Janipur. Grief Stricken Wife: Smt Saroj Kohli Son & Daughter in law

Mr Love Kohli & Mrs Renu Kohli Grand Daughters : Mr Kamakshi Kohli & Ms Saanvi Kohli Brothers & Sisters in law Late Sh Sha shi Kohli & Smt Asha Kohli ate Sh Vijay Kohli & Smt Sudershana Kohli



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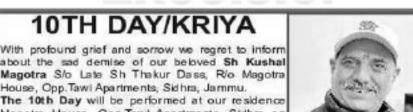
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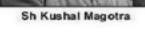
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10th Day/Kriya/Uthala With profound grief and sorrow we inform

Smt. Rama Manhas- Wife Sh. Vikram Manhas- Son

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Katra Chamber submits Pre-Budget 2025 recommendations to CM Omar Abdullah

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JAMMU, Feb 8: The Chief Minister Omar Abdullah convened a meeting regarding J&K budget with important stakeholders from Industries, MSME, Tourism, Agriculture and other sectors at conference hall civil secretariat Jammu.

The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary, Atal Dullo, Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh Vaidya, Secretary Social Welfare Sanjeev Verma, Yasha Mudgal Secretary Tourism, Vikramjit Singh Secretary Industries and Commerce, Vikas **Gupta Director Tourism** Jammu, Arun Manhas Director Industries and Commerce Jammu and the stakeholders of the respective sectors.

Raj Kumar Padha, President Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industries along with Atul Sharma secretary of the Katra Chamber attended the pre budget meeting.

The Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra (CTTIK), under the leadership of its President, Sh. Raj Kumar Padha submitted a comprehensive memorandum to Sh. Omer Abdullah, CM J&K. The memorandum outlines crucial pre-budget recommendations aimed at strengthen-

industry in the Jammu Division, with a focus on economic growth, employment generation. and regional development.

Tourism plays a piv-

otal role in the eco-

nomic landscape of

Jammu, and to further strengthen its potential, CTTIK recommends a significant allocation of funds for modernizing tourism infrastructure at key destinations such as Vaishno Devi, Patnitop, Sanasar, Bhaderwah, Mansar Lake, and the Chenab River (Reasi). Additionally, the establishment of Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) and a state of the art Museum at Katra is proposed to enhance visitor engagement and cultural enrichment. To ensure seamless travel experiences, improvements in road networks, air connectivity, and last-mile transport facilities are essential. Furthermore, developing eco-tourism circuits with sustainable waste management measures at Mansar and Surinsar Lakes will support environmental conservation

while boosting tourism. To amplify tourism's reach, an increase in budgetary allocations for global and domestic tourism promotion through roadshows, digital campaigns, and influencer marketing is



imperative. A major initiative under this plan is the launch of the "Visit Jammu 2025" campaign, which aims to highlight the region's cultural, spiritual, and adventure tourism offerings. Incentives for wellness tourism, including the promotion of yoga, meditation, and Ayurveda treatment centers. will attract a broader audience seeking holistic travel experiences.

CTTIK recommends the expansion of adventure sports such as paragliding, skiing, trekking, and camping in Patnitop, Sanasar, Bhaderwah, and the Chenab River region. To encourage private investment in adventure tourism, subsidies should be provided for establishing world-class facilities, ensuring the region remains competitive with other prominent adventure tourism

CTTIK proposes the simplification of GST

destinations.

duce fiscal incentives and policy support to stimulate tourismrelated enterprises. The implementation of tax holidays and lower interest loans for tour-

CTTIK also urged the

government to intro-

ism-based startups will encourage entrepreneurship and sectoral growth. Furthermore, granting special tourism compliance and tax industry status to hotels structures for tourism and travel agencies will and hospitality busiprovide critical finannesses, alongside special and policy benefits. cial incentives for start-The extension of MSME ups in the tourism and benefits to tourism and allied sectors. To further hospitality businesses, industrial growth, the development of Special including lower power tariffs and GST reim-Industrial Parks and Special Hotel Zones bursements, will further is suggested to attract enhance the industry's investment. Infrastruccompetitiveness and ture enhancements sustainability. tailored to support the Chamber of Tourhospitality sector will

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ity enhancements will

boost trade and tourism

between Jammu and

other regions, while

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sectors. Additionally,

organizing buyer-seller

meets and trade fairs

will create stronger

linkages between local

businesses and national

and international inves-

tors, fostering greater

ment opportunities.

ism Trade and Industry Katra believes that these recommendations will significantly contribute to the economic development of Jammu by creating employment opportunities and positioning the region as a leading hub for tourism, trade, and industry. The Finance Department has been urged to incorporate these proposals into the upcoming Budget 2025 to drive sustained growth, development, and prosperity in the Jammu Division.

60% of books already provided to schools, full availability before schools reopen: Director School Education Kmr

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 8: The Director School Education Kashmir, G N Itoo said on Saturday that 60% of books have already been provided to schools, with plans to reach full availability before schools reopen.

Talking to reports here in Srinagar, the Director emphasized the progress made in the distribution of textbooks, stating that 60% of books have already been provided to schools, with plans to reach full availability before schools reopen.

He also credited school heads for their efforts in preserving and distributing books.

G N Itoo acknowledged the government will examine the gaps flagged in Annual Status of Education

Report (ASER)-2024. He said that the government is committed to addressing these issues, with a special team formed to examine the survey and create a comprehensive roadmap for improving teaching and learning.

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The survey has pointed out poor learning outcomes and infrastructural gaps in government schools.

"The survey that has just come, we are examining it. We have made a special team. Recently, there has been a meeting at the level of the administrative department regarding the issue," G N Itoo said.

He said the concerned people have been given the direction to come up with a roadmap and suggestions to fill the infrastructural gaps.

"Our teams are working on that. I am quite sure that in the coming days, we will submit a comprehensive roadmap to the government," Itoo said.

He however said that the government was serious about the issue.

"Some positives have also been highlighted in the ASER survey. At certain levels, we have been doing very well as compared to the national level also," he said.

He said the education department will work with Kashmir University, SCERT and board and

the other NGOs working with the department and have expertise in learning outcomes.

"In the coming days, the different teams which have been assigned the task will come up with the roadmap which will have strategic focus on these issues," Itoo said.

The winter tutorial program, which provides academic support and personal development opportunities for students, has expanded various centers in the region, with benefits reaching thousands of students. These centers offer additional tuition and focus on subjects such as moral education, creativity, and digital literacy.

Addressing concerns about teacher distribution, the Director explained that efforts have been made to rationalize the posting of teachers in the region. He mentioned that surplus staff is being deployed to schools with higher student populations to ensure better utilization of resources.

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DYSS organizes four-day self defense classes at GDC Kathua

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KATHUA, Feb 8: The Department of Youth Services and Sports organized four day self defense classes at GDC Kathua in collaboration with District Social Welfare Depart-

Dr. Sanjay Kalopia Incharge Principal Govt. Degree College Kathua was the chief guest. Professor Yash Pal Sharma, Dr Sandeep Sharma Physical Director Degree college



Kathua and Sunil Singh Sambyal District Youth services and Sports Officer Kathua were also present on the occasion.

While addressing the students today's chief quest expressed that girls are excelling in every field. These self defense classes will boost their confidence. It is great initiative taken by the department of youth services and sports in collaboration with social welfare department which will help the girls to feel safe and build confidence. It will prepare them for unexpected situations. The experts from the department will impart techniques of martial arts.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Auction Notice

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For and on behalf of the "Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua invites online bids by e tendering mode from eligible bidders/ tenderers /firms dealing with electromechanical /electrical works/mechanical Works.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No.: 251J-Elect/T.Notice No. 14-Elect/2024-25, Dated: 05.02.2025

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money	Validity of Rates
Repair and maintenance of various gates of 02/05/10 ton capacities along with allied works installed at Main Ravi canal and Ujh canal	Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	500.00(Rs. 250/- for DIC/ SSI Registered Firms)(Non-Refundable) In the shape of treasury Challan only in favour of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua payable at Kathua	Rs.3000/= (Rs.1500 for DIC/SSI Registered Firms) In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 06-02-2025 (5:00 P.M) and uploaded upto 17-02-2025 (11:00 A.M). The tender shall be opened on 18-02-2025 (01:00 P.M). 2.

The complete bidding process will be online http://iktenders.gov.in.

Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security/ earnest money as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table. The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury Challan only in favour of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua.

Furnishing of Hard copies of documents pertaining to e bids immediately after submission of e tenders has been dispensed with as per Govt Order No. O.M. no. A/24(2017-651) dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of Financial Bids.

documents must be delivered by L-1 to the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua within 03 days of opening of tender. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/

The hard copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan and Earnest Money including other relevant

tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited. The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer

Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua on 18-02-2025 at 01:00 P.M. The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the

Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Kathua during office hours on a convenient day.

Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: MDK/RTIC/1727-31 Dated:- 06.02.2025

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BIG FM returns with third edition of Big Impact Awards, celebrating change makers of Jammu across various sectors.

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The awards ceremony was graced by the presence of Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, along with esteemed dignitaries and prominent personalities from various sectors ~

JAMMU, Feb 8: BIG FM, one of India's leading radio networks, successfully hosted the third edition of the **BIG IMPACT AWARDS** Jammu, celebrating industry leaders and their contributions to the city.

Recognizing excellence across diverse sectors, the event honoured organizations that have set new standards in innovation and social impact. Held at Hotel Radisson, the ceremony was graced by Chief Minister J&K, Omar Abdullah as the Chief Guest.

The evening commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing progress and growth, before unfolding into a night that highlighted remarkable achievements. Industry veterans and dignitaries took the stage to present the BIG IMPACT awards, acknowledging businesses and individuals including automotive, real estate, hospitality, health and wellness, education, fashion, lifestyle and morefor their lasting impact on soci-

Expressing the admiration for the awardees, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah highlighted the crucial role of entrepreneurship in driving economic resilience and fostering innovation. He underscored the importance of recognizing talent, emphasizing that celebrating excellence today sets the foundation for the leaders of tomorrow.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Kumaran, COO, BIG FM, said. "The third edition of **BIG IMPACT AWARDS** Jammu continued its legacy of celebrating innovation and entrepreneurship of impact businesses of the city. At BIG FM, we are committed to recognizing and empowering both emerging and established business leaders who drive meaningful change. This platform is more than an award it's a tribute to the vision, resilience and excellence that shape our future. I congratulate

all the winners for their

remarkable achieve-

ments and unwavering dedication to progress."

The BIG IMPACT AWARDS Jammu was supported by JK Public School as the Title Partner, Badri Mal Ram Charan as the Presenting Partner, Cream bell (Devyani Food Industries), Shalimar Cattle Feeds, DeshBhagat University and Rana Nursing Home as Associate Sponsors and Gullu Exclusive as the Style Partner.

The awards will soon expand to Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Kolkata and other cities across the country in the coming months.

Also present on the occasion were Gautam Daluja and SidharthDaluja- MD's - JK Public School, Jammu; Mohit Gupta- MD - Badri Mal Ram Charan, Jammu; Rajeev Kumar - VP, Commercial, Creambell, Jatin Saachdev-MD- Shalimar Cattle Feed, Jammu; Dr Zora Singh- Chancellor, Desh Bhagat University, Punjab; Dr Hitender Suri, MD- Rana Hospital, Sarhand, Rishab Arora, MD- Gullu Exclusive, Amritsar.

Awardees recognized at the event included Saraswati Group of Companies-Suraj Kumar Bansal, Florence Hospital-Dr. Imran Muzaffar, Tiles

& Bath-Raman Gupta, Shafiee Health Care-Shahid Naman Shafiee, Madan Lal & Sons-Rajesh Gupta, Doon International School-G.N Tantrey, Khyber Cements-Waseem Ahmed Khan, Amandeep Hospital- Dr. Shahbaz Singh, DRS-KIDS-Ajeet Singh, Le Delice-The French Bakery-Mir Najmus Saqib, Masco Infra-Ar. Sheikh Mudassir, Skinnication-Manish Gupta, Sugam Bansal, AVD

sci Clinics-Dr. Divya Narang, Anaya Commu-Wings Ek Udaan in Collaboration with Suniya IAS-Shoaib Farid & Motion Picture-Atul Duggal, Janta Piles-Dr. Rahul Kumar, Real Motors-Zahid Zahoor Bhat, Ridge Overseas-Manish Shahi, Mulkh Raj Ashok Kumar Jewellers-Rahul Suri, Mirae Asset Sharekhan-Ajay Kapoor, Jawed Habib-Ruwaid Bhat, Ruchika Makeovers-Ruchika Gupta, V Brand-Ritesh Grover, Badri Mal Ram Charan-Vinay Gupta, and Rahul Sahai Chairman Sahai Group of Companies received

Award on behalf of his

father Late Ram Sahai.

EDITORIAL

BJP'S RESOUNDING VICTORY

he Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has once again demonstrated its electoral prowess by securing a resounding victory in Delhi, reaffirming its dominance in the national capital's political landscape. This victory is not just a win in numbers but a testament to the party's strategic planning, robust campaigning, and the appeal of its leadership.

The results of the Delhi elections have firmly placed the BJP in a position of strength. The party's stellar performance reflects the trust and confidence that the people of Delhi have placed in its governance model. With a decisive majority, the BJP has outperformed its rivals, marking a shift in the political dynamics of the city.

This win is significant for multiple reasons. Firstly, Delhi has historically been a challenging battlefield for the BJP, with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) maintaining a stronghold in the state assembly elections. However, this time, the BJP successfully capitalized on the shortcomings of its opponents while reinforcing its own developmental agenda.

One of the biggest contributors to the BJP's success has been the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His vision for a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and policies centered on national security, economic growth, and infrastructure development have resonated strongly with voters. His personal appeal, coupled with his government's welfare schemes, played a crucial role in consolidating BJP's voter base.

The BJP's election campaign was meticulously planned, focusing on door-to-door outreach, mass rallies, and digital campaigning. The party leveraged its organizational strength to connect with voters at the grassroots level. Senior leaders, including Amit Shah and J.P. Nadda, campaigned aggressively, highlighting the achievements of the central government while exposing the failures of the AAP-led Delhi government.

Issues such as nationalism, the abrogation of Article 370, and a firm stance against terrorism have been central to BJP's ideology. The party successfully appealed to voters who prioritize a strong, decisive government. Additionally, concerns over law and order in Delhi, including the handling of riots and protests, played a crucial role in influencing voter sentiment.

BJP's governance model, which includes flagship schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, and PM Awas Yojana, has had a significant impact on the electorate. The benefits of these schemes, especially for economically weaker sections, translated into substantial support for the party. Additionally, the BJP's commitment to infrastructural development, including metro expansion and smart city projects, resonated with urban voters.

The ruling Aam Aadmi Party faced a considerable anti-incumbency wave, with dissatisfaction growing over issues such as mismanagement of water supply, unfulfilled promises of school and hospital improvements, and allegations of corruption. The recent controversies surrounding AAP leaders further damaged their credibility, allowing the BJP to capitalize on voter discontent.

The BJP's electoral gains were evident across various constituencies, with the party making inroads into traditional AAP strongholds. The party's ability to secure votes across different demographics, including first-time voters, the middle class, and even sections of the lower-income population, showcased its broad appeal.

Delhi's urban electorate, which has often been divided in its political preferences, leaned towards BJP's promises of governance, economic stability, and national security. The party also managed to gain significant traction among women voters, thanks to initiatives aimed at women's empowerment and safety.

While this victory is a major boost for the BJP, the party still faces several challenges. Governance in Delhi comes with its own complexities, including issues related to pollution, housing, and traffic congestion. The party must now ensure that its promises translate into tangible results.

Additionally, managing relations with the central government and ensuring smooth coordination for Delhi's development will be key. The BJP will need to work towards fulfilling its electoral promises while also addressing concerns raised by various sections of society.

Another challenge will be maintaining the momentum for future elections, particularly with the 2029 general elections in sight. The BJP will have to continue engaging with the public, strengthening its grassroots connect, and countering any potential resurgence from opposition

BJP's victory in Delhi is a testament to its strong leadership, well-executed campaign, and focus on governance and development. This win not only strengthens its political standing but also sets the tone for future electoral battles. The party's ability to address public concerns, implement effective policies, and maintain voter trust will determine its long-term success in the capital.

As the BJP takes charge in Delhi, all eyes will be on its governance model and how effectively it can deliver on its promises. If the party successfully meets public expectations, this victory could mark the beginning of a new political era in Delhi's history.

By: Omkar Dattatray

ld age is not a curse but is full of experience and wisdom.All of us have to pass through the old age some day. They say old is gold and all of us especially the young people should respect, revere and take care of the oldies so that they feel a sense of belonging in their old age and never find isolation ,but feel themselves a part and parcel of the family / household even at the fag end of the life .Oldies that may be our parents ,neighbors ,relatives and all senior citizens are the inseparable part of the society and they deserve our love respect and care and thus it is our moral ,religious and now legal duty and responsibility to respect the older people and to look after them affectionately in their old age and welcome their suggestions which can help in solving many worldly problems and issues .The oldies are generally weak and frail and they need our help and support in their old age and we should take due care of them and show respect to them so that they will not feel any isolation, but feel themselves as the important part and parcel of the family and society at large .We should solicit solution of our problems from the senior citizens as they are better experienced and have seen many ups and downs in their life. There suggestions are very important for solving our day to day problems .So all of us should welcome their suggestions and put these to use in various walks of life. Elders including our parents are the important part and parcel of our family and society and they play a pivotal role by giving timely suggestions to the family and young people and so they deserve to be treated well and deserve our love, respect and care. Oldies are not an unnec-

Caring & Respecting Oldies

essary burden on our family and society. They have played their role and contribution in the bringing up our life and had contributed their might with their sweat and blood when they were young and in their old age, it is our responsibility to take due care of their needs and come to their help and rescue so that their blessings are ensured for our success in the life. The old people have a fund of knowledge, experience and this is very valuable to our family and society. So senior citizens should be respected and helped so that they spend their old day with ease. Old age is associated with weakness frailty and ailments related, with aging and so we should try to lessen their difficulties in their old age so that they continue to provide their suggestions which help us to solve the problems and meet the future challenges of life. Older people are not a burden, but are an asset for the society. You can respect elders and take care of them by spending some time with them. Many senior citizens become very lonely, especially if they have lost a partner during their lifetime and are now on their own and alone. We should engage them in talking and listen to their advice. So soliciting their advice is a good way to give the old people an impression that they matter much to their youngsters. Discuss family history with them. We should give them a call. We need to visit senior communities. We can show respect them by giving them a call. Also visit them if you can. Sometimes it can be difficult to relate to the generations that have come before us. Growing up in different circumstances can make us feel as if we have nothing in common with them. But older people have plenty of wisdom and knowledge to share with vounger generations, and treating them with respect should be second nature for all of us. You can respect older people by the following three ways-1-Interacting with older people—A-Call people sir or ma'am. Even if you have grown up in a more casual environment where you usually call your friends parents by their first names, you should not assume that all older people are comfortable with that kind of normal title. Some elderly people may be more traditional, and prefer that you call them Mr./Mrs. And so. Always ask what name they prefer you call them .Use sir or ma'ma when you don't feel comfortable asking. If they ask you to call them by name then respect their request, and do so! Continuing calling them by something else would be disrespectful.-2—Offer your help-People can often lose strength ,balance ,and ability as they age, which can make some everyday activities that we take for granted more difficult. Providing even the smallest assistance may help make their day a little easier, and demonstrate your respect in a courteous, thoughtful manner. A-It is always polite to hold the door or elevator open for the people behind you, but it can be especially helpful for older people with canes or walkers. B-When you are on public transportation, such as the subway, train, or bus, consider offering your seat to an elderly person ,who might need to rest more than you. C--If you are at store, offer to reach for items on shelves that might be too high or low for an older person to reach. You might also offer to carry an elderly person's bags to the car or unload their cart into the trunk.3-Be Patient A-Older people usually don't move as quickly as they used to when they were younger, which means it can take them longer to do even the

simplest of tasks, such as crossing the streets. Be respectful by showing some patience when you encounter them instead of trying to hurry them along .B-If an elderly person is slow to get off the bus, subway, or elevator or just walking down the street don't push past them. Let them take their time, so they are comfortable and do not injure themselves. C-Do not huff and puff if an older person on line in front of you at a store takes a little longer to pay for their items. Instead try to be understanding -you might even offer to help by lifting items out of the cart or bagging groceries.4 Don't assume they have disabilities. A-While many elderly people do have health issues that require special assistance ,some of them don't have these issues. Assuming that an older person has poor eyesight or hearing can be extremely condescending and make them feel self-conscious .If you are unsure whether an old person has a vision or hearing issue, just ask. Don't be rude about it. Don't ask outright "Do you have hearing issues"?Instead try a gentler approach, such as, 'Am I speaking too softly"? Take special care of the older family and friend's .Visit them off and on .Show interest in their lives. Don't try to take control of their lives. Utilizing their experience and value their opinions. Ask for advice. Also learn about their traditions. To conclude it is important to take due care of your parents and all elderly people and also show respect and love to them and earn their blessings they are a great asset and not a burden upon society and they are gold as it is well said"old is gold."

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Social media as bad as cancer?

By: Vijay Garg

he worst of the ills of social media are coming home to roost. While there's no denying the positive effects it has had on communication, businesses, networking and content accessibility to people, its equally powerful negative impacts have come under great scrutiny in recent years. Children, more than any other cohort in society, have been showing the negative impacts

with a drop in their attention spans, difficulty in readingTexts and books, and issues with anxiety and depression, among other psychological setbacks. There have been recent calls for banning social media access and availability to children below a certain age, especially when they are in schools.

Now, The Times in London reports that the

British head of counterterrorism has called for a more encompassing ban on the grounds that the harm created by social media is similar to 'cancer caused by smoking.'

He grounded his rather extrem sounding call in the casework of British MI5 and counter terrorism policing in Australia on the noticeable surge in young people radicalised, isolated, and falling prey to various damaging tendencies leading to even rapes, homicides, and suicides. Australia was among the boldest in taking action on such worldwide amending its Online Safety Act to severely restrict, near-ban, social media use by under-16s last year. This aspect should be of particular concern in India given the high penetration of internet and social media usage and a considerable cohort of young people. Statistics vary depending

on the source chosen but at the minimum between 751 and 900

million Indians used social media in 2024, that's more than six of every ten Indians, and they spent an average

of two-and-a-half hours every day on social media platforms. The Annual Status on Education Report released last month showed that 82.2 percent of all children in the 14-16 age group know how to use a smartphone; of these, 57 percent reported using it for education while 76 percent said that they had used it for social media. Parents and teachers have already pointed to excessive screen time of young children, besides their access to inappropriate content, unsafe contact by strangers, the pressure to conform to some undefined standards, and the resulting mental health problems. It is also true that education and basic messaging, especially in nonurban areas, could suffer if there was complete ban.

The Digital Privacy and Data Protection Act in the making suggests parental consent for children below 18 opening or using social media accounts, but this is hardly going to make a difference on the ground when millions of children have been online for years. While the concerns are legitimate, a ban may be too extreme and counter-productive. Highly regulated and restricted use, with parental control made stronger by social media companies, would be the way out

(Vijay Garg Retired Principal Educational columnist street kour Chand MHR Malout)

LAHDC Kargil calls on CM Omar Abdullah to discuss issues of Ladakh students, patients, residents in J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday chaired a high-level meeting with a delegation from the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil and senior officers of Jammu and Kashmir to discuss and resolve various concerns of students, patients and residents of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Education Shatmanu, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, and administrative secretaries from the departments of Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, and ARI & Trainings.

Representing LAHDC Kargil, the delegation was led by Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, alongside



Feroz Ahmad Khan and other councilors.

The delegation also included Member of Parliament Ladakh Haji Mohd Haneefa Jan and senior National Conference leader and former Minister Qamar Ali Akhoon.

Addressing the delegation, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, urged the visiting delegation to take up the matter with the Ladakh administration to ensure the posting of senior officers in Jammu and Srinagar, enabling them to address the challenges faced by Ladakh UT residents in J&K more effectively.

He assured that space

would be provided at SKIMS and other superspecialty hospitals in Kashmir for the establishment of a help desk,

which will be managed by Ladakh administration staff to facilitate immediate assistance for patients from Karqil and Leh.

He further urged the delegation to create awareness among Ladakh students about the quota available in J&K, noting that many seats remain unutilized.

Stressing the historical ties between Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, he reaffirmed that administrative reorganization would not alter the deep-rooted

relationship between

the two regions. "Maps may change, but changing maps will not affect our relationship with you. Our bond with Ladakh is centuries old, and it will remain strong," the chief minister said.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana assured the delegation that all their concerns related to roads, drinking water and other essential services would be addressed on priority.

Earlier, the Kargil delegation highlighted several pressing issues, including the appointment of nodal officers for patients referred to SKIMS Soura and other super-specialty hospitals in Srinagar.

They also raised concerns about the selection and training of paramedical students in J&K's paramedical training institutes, the extension of existing student hostels in Srinagar and Jammu, and the need for more admissions of Ladakh students in various colleges and universities of J&K.

Additionally, they sought tourism promotion for Kargil and other areas of Ladakh UT through events organized in Srinagar.

Expressing their gratitude, the delegation thanked Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his patient hearing and proactive approach in addressing their concerns.

They appreciated the commitment of the J&K government towards ensuring better facilities and opportunities for the people of Ladakh.

Sai Shyam Educational **Society celebrates** Foundation-cum- Annual Day



Top News Report

JAMMU, Jan 8: An impressive Foundation Day and Annual Day programme was celebrated in the Educational Campus of Sai Shyam Educational Society, Ghou-Manhasan, Jammu in which the students of Sai Shyam College of Education and Sai Shyam Public Higher Secondary School presented variety of Cultural items, some highlighting the menace of Drug Addiction and other social evils.

Surinder Kumar MLA Marh was the Chief Guest, Balbir Lal, Chairman DDC Ghou-Manhasan was the Guests of

The event was also witnessed by Rajinder Singh Chib Ex-Chairman DDC Ghou-Manhasan, Jagdish Rai Sarpanch Sandwan, Dolly Aarwal Tickoo from Sahitya Kala Academy, Dr. Sudhir Singh from Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas, Hardeep Singh Ex-councellor, Rampal and Krishan Lal Ex-Vice Chairman DDC and Dr. Rinku Tickoo, who were the special Guests on the occasion. The Programme started with lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest, Man-

agement and other dignitaries. In her welcome address Dr. Usha Tickoo Director of the Society warmly welcomed the dignatories and highlighted the achievements of the Insti-

In his address Chief Guest Surinder Kumar while appreciating the efforts of Institution in shaping the future of students, threw light on the importance of Education among the children and stressed upon the moral education along with academic Education. He said, children are the future of Nation and no compromise should be done with education of students.

Medals and certificates were distributed among the Academic achievers of session from college of Education and school 2023-24. Best debator, Best Performer, Most disciplined student, most regular student of the campus were also honoured by Chief Guest Best Teacher, Best Employee and Best worker among the teaching and nonteaching staff were also honoured by Chief Guest and other Guests.

The event was witnessed by all the parents and the civil society of Ghou-Manhasan. Komal Sambyal and Asha conducted the proceedings. Sanjew Kumar Pandita Principal of Sai Shyam Public Hr. Sec. School extended vote of thanks

Prasad was served to all invitees after culmination of the programme.

NCC cadets from Ladakh shine bright at Republic Day camp 2025



Top News Report

LEH, Feb 8: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets from Ladakh have once again made the region proud by demonstrating exceptional dedication, discipline and patriotism during their participation in the prestigious Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025 held in New

Nine NCC cadets of 1 Ladakh Battalion NCC, Leh under Group Headquarter, Srinagar under the jurisdiction of Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate were a part of a select group of youth from across Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh region who formed a part of the Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate contingent gathered for the prestigious Republic Day Camp 2025, a unique and highly competitive platform for displaying their talents and learning from each

Ladakh's NCC cadets

impressed their peers and senior officers alike with their hard work, discipline, dedication and making a significant contribution to the spirit of the event.

CSM Tsering Dolker from EJM College, Leh was conferred the Director General National Cadet Corps (DGNCC) Medallion and JUO Abida Afreen was conferred the Prestigious Raksha Mantri Commendation Card during the Republic Day Camp 2025.

In addition, JUO Stanzin Yangzom got an opportunity to be a guest at the At Home Function for dinner at the Rasthrapati Bhavan.

The Republic Day Camp also provides cadets with the opportunity to interact with the best young minds from across India, learn from one another and enhance their skills in a variety of activities ranging from cultural performances to Drill.

This achievement underscores the growing involvement of youth from the region in national activities and highlights the positive impact of the NCC in promoting unity and national pride with a sense of responsibility among the young generation.

The participation of Ladakh's NCC cadets in the Republic Day Camp 2025 is a shining example of how the youth from the remote and diverse corners of the country are contributing to the collective strength and vibrancy of India. Their success serves as an inspiration for other young people in the region to embrace the values of discipline, hard work and service to the nation.

The cadets returned to Leh on February 6. 2025 after a long two and a half months of rigorous training and schedule. They were welcomed back by the team of 1 Ladakh Battalion NCC, Leh for their stellar performance.

Department of Marketing & SCM organises national webinar on TOEFL & GRE Exams

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: Department of Marketing & SCM, Central University of Jammu organized a highly informative and engaging Webinar on "TOEFL and GRE Exams" under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu.

The event marked the gracious presence of distinguished and resource persons from The Educational Testing Service (ETS) India and faculty members trom School of Business Studies.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean School of Business Studies and Dr. Neelika Arora, Head, Department of MSCM in presence of Dr. Naresh Kumar, Principal, Community College and faculty members of the Department including Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Arun Yadav, Dr Anju Thapa & Dr. Shahid Mushtag.

Prof. Jaya Bhasin in her opening address appreciated the efforts of the Department under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain in carrying out professional development activities in collaborative mode for the benefit of the student community. Speaking on the

occasion Prof. Bhasin impressed upon the participants to take the maximum benefits from the distinguished speakers of the day having vast experience in facilitating the learners to have more clarity as well as better understanding of TOEFL &

GRE exams. Dr. Shahid, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing and SCM in his address apprised the audience about the Programme and ETS India- a non-profit organization which is a subsidiary of ETS., headquartered in Princeton, USA that creates and administers english proficiency tests and scores more than 50 million tests annually including the globally well-known TOEFL and GRE tests in over 160 countries worldwide.

He impressed upon the audience that this webinar would be of immense benefit for the She also highlighted

participants to enrich their orientation about the TOFEL & GRE Exams. He informed that more than 250 participants from across the country registered for the programme.

Earlier Dr. Neelika Arora, Head, Department of Marketing & SCM welcomed the Guests and introduced the Resource Persons of the day.

She highlighted that Resource Person/s have significant corporate experience and would share valuable insights to prepare for skill-sets required to qualify such exams.

Introducing the trainers for the Programme she pointed that this event promises to be a great learning opportunity for all those who are interested in expanding their knowledge to unlock global opportunities with TOEFL & GRE

that besides higher education, these skills also serve as an important parameter for campus placements as many companies evaluate students on these skills. Speaking on the occa-

sion Kanika Mehra, Regional Manager -North India ETS India in her address provided a comprehensive overview of TOEFL & GRE test and its acceptance across countries and universities. She also apprised the participants about the new format and structure besides a detailed comparison with IELTS. PTE & GMAT.

She elaborated that TOEFL is a standardized test to measure the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enrol in foreign universities.

It measures Skills such as reading, listening, writing & speaking whereas GRE is a standardized test that is an admissions requirement for many graduate schools in the United States and Canada and few other countries.

Even top Indian B-Schools like IIMs have started accepting GRE scores for many of their courses. It measures critical thinking & logical thinking skills such as quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning & analytical writing.

Munish Modi, Senior **Business Development** Manager ETS India in his address informed the participants about access to free preparation materials and online masterclasses every month being conducted by ETS India including free TOEFL Beginner's Guide availability to all interested students.

The sessions were well received by participants followed by enthusiastic question and answer sessions. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr Shahid Mushtag under the overall supervision of Dr. Neelika Arora. Dr. Anju Thapa conducted the proceedings of the Programme and Dr. Naresh Kumar proposed a formal vote of thanks expressing gratitude to all the contributors and supporters of this initiative.

BJP's Kmr unit celebrates Delhi victory, Ashok Koul credits PM Modi's 'Development Agenda'

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 8: The BJP's Kashmir unit celebrated the party's victory in Delhi Assembly elections, with BJP General Secretary Ashok Koul attributing the win to the development initiatives led by Prime Minister Narendra

Speaking to reporters here in Srinagar, Koul said, "The people of Delhi have placed their trust in the BJP because they believe in the development and progress brought under Prime Minister Modi's leadership."

He emphasized that the BJP's focus on growth and welfare across the country has resonated with voters in the capital.

Congress had ruled Delhi for 15 years under Sheila Dikshit, but after 27 years, the people have once again chosen the BJP, reflecting their

strong faith in the party's

vision. He pointed to key Koul highlighted that development programs targeting farmers, laborers, and women as pivotal in swaying public support towards the BJP.

"After our victories in Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jammu and Kashmir, the people of Delhi have now rejected the

confusion created by Kejriwal and Congress," Koul said, underlining the BJP's growing influence nationwide.

Taking a jab at Congress, koul said, "Congress is in a bad state everywhere.

Their recent claims in

parliament elections are just false propaganda, and the people have seen through them.

The party's decline is clear in places like Delhi and Maharashtra," he added.

The BJP's victory cel-

ebrations in Jammu and Kashmir mark another milestone in the party's broader push for national support, with leaders confident that their development-focused agenda will continue to win over voters.

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An internet sensation, singer Danny has marched along in his musical journey

From humming along with his mother to becoming a viral sensation, Danny's musical journey reflects the beauty of natural progression and the power of passion. His story is not one of instant fame, but rather showcases perseverance, selflearning and embracing opportunities that come one's way. When asked about the origins of his musical journey, Danny recalls, "I don't remember exactly when I started singing, but I recall that as a kid, when my mom used to cook, she would sing and I would croon along with her. That's how it all began." Big break with Ve Mere Bina. Haaniyaan Stuff dreams are made

If that's about his early memories of singing, his first professional break came unexpectedly, "Ve Haaniyaan is the first time I was approached to sing for such a platform." It was a simple beginning, but it marked the start of something much larger, a journey that has now introduced him to audiences worldwide. When it comes to this

viral hit, Danny reflects on the spontaneous nature of its creation. "If we look at it, there wasn't really a defined process," he says. The song's journey began with a written piece by Sagar and when it was first created, it was meant for a soap opera.

"It first reached Avi, who called me to record a dummy version because it was supposed to be telecast in a daily soap that evening. After twothree months, someone told me that my song was trending in a couple of places even before its official release. When it was finally released and became popular, it felt like a blessing to see my song flourishing like that." The overwhelming response from listeners and celebrities alike was something Danny had never anticipated, but it became a defining moment in his career. This was followed by the title track for Medal and

of Even before Ve Haaniyaan, Danny was popular, thanks to his live performances, which have been a crucial part of his musical journey. From his college days, where he performed in clubs and pubs for fun, to now, where he's connecting with larger audiences, Danny believes that live performances offer a unique form of interaction. "Performing live allows you to talk about your songs, get real-time reactions and create a special connection with the audience. It's a next-level experience when people appreciate your music, sing along and show their love.

The impact of social



media on Danny's career cannot be overstated. His song Ve Haaniyaan has been featured in over 9.2 million posts and reels on Instagram, showcasing the power of these platforms in shaping an artiste's career. "Social media is amazing—I've seen and experienced its power firsthand. I went to bed with my dreams and when I woke up the next day, I had taken a step towards success. It was an incredible experience," Danny reflects.

With years of live performances under his belt, Danny is no stranger to the energy exchange that happens between an artiste and the crowd. This energy, he says, is an essential

part of his performance,

fuelling him to give his

best every time he steps

on stage.

About the difference between composing for a film and a personal project, Danny explains, "When it comes to singles, the process is often directionless and unorganised. We create freely and see in the end whether it sounds good or not. However, for a movie or a specific situation, you have to tune your mind to what kind of lyrics, composition, progression and chords would fit the context. The entire process becomes specific and follows certain restrictions. In contrast, making singles allows for a freer, more creative approach."

This balance between structure and freedom in his creative process allows Danny to explore his musical versatility,

whether in a film or a

Musical versatility

more personal project. Danny's foray into lyric-writing and composing was an unexpected yet rewarding turn in his career. "Over time, I realised that I could write lyrics and even compose music," he shares. What started as a necessity, when he couldn't find a writer for a project, turned into a passion. There's a lot that has been crafted with care and will be out this year. I hope people love it."

Collaboration has been another vital aspect of Danny's growth as an artiste. His recent single Teri Akhiyan, created with the label DM, has been well received. "Collaboration is an amazing opportunity for an artiste because it allows you to add new elements to your style and broaden your creative vision," he

Looking ahead, Danny is excited about the projects lined up, including his contribution to Ravi Dubey and Sargun Mehta's YouTube venture, Dreamiyata. With a song set to release soon, he's focused on expanding his artistic range and sharing his work with the world.

Priyanka Chopra fulfils her big sister duty at brother's wedding



Actress Priyanka Chopra took a break from her hectic work life to fulfil her big sister duties at her brother, Siddharth Chopra's wedding.

'Baywatch' The actress was actively involved in every aspect of the wedding celebrations, ensuring that everything went smoothly for her brother's big day. Sources close to the family revealed that Priyanka's hands-on involvement in the wedding preparations was evident, as she meticulously coordinated with guests, helped organise events, and ensured that all the finer details were taken care of. The desi girl took to her Instagram handle and shared glimpses from Siddharth's prewedding festivities. Recently, she posted a video giving a peek into a vibrant Sangeet ceremony and captioned it, "#SidNee's sangeet night #aboutlastnight."

Chopra also grooved to popular Bollywood numbers at the festivities.

The wedding, which took place at Goa Military Camp in Juhu, was a grand affair, with close family and friends in attendance. As the big day unfolded, it was clear that Priyanka wasn't just the sister of the groom but also the heart of the celebration, making sure everything was perfect for her brother's momentous occasion.

Priyanka's husband, American singer Nick Jonas, made a grand entrance at the wedding celebrations, arriving to support his brother-in-law, Siddharth Chopra. During the pre-wedding festivities, Nick performed his hit song "Maan Meri Jaan", captivating the guests with his soulful rendition. The celebration continued with a surprise performance from Nick's father, Kevin Jonas, who serenaded the crowd with the iconic Jonas Brothers' song "When You Look Me In The Eyes".

Not to be outdone, Privanka also joined the festivities, showing off her dance moves to a series of Bollywood hits. Videos from the sangeet ceremony have gone viral on social media, with one clip featuring Priyanka dancing to some of her own charttopping tracks, including "Darling" from 7 Khoon Maaf, "Dil Maange More", and "Dhan Te

Exciting times for Aarti Bhagat, seen as Manjiri in Jamai No. 1

Aarti Bhagat, who is seen as Manjiri in Jamai No. 1, believes that the show's new twists and turns will keep the audience more engaged.

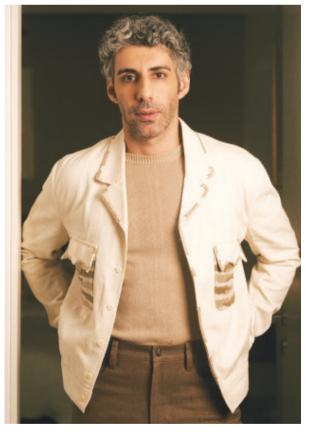
She said, "The storyline will get even more engaging, with unexpected twists and deeper relationships being explored. I'm sure the show will only grow stronger and connect with even more viewers." She pointed out that every character should go through ups and downs in a show to make it more relatable. She said, "A character's journey has to feel real and that means showing their struggles as well as their happy moments." She also mentioned that her character has a lot in store, and the audience can expect a lot of surprises.



Jim Sarbh-starrer 'Next, Please' blurs the lines between reality and illusion

Actor Jim Sarbh, who is known for Neerja, Padmaavat, Photograph, Gangubai Kathiawadi, Made in Heaven and others, will now be seen in the upcoming short film Next, Please.

The film offers a unique take on modern relationships through the lens of virtual reality. Jim will be seen essaying the role of an eccentric bar owner. It also stars Shreya Dhanwanthary. The film follows Arpita, who is a hardened cynic, as she takes a chance on love through a VR-powered dating experience. Choosing a speakeasy bar from prohibition-era Mumbai, she embarks on a conversation with Vinay, a man who shares her skepticism about romance. However, when she breaks the



cardinal rule of the experience and removes her VR headset, she is confronted with an unsettling reality.

The film, presented by Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts and Chaitanya Tamhane, transports audiences into a world where technology shapes romance. blurring the boundaries between authenticity and illusion.

Jim Sarbh shared, "The idea of love through VR is not just fascinating, it is a bit unsettling too. It speaks of how technology has started to shape our most intimate connections, often blurring the line between what's real and what's not. What drew me in was the concept of a VR dating bar, it's like

old-school romance in a

new, unpredictable form. It's raw, messy, and real in ways we don't often expect from technology. I'm excited for the audience to experience this fresh take on love." The film also features the first original song by Madan Mohan to release on screens in over two decades. Kadamon Mein Tere Ae Sanam, crooned by Mohammed Rafi, was originally composed in 1960 for a shelved film.

Shreya Dhanwanthary added, "Dating anyway right now is kinda hard. And the way it is going and the way technology is speeding up, it is so surreal to see the way that we as a race are finding ourselves quite ill-equipped to match with the strides that technology is making."

Choreographer Rajit Dev's latest creation Snake shines

The magic of Rajit Dev and Nora Fatehi is back! This time, they have joined hands with international singer Jason Derulo. Rajit shared, "Snake is an international song collaboration between Nora Fatehi and Jason Derulo. Nora called me one day and spoke about this song. She said it was happening and that we had an international sensation, Jason Derulo, on board. It was like a dream come true for me.

For a boy from India who has been inspired by amazing artistes like Jason, it was an opportunity for me to showcase my capabilities."

is directed by Abderafia from Morocco and choreographed by me. We shot it in Morocco.

This project brings together amazing creative people from around the world. I have always said that choreographing Nora is special-she's an inspiration to so many. She gave me a brief, saying that with this song she wanted to make a mark in the Western world. I focused on her strength—the way she moves.

She literally moves like a snake! My team worked extensively on the choreography, which



we presented to Nora and Jason. They loved everything about it."

Snake has already crossed 83 million views!

Pyaar Testing: Ultimate test of love

Can love triumph over the ultimate compatibility challenge? Answering the question, ZEE5's latest romantic drama, Pyaar Testing, is all set to explore the notions of marriage and traditions in today's ever-evolving world, where a match made in heaven comes with terms and conditions.

Starring Satyajeet Dubey and Plabita Borthakur, the forthcoming series is ready to shake conventions up with a premise as daring as love itself.

Directed by Shiva Varma and Saptaraj Chakraborty, the series is packed with thrills of



a modern love blooming amid hardened customs, commenting on the institution of marriage. Releasing on Valentine's Day, February 14, Pyaar Testing is the perfect love story for the season, bringing an unconventional take on companionship and commitment.

Set in Rajasthan, it follows the clash of contemporary values with tradition when a bold experiment of live-in relationship disrupts two conservative Rajput families, posing the question whether love can bridge the gap between old and new ways of thinking.

People's power supreme; development, good governance won: PM Modi on Delhi poll results

NEW DELHI, Feb 8 (Agencies): People's power is supreme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday as the BJP headed for a big win in the Delhi assembly elections.

Modi asserted that his party will leave no stone unturned for the city's all-round development and making the lives of its residents better.

Development and good governance have won, the prime minister said as he thanked Delhi's voters for giving the BJP a historic win.

"We guarantee that we will leave no stone unturned to



ensure the all-round development of Delhi and to make the lives of its people better. Along with this, we will also ensure that Delhi plays an important role in building a developed India," he added.

Modi said he was proud of BJP workers who toiled day and night for such a massive mandate. "We will now be dedicated to the service of the people of Delhi with more strength," he added.

The BJP is set to end its 27-year drought in Delhi as the party was headed for a nearly two-third majority in the 70-member assembly.

Accept people's mandate with humility, congratulate BJP for its victory: Kejriwal after AAP's loss

NEW DELHI, Feb 8 (Agencies): AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday conceded his party's defeat in the high-stakes Delhi Assembly elections.

AAP is heading towards a big defeat in the 70-member assembly with the BJP leading on 47 seats, leaving AAP to just 23 seats.

AAP supremo Kejriwal and his number two Manish Sisodia are trailing BJP's Parvesh Verma and Tarvinder Singh Marwah, respectively.

In a video message, the AAP supremo said, "We accept people's mandate with humility. I congratulate the BJP for its victory and also hope that it will fulfil the expectations of the people of Delhi."

Reflecting on the work done by the AAP in the past decade, Kejriwal said, "We have done a lot of work in education, water, electricity and infrastructure to provide relief to Delhiites."

Kejriwal said that the AAP will play the role of a constructive opposition, saying, "In the next five years, the AAP will not only play the role of a constructive Opposition, but will also be available to the people of Delhi."

"We are not in politics for power, instead we consider it as a medium to serve people," Kejriwal claimed in the video message.

In the end, the AAP chief thanked all his party workers. "I thank all AAP workers for their hard work during the elections and we fought a good election."

While the AAP has dominated the political landscape in Delhi for the last 10 years, the BJP has been out of



power in the city since

The Congress, which governed Delhi from

1998 to 2013 and was hoping for a resurgence, seemed headed for its third straight washout.

End to reign of lies, deceit; start of new era of development: Shah on Delhi poll results



NEW DELHI, Feb 8 (Agencies): Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hailed the Delhi poll results as the beginning of a new era of development in the national capital and an end to the reign of lies, deceit and corruption.

Amid jubilation in the saffron party's camp following its return to power in the city after nearly 27 years, its leaders praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh asserting that a developed Delhi was extremely necessary to fulfil the resolve of a developed India

The double-engine government will take the pace of development in Delhi to a new high, he said in a post on X.

on X. In a series of posts on X, Shah — who is credited for shaping the details of the party's poll strategy — said

Delhi would become

an ideal capital under

Modi's leadership.

The BJP is determined to fulfil all its promises and make Delhi the number one capital of the world, he said.

Residents of Delhi have shown that repeated false promises cannot mislead people, he said, asserting that they answered through their votes to the problems of a polluted Yamuna, dirty drinking water, broken roads, overflowing sewers and liquor shops in every street.

Be it respect for women, self-respect of unauthorised colony residents or the immense possibilities of self-employment, Delhi will now become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership, he said.

BJP president JP Nadda said the party's massive win was a victory of people's unwavering support in its model of service, good governance, welfare of the poor, and development under Modi's able leadership.

The "AAP-da" government in Delhi had crossed all limits of corruption, misgovernance and appeasement. The city is now free from its lies, deceit and fraud, and is starting a journey into a new era of progress and respect, he claimed.

Nadda said, "This historic mandate reflects people's trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a brighter and more progressive future for Delhi."

Shah said the results were a defeat of arrogance and anarchy.

"This is a victory of 'Modi ki Guarantee' and the trust of the people of Delhi in Modi's vision of development," he added.

The people of Delhi dismantled the "Sheesh Mahal" of lies, deceit and corruption and made the city "AAP-da free", he said, targeting AAP.

Fire breaks out at under-construction Sabarmati bullet train station; no casualty

AHMEDABAD, Feb 8 (Agencies): A fire broke out at the underconstruction Sabarmati bullet train station here in the early hours of Saturday, an official said.

There was no report of casualty in the blaze that erupted around 6.30 am, the official from the fire department said.

He said 13 fire tenders were pressed into service, and the blaze was brought under control.

As per a statement issued by the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), the agency responsible for the project, the fire was reported on the roof shuttering on one part of the construction site.

struction site.
Welding sparks from



the temporary shuttering work is prima facie believed to be the likely cause of the fire, it stated.

"No injuries or casualties have been reported. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined, but prima facie, it appears that welding sparks from temporary shuttering work may have triggered it," it said.

NHSRCL officials

were monitoring the situation at the site.

The station is part of the 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project.

The project covers Gujarat (352 km) and Maharashtra (156 km), with a total of 12 stations planned at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand/Nadiad, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati.

AAP drowned due to liquor policy, focus on money: Anna Hazare

MUMBAI, Feb 8 (Agencies): As the BJP on Saturday headed to capture the Delhi seat of power after more than 26 years, activist Anna Hazare, once a mentor to Arvind Kejriwal, said the AAP "drowned" due to the liquor policy and

its focus on money.
In a jibe at Kejriwal, the anti-graft activist further said a candidate's character should be clean and he should know the virtues of sacrifice.

The Aam Aadmi Party, born from Hazare's anti-corruption crusade, is trailing behind the Bharatiya Janata Party as votes are being counted for the 70-member Delhi assembly polls held earlier this week.



Trends and results on the Election Commission website showed the BJP ahead in 48 seats and the AAP in 22.

AAP veteran and former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia conceded defeat from Jangpura while party supremo Arvind Kejriwal stared at a possible loss from the New Delhi seat.

"With the liquor policy issue came the money

and they drowned in it.
The (AAP's) image was
tarnished. People saw
him (Arvind Kejriwal)
talking about clean char-

acter and then about

liquor," Hazare, who

led the anti-corruption

movement in 2011, told

reporters in Ralegan Siddhi village. Hazare said the AAP lost as it failed to understand the need to serve people selflessly and took the wrong path.
"Money took the front

seat which dented AAP's image, leading to its defeat," he added. Hazare and Kejriwal parted ways after the

Hazare and Kejriwal parted ways after the latter decided to form the AAP in 2012.

According to the Cen-

According to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the ED, irregularities were committed while modifying the Delhi excise policy for 2021-22, and undue favours extended to licence holders.

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

Hazare said he stayed

away from politics when the AAP was founded.

"I have been saying this since the beginning that when one contests polls, the candidate's character should be clean and spotless. The candidate should know the virtues of sacrifice and should have the capacity to tolerate insults.

"These qualities (in candidates) win people's trust who feel the candidate will do something for them. I kept saying this but they (the AAP) did not understand it," he said.

Hazare said when allegations crop up, it is necessary to tell the people that these charges are wrong.

Central govt doing everything to weaken Constitution, democracy in India: Priyanka Gandhi

Priyanka, the Wayanad MP, said that till date victims of the landslides that hit the high range district are facing housing troubles and have not received adequate compensation.

WAYANAD, Feb 8 (Agencies): Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday claimed that the country was going through a period where the government at the Centre was doing everything "to weaken the Constitution and democracy in India".

Priyanka, the Wayanad MP, was speaking at a booth level leaders meeting at the Mananthavady assembly constituency here where she said that till date victims of the landslides that hit the high range district are facing housing troubles and have not received adequate compensation.

The Congress leader said that the central

government "atleast" declared the Wayanad landslides as "a disaster of severe nature due to our efforts in the Lok Sabha" and expressed hope that as a result more funds will be received for the rehabilitation of the victims. She also referred to

She also referred to the various instances of loss of lives due to wild animal attacks in the district and said that the human-animal conflict was also leading to loss

of livelihoods.

Priayanka said the last time she was here in Wayanad, the district administration said that it needed more funds to mitigate the humananimal conflicts and to ensure safety of the people.



"I said I will work with them and that together we will try to find as much funding as we can to help them to do the work they need to do and also find new types of solutions for the prob-

lem," she said.
The Wayanad MP said that she will also continue to address the other issues, like the needs of the tribals, lack of medi-

cal college in Mananthavady, night travel restrictions and boosting tourism in the district, faced by the people.

She also praised and thanked the booth-level leaders and workers for helping her win in the LS bypoll and urged them to be available for the people everyday and not just during elections. Priyanka arrived at

Kannur airport in the morning and travelled to Wayanad by road.

According to her itinerary released by the party, she will also hold meetings with boothlevel leaders in Sulthan Bathery and Kalpetta assembly constituencies during the day.

Towards evening she will visit the Lourde Matha Church at Pallikkunnu in Kalpetta, the sources said.

On Sunday, she will hold meetings with booth level leaders in Eranad and Thiruvambadi assembly constituencies.

On Monday, she will hold meetings with booth-level leaders at Wandoor and Nilambur assembly constituencies and will also visit families of a few victims of wild animal attacks, the sources said.

This is her second visit to Wayanad after she won the Lok Sabha bypoll from there.

Earlier, on January 28, Priyanka visited the high range district to meet the family of a woman who was killed by a tiger on January 24 when she was out collecting coffee beans at the Priyadarshini Estate in Mananthavady village in Wayanad.

She also visited the family of N M Vijayan, former district office-bearer of the party, who, along with his son, died by suicide in December last year.

Car falls into gorge in Shimla, two killed



SHIMLA, Feb 8 (Agencies): Two persons were killed on the spot when their car fell into a gorge in Chopal area of Himachal Pradesh's Shimla district, police said on Saturday.

The accident took place near Chambi on Chopal-Jhina roadon Friday evening, when the vehicle which was on its way from Chambi to Badlavag fell into a gorge.

Locals near the spot heard the sound of the car crashing and informed the police.

The deceased were identified as Ramkrishan Sharma and Surjit Singh, both residents of village Baldavag in Chopal, police said.

Investigations are underway to find out the cause of the accident, they added.

Justin Trudeau reportedly says Trump's talk of making Canada a US state is 'a real thing'

Trudeau's comments to business and labor leaders in a closed-door session were mistakenly carried by a loudspeaker

VANCOUVER, Feb 8 (Agencies): Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said President Donald Trump's talk of making Canada the 51st U.S. state is "a real thing" and is linked to the country's rich natural resources, local media

Trudeau's comments to business and labor leaders in a closed-door session were mistakenly carried by a loudspeaker, Canada's public broadcaster CBC reported.

"Mr. Trump has it in mind that the easiest way to do it is absorbing our country and it is a real thing. In my conversations with him on...," Trudeau said of making Canada a U.S. state before the microphone cut out, according to CBC.

"They're very aware of our resources, of what we have and they very much want to be able to benefit from those," Trudeau reportedly said.

Trudeau's office did not immediately respond to a request for

In a post on social platform X, Gil McGowan, president of the Alberta Federation of Labor. confirmed what Trudeau said.

"Yes, I can confirm that Trudeau said his assessment is that what Trump really wants is not action on fentanyl or immigration or even the trade deficit, what he really wants is to either dominate Canada or take it outright," McGown wrote.

Trump has repeatedly suggested Canada would be better



illegal immigration and prevent

fentanyl smuggling, but he has

also pledged to use tariffs to

boost domestic manufacturing

and raise revenues for the fed-

Trudeau said Canada can

use the 30-day extension to

show U.S. officials the coun-

try's increased spending on

border security. Canada has

announced a USD 1.3 billion

Canadian dollars (USD 900

million) border security plan

that includes drones, helicop-

ters, more border guards and

the creation of a joint task force.

Trudeau also has promised

to appoint a new fentanyl czar,

who will serve as the primary

liaison between the Canadian

and U.S. governments, even

though less than 1 per cent of

the fentanyl and illegal immi-

grant crossings into the U.S.

"We need to be very deliber-

come from Canada.

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off if it agreed to become the 51st U.S. state.

In public comments, Trudeau said Canada must think "tactically and strategically" on how to deal with Trump's threats to impose hefty tariffs on all Canadian imports.

Speaking in Toronto at the opening of a one-day summit on the Canada-U.S. economic relationship, Trudeau said the country must work with the U.S. to avoid tariffs, adding that Canada needs to eliminate internal trade barriers and expand its trade with other nations.

"This is a moment," said Trudeau. "This is a time in our country's history that really matters." Trump on Monday agreed to a 30-day pause on threats to impose 25 per cent tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada, with another 10 per cent tariff on Canadian oil, natural gas and electricity.

Trump had threatened the tariffs to ensure greater cooperaengage closely with the United States to make the case that Canada is responsible for a tiny part of the North American fentanyl problem, but that we are also bitterly touched by this tragedy," Trudeau said.

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He added that Canada needs to be prepared if Trump decides to go ahead with the tariffs after 30 days.

"We need to be ready to respond robustly," he said. "We also have to be ready to support Canadians through the responses we're giving and through a difficult time of tariffs." Canada had planned to retaliate to the U.S. action with 25 per cent tariffs on USD 155 billion Canadian dollars (USD 109 billion) worth of American goods.

Trudeau said it's also time to have "genuine free trade in Canada," while strengthening its trade relationships with other countries.

Candace Laing, president and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said she is happy the meeting is focused on internal trade, trade diversification and responding to U.S. tariffs.

"It's clear that we can't just tinker around the edges with incremental steps right now," she said. "We've got to be bold so that businesses and communities can pivot to be more resilient and less reliant on what happens in the U.S.," Laing said in a statement.

US President Donald Trump says he will announce "reciprocal tariffs" next week



WASHINGTON, Feb 8 (Agencies): US President Donald Trump has said that he would announce reciprocal tariffs next week that match the duties announced by other nations, Politico reported.

Addressing a press briefing with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, Trump said, "I'll be announcing that next week, reciprocal trade, so that we're treated evenly with other countries." He said, "We don't want any more, any less.'

Previously, Trump had threatened to slap 10 per cent or 20 per cent universal tariff and asked his administration with reviewing that possibility as part of a broader trade review due by April 1.

Trump, who announced that the tariffs would be applicable to every nation, added that the announcement would likely be made on "Monday or Tuesday," Politico reported.

He said, "I think that's the only fair way to do it that way nobody's hurt." Donald Trump said, "They charge us, we charge them. It's the same thing, and I seem to be going in that line as opposed to a flat fee tariff.

In many cases, US has lower tariffs than other nations for the same product, although Trump did not mention whether there would be exclusions ot the new round of tariffs. US President often speaks about high tariffs imposed by foreign governments on cars, where the US duty is only 2.5 per cent.

During his presidential campaign, Trump had announced he would work with Congress to pass the Reciprocal Trade Act that would give him the authority to incrase the tariff on a particular foreign good to the level imposed by that nation.

In a campaign video, he said, "Under the Trump Reciprocal Trade Act, other countries will have two choices -- they'll get rid of their tariffs on us, or they will pay us hundreds of billions of dollars, and the United States will make an absolute FORTUNE."

He further said, "If India, China, or any other country hits us with a 100 or 200 percent tariff on American-made goods, we will hit them with the same exact tariff. In other words, 100 percent is 100 percent. If they charge us we charge them -- an eye for an eye, a tariff for a tariff, same exact amount."

Currently, exporters in nearly every nation around the world face the same tariffs on their exports to US, although the individual US tariff rates differ based on the product. Tariff rates for products like car are low while tariff rates for clothing and shoes are generally high, according to Politico report.

Under Trump's "reciprocal tariff" approach, thousands of products in the US tariff code could have as many different tariff levels as there are many nations in the world. The decision would vastly raise the complexity of collecting tariffs on goods, Politico reported.

Earlier in January, a group of Republicans introduced the Reciprocal Trade Act in the House. If Trump enforces a reciprocal tariff system, it would be another power grab from Congress and could spark legal challenges from companies affected by the decision.

Federal Judge blocks Elon Musk's **DOGE from accessing sensitive US Treasury Department material**

WASHINGTON, Feb 8 (Agencies): A federal Judge early Saturday blocked Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from accessing Treasury Department records that contain sensitive personal data such as Social Security and bank account numbers for millions of Americans

US District Judge Paul Engelmayer issued the order after 19 Democratic attorneys general sued President Donald Trump.

The case, filed in federal court in New York City, alleges the Trump administration allowed



Musk's team access to the Treasury Department's central payment system in violation of federal law.

The payment system handles tax refunds, Social Security benefits, veterans' benefits and much more, sending out trillions of dollars every year while containing an expansive network of Americans' personal and financial data.

Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, also known as DOGE, was created to discover and eliminate what the Trump administration has deemed to be wasteful Government spending.

appointments, call for full court on amendments ISLAMABAD, Feb court but no decision on

8 (Agencies): Four Supreme Court judges of Pakistan wrote a letter to Chief Justice Yahya Afridi, urging a delay in the appointment of new judges until a decision on the controversial 26th Constitution Amend-

The controversial amendment was passed last year to give the government more say in the appointment of the Chief Justice and judges of higher courts.

However, the appointment following the tweaks led to the allegation of 'packing' of the high courts and the Supreme Court.

The amendment was challenged in the apex

its fate has been made so far.

The judges who signed the letter include Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Muneeb Akhtar, Justice Ayesha Malik, and Justice Athar Minallah. According to news

agency, it was addressed to the chairman of the Judicial Commission, a body of senior judges under the chief justice, stressing the importance of forming a full court to address the issue of judicial appointments and the ongoing constitutional amendment case

It expressed concern over the potential complications arising from the upcoming judicial

appointments and their impact on the ongoing constitutional amendment case

Four SC Judges urge chief justice to delay new

The judges stressed that the constitutional bench hearing the 26th Amendment case should ideally be expanded into a full court. They cautioned that if new judges are appointed, it may lead to a dispute

the full court. They also referred to a recent instance where three judges were transferred to the Islamabad High Court, necessitating their re-taking of the oath, in accordance with the Constitution.

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In their letter, the judges emphasised the need for immediate

attention to the constitutional amendment case, suggesting that it should be heard by a full court to ensure transparency and impartiality.

They pointed out that the case had already been delayed, and urged that before the next hearing of the case, any hasty appointments should be avoided.

The judges also expressed concern that any appointments made at this stage could undermine public confidence in the judicial process.

The letter also pointed out that if the current constitutional bench continues to hear the case, public trust in the judicial process might

already be compromised, with concerns over "court-packing" emerging in the public's perception.

The transfer of three judges to the Islamabad High Court has already created a huge controversy, as one of the judges, transferred from the Lahore High Court who was at 15th position on the seniority list of judges has become second most senior after the chief justice and first to be considered as the new chief justice.

Those affected by this transfer have asked the Supreme Court to intervene but so far no action has been taken to correct to situation.

US lawmakers push to end 'One China' policy, back Taiwan ties

TAIPEI, Feb 8 (Agencies): US Representatives Tom Tiffany from Wisconsin and Scott Perry from Pennsylvania reintroduced a resolution urging the US to end its "One China" policy, resume formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan and negotiate a bilateral Taiwan-US free trade agreement, Taipei Times reported on Saturday.

The resolution, backed by 22 Republican members of the House, was first introduced in 2021.

The resolution urges President Donald Trump to "abandon the antiquated 'one China' policy in favour of a policy that recognises the objective reality that Taiwan is an independent country, not governed by or included within the territory of China."

Trump should also recognise the legitimacy of Taiwan's democratically elected national government, appoint an official US ambassador to the nation and accept a Taiwanese counterpart in the US, the resolution

According to the Taipei Times, the resolution also urges the US representative to the United Nations, along with other officials, to support Taiwan's inclusion in the UN and other international organisations that the US is part of.

It praises Taiwan for its strong "commitment to democracy", civil liberties, and human rights. The resolution also references several former US presidents, including Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clin-



ton.

The resolution points out that Taiwan and the US had maintained normal diplomatic relations until 1979 when "President Carter abruptly abandoned both without the approval of Congress in 1979" and despite Reagan strengthening ties, "The United States has not altered its position regarding sovereignty

over Taiwan," the resolution says

It also cites a statement by President Bill Clinton, who previously said that "the issues between Beijing and Taiwan must be resolved peacefully and with the assent of the people of Taiwan."

Both Republican lawmakers have a history of calling for stronger ties with Taiwan. The pair in 2021 recommended that

the US support Taiwan's bid for UN membership, as per the Taipei Times.

The US government switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979 and has since maintained only unofficial diplomatic relations with Taiwan, as defined by the Taiwan Relations Act.

According to the bill, the "One China" policy is obsolete, does not serve the people of Taiwan or the US and fails to reflect the reality that Taiwan has been a sovereign and independent country for more than 70 years.

If the bill passes the House and the Senate, it would only be a "sense of Congress" resolution. It would not require the US President's approval and would not have the full force of law.

Hamas releases 3 more Israeli hostages under Gaza ceasefire deal



DEIR AL-BALAH, Feb 8 (Agencies): Hamas on Saturday released three more Israeli hostages, after nearly 500 days of captivity, to the humanitarian aid organisation Red Cross. The three hostages -- Eli Sharabi, Or Levi and Ohad Ben Ami -- were released as part of the ongoing ceasefire deal with Israel.

Ohad Ben Ami and Eli Sharabi were abducted by terror group Hamas from

the Nova music festival on October 7, 2023. Eli Sharabi's wife and children were both killed in the infamous October 7 attack. In Tel Aviv, Sharabi's family waited with bated breath as the live broadcast of him walking out of captivity was aired today, reported news agency. Meanwhile, Hamas prisoners' office said that Israel would free 183 hostages in return as part of the prisoners-hostage swap.

Putting faith in Modi's good governance, Delhi choses BJP: Sat

BJP celebrates party win in Delhi Assembly Polls

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JAMMU, Feb 8: Enthusiastic BJP activists danced to the tunes of traditional Dhol, burst crackers and distributed sweets among themselves to celebrate the historical win of the party in the Delhi Assembly Polls at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP, along with Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition & General Secretary, Kavinder Gupta, former Dy Chief Minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA & General Secretary, Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, Priya Sethi, BJP NEM, Yudhvir Sethi, Vikram Randhawa, Balwant Mankotia, Shagun Parihar, Veenu Khanna, Bali Bhagat, S. Amrik Singh, Sanjita Dogra, Adv Rajesh Gupta,

Naresh Singh, Suresh Sharma, S. Varinder-jit Singh, Balbir Ram Rattan, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Rajni Sethi, Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia, Dr. Tahir Choudhary, YV Sharma, Gourav Gupta, Roshan Choudhary, Sanjay Bakshi and hundreds of party activ-

celebrations.
Sat Sharma, while congratulating the party activists for the

ists participated in the

convincing win in Delhi Assembly elections, dedicated it to every single karyakarta for their consistent work. He said that the Delhi results have proven the developing faith of people on the good governance by Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government and the wave against the corrupt and confused practices of Aam Aadmi Party.

He said that the people

have also ousted the Congress party giving it the minimum count in the Delhi Assembly. He said that the people opted for the Double-Engine government in Delhi, which will boost the socio-economic progress in the capital city and the welfare of the sections of society with the focus on "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas" policy of Bharati-

ya Janata Party.

"Putting faith in good governance by the Modi government, people of Delhi have chosen BJP rejecting AAP's 'government of lies'," said Sat Sharma while congratulating voters of Delhi.

Later, Sat Sharma chaired the meeting of senior leaders of the party who were deputed by the party as the star campaigners and the organizational duties in the Delhi Assembly elections.

Sat Sharma expressed gratitude to every activist of the party, who worked to ensure the magnificent win of the party in the Delhi Assembly polls. The decisive leadership of PM Modi and the hard and dedicated groundwork by the BJP activists have led to this emphatic victory of the party.

Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti Jammu organizes Kahani Goshthi



Top News Report

JAMMU Feb 8: Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti Jammu organized Kahani Goshthi, which was presided over by Sardar Didar Singh, a well-known writer of Hindi and Punitabic

At the beginning of the seminar, Prof. Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Secretary Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, gave information about the literary programs being organized by the Samiti.

He said that the objective of the Samiti is to provide a platform to the writers through Kavi Goshtis and Kahani Goshtis to promote Hindi language in this non-Hindi speaking region.

The storytellers who recited their stories in

the Kahani Goshthi included Suman Pal's 'Chachaji ki Pant', Sanjay Singh Samyal's 'Jeevan ke Rang', Santosh Sangda's 'Jaat Guachi Gayi' and Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju', 'Bruno'.

In his presidential address Didar Singh said that story is indeed a genre through which literature plays a strong role as a mirror in the society. It is a matter of great happiness that stories are being continuously written in Hindi in Jammu division.

The Kahani Goshthi was conducted by Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju' and the vote of thanks was presented by Amita Mehta.

A number of litterateurs and literature lovers including Arvinder Singh Amn and Sheikh Mohd Kalyan attended Goshthi.

Rajan Gupta, Rajroop felicitate Arjun Khajuria for winning bronze at 38th National Games

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: Jammu & Kashmir's sporting talent continues to shine on the national stage, with Wushu athlete Arjun Khajuria securing a bronze medal at the 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand. In recognition of his outstanding achievement. social activist Rajan Gupta and former Sarpanch Rajroop Singh felicitated him, praising his dedication and hard

Speaking at the event, Rajan Gupta emphasized the need for greater government support for sports in Jammu & Kashmir. He urged the administration to promote games like Wushu and provide young athletes with more opportunities to compete at the national level. He also stressed the importance of job security for medal-winning players, stating that those who



bring pride to the region should be rewarded with employment opportunities in government sectors.

Ex-Sarpanch Rajroop Singh echoed these sentiments, highlighting that J&K's athletes have immense potential but require proper infrastructure, training, and financial assistance to compete at higher levels. He appealed to the government to recognize and support sports champions who bring honor to Jammu & Kashmir on national platforms.

e region Arjun Khajuria, while expressing gratitude for the recognition, dedicated his victory to his coaches, family, and well-wishers. He also urged the youth to take up sports and represent athletes Arjun Khajuria, while expressing gratitude for the recognition, dedicated his victory to his coaches, family, and well-wishers. He also urged the youth to take up sports and represent Jammu & Kashmir with

pride.

The event concluded with a strong appeal to the administration to invest in sports development, ensuring that talented players get the recognition, support, and opportunities they deserve. Others present were Sunny Sadhotra and Sahil.

J&K Bank Pensioners' Federation conducts elections

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: J&K Bank Pensioners' Federation conducted its elections today of all the units at the Jammu, electing new office bearers for its units.

The election process, marked by a spirit of unity and consensus, saw all candidates elected unanimously, reinforcing the association's commitment to the welfare of retired employees.

The proceedings began with an inaugural address by General Secretary R.K. Bhan, who highlighted the association's ongoing efforts to safeguard the rights and well-being of retired employees.

President Mohinder Singh followed with his remarks, emphasizing the importance of collective representation and mutual support among the retired fraternity.



The elections were conducted under the supervision of Election Commissioner Jawahar Jyoti, with guidance from President Mohinder Singh ensuring a transparent and fair process.

Following the smooth and unanimous election, Iqbal Singh was chosen as the President of the Federation, bringing with him a vision of strengthening support

systems for retirees.

Mohd Amin Khan and
V.D. Dogra were elected as Vice Presidents

reflecting the association's commitment to balanced representation across regions. Zafar Ahmed Makdoomi was elected as General Secretary, entrusted with steering administrative affairs, while Nazir Ahmed Bhat was appointed as Treasurer to manage financial matters efficiently.

To further reinforce financial oversight, Ved Prakash Gupta was elected as Associate Treasurer. The positions of Secretaries were entrusted to R.K. Bhan

and Mushtaq Ahmed Ahenger, who will play key roles in executing the association's strategic initiatives.

The election also saw the induction of Shahzad Hussain Teli, Mir Bashir Ahmed, Prem Parkash Gupta, and Chander Hass Sharma as Federation Executive Members, ensuring a dynamic leadership team capable of addressing the evolving needs of retired employees.

In his first address as the newly elected Presi-

dent, Sardar Iqbal Singh expressed gratitude to the members for their unwavering trust and pledged to enhance welfare measures for the retired fraternity. He outlined key focus areas, including the improvement of healthcare assistance, financial security, and social support mechanisms. while also advocating for stronger collaboration with management of the bank to resolve the issues cropped up at any point of time.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by R.K. Bhan, who acknowledged the seamless election process and the enthusiasm of all members. He reaffirmed the association's commitment to ensuring a dignified and secure post-retirement life for all J&K Bank retirees, stressing the importance of unity and continued engagement in collective welfare.

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Delhi Polls: Parvesh Verma's family express joy and gratitude as BJP leader set to defeat Kejriwal

far — Shalimar Bagh (Rekha Gupta), Tri Nagar (Tilak Ram Gupta), Rajouri Garden (Manjinder Singh Sirsa), Rajinder Nagar (Umang Bajaj), Greater Kailash (Shikha Roy), Patparganj (Ravinder Singh Negi), Gandhi Nagar (Arvinder Singh Lovely) and Sangam Vihar (Chandan Kumar Choudhary).

Meanwhile, AAP has also won in eight constituencies — Sultanpur Majra (Mukesh Kumar Ahlawat), Chandni Chowk (Punardeep Singh), Ballimaran (Imran Hussain), Babarpur (Gopal Rai), Tughlakabad (Sahi Ram), Tilak Nagar (Jarnail Singh), Delhi Cantt (Virender Singh Kadian), and Kondli (Kuldeep Kumar).

BJP workers and supporters have already started celebrating outside the party's office in New Delhi foreseeing a comeback in the national capital government after a long wait.

BJP workers were seen bursting firecrackers, dancing, and singing at the party office.

Polling for the 70-member assembly was held on February 5, with a total voter turnout recorded at 60.54 per cent.

The BJP's campaign, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, targeted the AAP over alleged toxicity in the Yamuna River and the renovation of Arvind Kejriwal's residence as Chief Minister. The PM also used the terms "Aapda" and "Sheesh Mahal" to slam Kejriwal.

Jammu BJP celebrates party's performance in Delhi Polls

big thing for the party," he said. BJP MLA Shagun Parihar said the party's triumph in Delhi marks an end of AAP's "deception and dishonesty".

"BJP will fulfil all its promises and will live to the expectations of the people who have given their blessings to the party candidates," she

BJP MLA Yudhvir Sethi said the

blooming of party's symbol, lotus, in Delhi is the end to AAP which has "done nothing for the people except abusing the prime minister, BJP and Delhi Lt Governor during their rule".

LAHDC Kargil Calls on CM Omar Abdullah to discuss issues of Ladakh Students, Patients, Residents in J&K

enabling them to address the challenges faced by Ladakh UT residents in J&K more effectively. He assured that space would be provided at SKIMS and other super-specialty hospitals in Kashmir for the establishment of a help desk, which will be managed by Ladakh administration staff to facilitate immediate assistance for patients from Kargil and Leh. He further urged the delegation to create awareness among Ladakh students about the quota available in J&K, noting that many seats remain unutilized.

Stressing the historical ties between Ladakh and Jammu &

Kashmir, he reaffirmed that administrative reorganization would not alter the deep-rooted relationship between the two regions.

"Maps may change, but changing maps will not affect our relationship with you. Our bond with Ladakh is centuries old, and it will remain strong," the chief minister said.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana assured the delegation that all their concerns related to roads, drinking water and other essential services would be addressed on priority.

Earlier, the Kargil delegation highlighted several pressing issues, including the appointment of nodal officers for patients referred to SKIMS Soura and other superspecialty hospitals in Srinagar.

They also raised concerns about the selection and training of paramedical students in J&K's paramedical training institutes, the extension of existing student hostels in Srinagar and Jammu, and the need for more admissions of Ladakh students in various colleges and universities of J&K.

Additionally, they sought tourism promotion for Kargil and other areas of Ladakh UT through events organized in Srinagar.

Expressing their gratitude, the delegation thanked Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his patient hearing and proactive approach in addressing their concerns.

They appreciated the commitment of the J&K government towards ensuring better facilities and opportunities for the people of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Minister for Jal Shakti Javed Ahmed Rana, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Education Shatmanu, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, and administrative secretaries from the departments of Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, and ARI & Trainings.

AN-32 Kargil courier service airlifts 24 stranded passengers

Srinagar and Kargil-Jammu routes on selected days to facilitate

the passengers who are stranded due to closure of Srinagar-Leh national highway owing to heavy snowfall. Meanwhile, Kargil Deputy Commissioner Shrikant Balasaheb Suse and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Nitin Yadav inspected all the arrangements at Kargil airport and instructed all concerned officials to ensure smooth management of Kargil Courier service.

MeT predicts isolated to scattered light rain and snow in next 3 days

all the weather stations across Kashmir recorded sub zero temperatures during the intervening night of Friday and Saturday.

The MeT said Srinagar- the summer capital of J&K- recorded a low of -2.9 C, while Qazigund-the gateway to Kashmir- and Kupwara in north Kashmir shivered at -2.5 C and -3.7 C, respectively. The famous tourist destination Pahalgam in Anantnag, recorded a low of -5.0 C, while the ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district settled at -5.2 C.

Dr Jitendra inaugurates multiple WSSs under JJM in KathuaK; schemes to provide tap water to thousands of residents of 10 villages

Calls for effective implementation of the schemes to attain their saturation

Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 8: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday called for effective implementation of all the water supply schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Jammu and Kashmir to attain their saturation. He was addressing a public gathering in village remote parts of Jammu Jasrota here after inauand Kashmir. gurating seven water supply schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission.

The schemes costing 25.31 crore rupees will benefit 15,881 souls, covering 2584 households in 10 villages, including Jasrota, Rakh Padyari, Hoshyari, Saktha Chak, Bhadoli Charpad and Mangtian. The Minister informed that a total of 303 water supply schemes, with an estimated cost of 1369.57 crore rupees, are being taken up in district Kathua under Jal Jeevan Mission. Dr Singh pointed out that certain issues being faced in the proper implementation of the schemes on the which are being sorted out in coordination with J&K government.

Presenting a report card of the works done in his Parliamentary

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8:

Former Dy. Chief Minis-

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early announcement of

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constituency in the first 100 days of the Narendra Modi Government 3.0, he enumerated the key projects like the prestigious Chattergala tunnel and Delhi to Katra Expressway corridor, saying these ambitious projects are nearing their completion. Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with creating a new work culture, Dr Jitendra Singh stated that the government is focused on completing the stalled projects to boost connectivity in

Dr Jitendra Singh said that inspired by the Prime Minister's call of 'Nation First', the present dispensation is working with a 'Whole of Government' approach in the service of the masses across the country. The Minister said that once completed, the strategic Chattergala tunnel to be game-changer in providing all-weather connectivity between Doda and Lakhanpur will be a game-changer in providing all-weather connectivity between Doda and Lakhanpur. He informed the gathering that it has now been decided to build nine additional underpasses along Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, fulfilling a public demand.

Underlining the potential of tourism to create employment opportu-

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Former Dy Chief

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promise by Govt: Tara Chand

nities and boost livelihoods, Dr Jitendra Singh said steps are also being taken to promote tourism in places such as Basohli and Mantalia in the region. The Minister informed

that Mansar area of Udhampur district is also being developed as a tourist destination under Swadesh Darshan scheme.

Dr Jitendra Singh stated that in the times to come, district Kathua will become a major hub of economy activity, offering avenues of self-employment to the local youth. He mentioned that the district has earned a unique distinction for having North India's first Biotech Park, Seed Processing Plant and North India's only Homeopathic College. The Minister urged the youth avail the subsidy being provided by the government for the promotion of Khadi to earn their own livelihoods.

Minister for Jal Shakti, J&K Government, Javed Ahmed Rana; MLA, Jasrota, Rajiv Jasroti; MLA, Bani, Dr Rameshwar Singh; MLA, Hiranagar, Vijay Kumar Sharma; Vice Chairman, DDC, Kathua, Raghunadan Singh Bablu, representatives of PRIs and officials from Department of Jal Shakti were among those present on the

job. He asked the Govt.

to increase the funds

under MGNREGA so

that people living in

rural and farflung areas

can have job opportunity

Demanding perma-

allottees, Tara Chand

said that villagers who

are landless and BPL

should be given owner-

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Others who also spoke

in the meeting were

Madan Lal Sharma,

Ex-Chairman Munici-

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Ashok Sharma, Suraj

Singh, Harnam Singh.

Devinder Singh Bittu,

Tarseem Singh, Gharu

Ram, Ram Lal, Suraj

Prakash, Sarfo Devi,

Veena Devi, Avtar Singh

Manhas and others.

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occasion.

Those responsible for killing of ex-serviceman must be brought to justice: Abdul Majeed

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 8: Apni Party's Chief Coordinator and District President Kulgam, Abdul Majeed Padder, on Saturday said that the perpetrators who attacked and killed exserviceman Manzoor Ahmad Wagay in his locality, Behi Bagh, Kulgam, must be apprehended and brought to justice.

He emphasised that the terrorists responsible must face exemplary punishment.

However, Padder expressed concern over the mass arrests by the police and other security agencies following the heinous terror act.

In his statement, he said, "The terrorists who killed the former Army man and injured his wife and niece in the brutal attack must be apprehended so that they face the law of the land. Such heinous terror activities cannot be tolerated."

He added, "However. I request the administration and security authorities to ensure that random and mass arrests are not carried out in this regard. No innocent person should suffer during the course of the investigation."

Abdul Majeed Padder also expressed deep concern over the deaths of two civilians in Baramulla and Kathua.

He said, "The security forces should have fired at the tyres of the truck instead of shooting the driver who failed to stop at the naka.

He added, "If reports suggesting that a civilian was killed due to brutal torture in police custody are true, then it is a matter of grave concern. Those involved must be given exemplary punishment."

GDC Mahanpur organises Work Camp under theme "Clean Campus and Green

NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur organised a Work Camp under the theme "Clean Campus and Green Campus" on the fourth day i.e. on 8 th of February, 2025 of the One-Week long "NSS Winter Camp" (05 th of February, 2025 to 11 th of February, 2025).

The Camp is being organized by Dr. Rupalee Jasrotia, NSS Programme Officer and the NSS Committee Member Dr. Jogbinder Singh Soodan, under the supervision and able guidance of Prof (Dr.) Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College.

During the Work Camp, NSS Volunteers weeded, tilled and pre-

in front of the Administration Block, Library and Canteen area for plantation. Moreover, they also maintained the already prepared flower beds in the Col-

Besides this, a cleanis next to Godliness."

40 NSS Volunteers participated in the camp and contributed in making the Campus Clean and Green. Refreshment was given to all the NSS volunteers at the end of the Camp.

Campus" **Top News Report** pared the flower beds MAHANPUR, Feb 8:

lege campus.

liness drive was also organised in the College Campus. NSS Volunteers cleaned the whole Academic Block in order to make the campus clean, thus, upholding the idea of "Cleanliness

Intensive Food Safety inspection drive targets in Srinagar eateries

Top News Report

SRINAGAR, Feb 8: In a bid to tighten food safety standards, a team from the Drug and Food Control Organisation conducted a rigorous inspection drive across key areas of Srinagar, including Jehangir Chowk and the Hazratbal Speciality Health Services (HSHS) area.

The food safety department said that the operation, spearheaded by Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety, Yameen ul Nabi, focused primarily on roadside eateries and vendors selling traditional Kashmiri snacks.

"The crackdown aimed to ensure strict compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), emphasizing sanitary conditions, hygiene, and safe food handling practices. Officials meticulously examined food stalls, assessing storage conditions, preparation methods, and the overall cleanliness of the vendors' setups".

During the inspection,

on maintaining hygiene standards critical to public health.

They were explicitly instructed to safeguard prepared food from environmental contaminants and pests. "Vendors failing to meet these hygiene benchmarks will face immediate shutdowns under the FSS Act," warned an official from the inspection team.

Food business operators, particularly those dealing in ready-to-eat items, were directed to implement pest control measures at their establishments. Additionally, they were cautioned against setting up stalls near open drains, a common practice that heightens the risk of food contamination. Non-compliance with these directives will result in punitive action under the relevant food

prise inspections in the

Army conducts medical patrol at Badhanu

Top News Report

RAJOURI, Feb 8: The Indian Army has extended its healthcare services to the most remote corners of Poonch & Rajouri district through a medical patrol in the villages of Barari & Satharban, Sankari, Badhanu, Kassian, addressing the medical needs of the local Gujjar & Bakarwal communities.

Due to the region's isolation, difficult terrain and lack of access to mainstream and healthcare facilities the inhabitants often face significant healthcare challenges resulting in high morbidity and mortality rates.

This initiative provided much needed relief and improved the overall well-being of

The medical patrol, equipped with essential supplies and skilled personnel delivered compassionate and comprehensive healthcare services.

The primary focus was on offering immediate medical care, including basic health check-ups, treatment for common ailments and the distribution of necessary medi-

Additionally, the team placed a strong emphasis on preventive healthcare, administering immunizations and educating the community on hygiene, nutrition and disease

The response from the local population has been overwhelmingly positive with deep gratitude expressed for the Indian Army's timely intervention. This initiative, especially

its focus on women's healthcare, has had a profound impact on the community. Beyond the immediate medical assistance the medical patrol also played a vital role

in strengthening the relationship between the Indian Army and the local residents, fostering trust and goodwill.

Army organizes interaction at Parat



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Feb 8: Gujar & Bakkarwal, the pastoral communities migrate to the higher reaches of valley in search of pastures for their livestock as part of their customary migratory practices, they have now started to return to their homes. In continuation with the efforts to maintain connection with this transient population and with an aim to address their problems, Indian Army organised

an interaction at Pathi and Kalajhung for Gujar & Bakkarwal communi-

Gujjar & Bakkarwals, living in the remote village of Lam participated in the event, wherein they were presented an opportunity to discuss the hardships and issues being faced by their community.

During the interaction the community was guided on women empowerment, importance of education to

children and their future prospects and significance of skill development for better employment opportunities.

The community was assured that every help possible would be given to them as it is their contribution due to which peace and harmony is maintained in the region. Gujjar & Bakkarwal communities committed their unflinching support and trust in the Indian Army. A total strength of 25 (11 Men, 09 Women & 05 Children) Gujar & Bakkarwals attended the event.

Army distributes computers in **Government Middle School Mehra**

Top News Report RAJOURI, Feb 8: The

Indian Army is relentlessly working towards the upliftment of the people in remote areas of Battalion Areas of Responsibility through many goodwill gestures undertaken through Sadhbhavana Projects. Under the banner of Sadhbhavana, the battalion has distributed essential computer items to the Government Middle School, Mehra,

in District Rajouri (UT of Jammu & Kashmir).

These valuable assets will significantly enhance the IT learning skills and provide a conducive environment for the students, empowering them to excel in their academic pursuits.

battalion The expressed their utmost gratitude to the school community for their dedication to education and pledged continued support towards fostering a brighter future for the students.

Teachers, students, and civil dignitaries present at the event appreciated the gesture, highlighting the positive impact it will have on the school's educational ecosystem.

The Indian Army looks forward to forging more enduring partnerships with the local community and contributing to the growth and progress of education in the region.

Dr Rajiv starts development work of Rs.145 lakh, inaugurates Open Gym



Top News Report

BISHNAH, Feb 8: MLA Bishnah Dr Rajiv Kumar Bhagat on Saturday started the development works of Rs 30 lakh in Panchayat Chack Avtara in Panchayat Prithvipur 10 different works amounting to Rs 23 lakh in Panchayat Pachail nine different works amounting to Rs 30 lakh in Panchayar

Jabowal 10 different works amounting to Rs 23 lakh in Panchayat Karyal Khurd 15 different works amounting to Rs 39 lakh.

Dr Rajeev also inaugurated the open gym at near Radha Sowami Ashram Panchayat Chak Avtara. While inaugurating function, Dr Rajeev emphasized on the need for fitness in every sphere for overall development. He asserted that these types of Gyms are suited not only for reaching the required fitness levels, but also to develop a positive outlook towards life in general.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat expressed his vision for Bishnah Constituency future, stating his unwavering dedication to transforming it into a Model Constituency.

People of the area thanked the MLA for fulfilling their long pending demand and their dream to be filled up voted in favour of Dr Rajeev Kumar Bhagat. In the event the Engineering wing of PWD and RDD division Bishnah also accompany the MLA.

NSS Volunteers of GDC R. S. Pura organizes plantation drive during 2nd day of Winter Camp

Top News Report

R S PURA. Feb 8: In a commendable display of commitment to environmental conservation, the NSS unit of GDC R. S. Pura successfully organized a plantation drive during the 2nd day of their Special Winter Camp under the guidance of Principal of the college Prof. (Dr) Preetpal Kour.

The event, held on 8-2-2025, aimed at enhancing green cover and raising awareness about environmental protection among students and the local community.

Under the guidance of NSS Program Officer, Dr. Chanchal Angral, and with active participation from students and faculty, the volunteers planted a wide variety of plants along the garden of the campus and surrounding areas.

The plantation initiative is a part of GDC R. S. Pura's ongoing efforts to contribute to environmental sustainability and address pressing ecological challenges.

Prof. (Dr) Preetpal Kour, Principal of GDC R. S. Pura, emphasized the importance of such initiatives, stating, "This plantation drive not only contributes to the beautification of our surroundings but also helps in mitigating climate

The plantation drive also included a brief session on the significance of tree planting and sustainable practices. Students were educated on the positive impact trees have on air quality, soil health, and biodiversity, further strengthening their understanding of environmental conservation.

Dr. Chanchal Angral, NSS Program Officer of the college appreciated the enthusiastic response of the NSS Volunteers and stated that participation of volunteers in environmental activities. like this plantation drive, is an essential part of their growth as responsible citi-

The NSS committee members associated with the drive were Prof. Akriti Parihar, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Savleen Kour. Senior Faculty, Dr. Neena Gupta and Prof. Shifali Abrol were also present on the occasion.

vendors were educated

safety regulations. The department plans to continue such sur-

coming weeks, ensuring that food safety remains a top priority for all business operators in the region.

2nd ODI: Rohit's lean run, Kohli's return in focus as India eye series win over England

India's bowling attack looks settled with fit-again pacer Shami gradually settling in following his international comeback

NAGPUR, Feb 8 (Agencies): The barren run of skipper Rohit Sharma and the selection conundrum that Virat Kohli's possible return poses are the towering obstacles in India's quest for a series win against England in the second ODI here on Sunday.

India had taken a 1-0 lead after their four-wicket win at Nagpur, but Kohli getting rested owing to a "sore right knee" had raised concerns about his fitness ahead of the Champions Trophy later this month.

However, vice-captain Shubman Gill had indicated that Kohli could be back for the second match, which will be played at a venue where the latter made a match-winning 85 against the West Indies in 2019.

Kohli had also travelled to Cuttack along with his teammates and he looked relaxed.

The Indian team will certainly welcome that sign, but it also raises a challenge in terms of

Who will Kohli replace?

Shreyas Iyer, who came in for Kohli at the last minute by his own admission, made a rollicking 36-ball 59 that has made dropping him an almost unthinkable act.

If the past norms are followed, then Kohli will walk in for Shreyas, but it is more likely that Yashasvi Jaiswal could be the one who will have to make for the batting icon.



staple format, and the 36-year-

old needs just 94 runs to become

the third batter to reach 14,000

runs in the format after Sachin

Tendulkar (18,426) and Kumar

Having played 283 ODI

innings, Kohli can also become

the fastest to this milestone

ahead of Tendulkar (350

innings) and Sangakkara (378).

Rohit's struggles continued as

he perished for just two in the

first ODI, failing to shake off the

disastrous run in the Test series

His dismissal -- a mis-timed

lofted shot off Liam Livingstone

that ballooned to midwicket --

reflected his desperation for

The Mumbai man has not

scored a fifty in any format since

August last year when he made

64 against Sri Lanka in Colombo

Sangakkara (14,234).

Rohit's lean run

against Australia.

runs

It means that Gill might rejoin Rohit at the top, and Jaiswal did not have a blazing match either at Nagpur.

It remains to be seen how the team think tank led by Gautam Gambhir, which has shown a penchant for left-right combination, navigates this situation.

Combination questions apart, Kohli too is in need of runs, and he will need a good outing here if he indeed makes a return.

Kohli's form has been under scrutiny in recent months, especially after his struggles in Australia, where he repeatedly nicked deliveries to the slip cordon or wicketkeeper.

His last competitive outing for Delhi in the Ranji Trophytoo was a low-yielding one, managing just six before getting bowled by Railways pacer Himanshu Sangwan.

But One-day cricket is Kohli's

in the third match.

If Rohit fails to get going in these two ODIs against England, it could raise deeper concerns about his form and future. Settled bowling attack

India's bowling attack looks settled with fit-again pacer Mohammed Shami gradually settling in following his international comeback.

Having started off with a maiden, Shami slowly got into the scheme of things in Nagpur and dictated the terms in the middle overs, returning with a fine 1/38 from his eight overs.

Debutant Harshit Rana was taken apart by Phil Salt initially, and the young pacer ended up as the most expensive bowler at Nagpur, but he made crucial strikes, dismissing Ben Duckett and Harry Brook in the same over to turn the momentum in India's favour.

With fitness concerns lingering over lead pacer Jasprit Bumrah, Rana has an outside chance to push for his case with another

fruitful outing. Make-or-break for England

For Jos Buttler's men this would be a make-or-break match as they might look to change their downright aggressive batting approach with a much more sensible one England's success will depend on how their attacking template holds up against India's quality spinners, on a track here that could offer them appreciable

"Aise patakhe bajaye the...": Bangar recalls Gill's first nets session for India



MUMBAI, Feb 8 (Agencies): Former Indian batting coach Sanjay Manjrekar recalled the first-ever net session of star opener Shubman Gill for the national senior side, reminiscing his impressive performance against throwdown specialists that left coach Ravi Shastri in awe.

Bangar, who had multiple stints with the Indian coaching set-up in 2010s, was speaking in a video posted

by Star Sports. In the video posted by Star Sports on their official X handle, Bangar said, "The first glimpse of Shubman Gill we had during his first net session for India, there is a tradition in India that during the nets session, if you want that approval, you will have to do well against throwdown

Rashid Khan eyeing 1,000 T20 wickets, names

specialists, who bowl really fast. And unhone uss nets session mein, jo ek screen test hota haina, aise patakhe bajaye the (during that session, which is a screen test of sorts, he produced such incredible shots). Ravi Shastri was like, ek tayaar player mill gya humein

Gill, since his 2019 debut for India following an impactful 2018 U19 World Cup, where he was the 'Player of the Tournament' with 372 runs in six matches, has come a long way and has become one of country's premier allformat players.

(we have got a ready-

made player). Such

was his first impact."

In 101 international matches, Gill has scored 4,886 runs in 128 innings at an average of 42.85 and a strike rate of 82.00, with 12 centuries and 24 fifties. His best score is 208.

His ODI record stands out loud, having made 2,415 runs in 48 matches and 48 innings at an average of 58.90, with six centuries and 14 fifties, with best score of 208. He is the fastest player to achieve 2,000 ODI runs in the world, in just 38 innings. He is also the youngest ODI double centurion.

He is in the elite list of Indian players to have centuries in all international cricket formats.

Gill does need some improvements in his Test statistics, as they do not reflect his true talent. In 32 Tests and 59 innings, he has made 1.893 runs at an average of 35.05, with five centuries and seven fifties and best score of 128. In 21 T20Is, he has made 578 runs at an average of 30.42, with a strike rate of 139.27. He has a century and three fifties in the format.

During his last ODI appearance against England on Thursday, he played a fine knock of 87 in 96 balls during a tense run-chase of 249 runs, during which India was restricted to 19/2.

Gill will be in action during the second ODI at Cuttack on Sunday.

Alex Carey breaks Gilchrist's all-time Australia record during Galle Test against Sri Lanka

GALLE, Feb 8 (Agencies): Australian wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey overtook legendary Adam Gilchrist's record on Saturday, becoming the first wicketkeeper-batter from his team to touch the 150-run mark in Asian conditions.

Carev achieved this accomplishment during the second Test against Sri Lanka at Galle.

During the third day of the match, in the 87th over of Australia's first innings, Carey paddlesweeped a delivery by Prabath Jayasuriya, bringing up his 150 runs, crossing the mark for the first time ever in first-class cricket.

In the 93rd over, Prabath cleaned his stumps, as Carey lost his off-stump while attempting a sweep. Carey was gone for 156 in 188 balls, with 15 fours and two sixes. His strike rate was 82.98.

Earlier, the record for the highest score by an Aussie wicketkeeperbatter in Asia was held by Adam Gilchrist, who



scored 144 runs each in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, his solitary centuries in these two nations, besides two tons in India.

Carey is now also the second wicketkeeperbatter from Australia besides Gilchrist to have a century in Asia.

Coming to the match, Sri Lanka won the toss and opted to bat first. Half-centuries from Kusal Mendis (85 in 139 balls, with 10 fours and a six) and Dinesh Chandimal (74 in 163 balls, with six fours and a six) took Sri Lanka to 257 in 97.4 overs.

Mitchell Starc (3/27), Matthew Kuhnemann

(3/63) and Nathan Lyon (3/96) were top wickettakers for Australia.

In their first innings, Australia lost Travis Head (21), Marnus Labuschagne (4) and Usman Khawaja (36) early, leaving the team struggling at 91/3. However, centuries from Alex Carey (139* in 156 balls, with 13 fours and two sixes) and Smith (120* in 239 balls, with nine fours and a six) took Australia to 330/3 at the end of day two, leading by 73 runs.

Currently, Australia's first innings lead has exceeded the 100-run

top spells of short format career JOHANNESBURG.

Feb 8 (Agencies): Afghanistan star spinner Rashid Khan, currently representing MI Cape Town in SA20, said that becoming the leading wicket-taker in T20s gives him a lot of satisfaction and is aiming to touch the 1,000 wicketmark in the format.

Rashid was speaking ahead of the SA20 final between MI Cape Town and two-time champions Sunrisers Eastern Cape (SEC). During the ongoing league, he overtook West Indies legend Dwayne Bravo to become the top wicket-taker in the shortest format of the game with 633 scalps. He accomplished this feat during MI Cape Town's Qualifier One match against Paarl Royals at Gqerberha.

Speaking ESPNCricinfo, Rashid said that becoming the top-wicket taker in T20s gives him "incredible satisfaction".

"Especially when I look at my career, it is not that long, where I feel like, say I played 15-20 years and this



now. It is just nine years. And that is how long DJ Bravo held that record for (eight years). But it is a massive, massive achievement for me because if I look back in 2014-15, I never ever thought that I will play T20 Internationals and (franchise) leagues all around the world. I never ever had that in my mind. I will only try my best to continue (growing) and make it as bigger as possible,"

Rashid said that he spoke to Bravo after his record was broken and the West Indies legend was extremely happy that the Afghanistan star overtook him.

"He was so happy and

break this record. You totally deserve all this." He has always been very supportive and we had some great times and in (2024) T20 World Cup as well when he was Afghanistan bowling coach," he added.

On taking 1,000 T20 wickets, Rashid said that it would be massive to reach there and if he expressed confidence that if he manages to stay fit for at least three and the half years more, he could get there.

"That is the target (breaching the 1000wicket barrier). It is going to be massive to get 1000 wickets. Yeah, if I am fit and I am doing well, that is something which will be a biggest

1000 wickets in T20s. And I can only just think about it, how good it would be and how it will be to have those four digits of wickets. That is something which is going to be unbelievable. But yes, hopefully, hopefully I am fit. I feel like if I continue to play the cricket I have been playing next three-and a-half-to-four years, I feel like I can get there," said the spinner.

achievement to take:

Speaking on his top spells from his T20 career, Rashid named three spells, with the first one being the spell of 4/23 against Bangladesh in last year's T20 World Cup while defending 115, which helped his side seal a spot in semifinals for the first time ever. His two other spells were from the Indian Premier League (IPL) and Big Bash League (BBL).

"Yes, I got four wickets against New Zealand (4 for 17) as well in the same World Cup, but that was different game and this was different game. Against Bangladesh, I am defending

only 115, which was a tough situation hence I felt that is why this is a little bit higher. Another is against KKR (Kolkata Knight Riders) in IPL 2018 in Qualifier 2 (3 for 19) which totally changed the game. The other I got 6 for 17 for Adelaide Strikers in BBL because bowling in Australia is something harder," he added. He also called Afghani-

stan reaching the semifinals of T20 WC last year, where they lost to South Africa, as one of the "biggest moments of my career".

"And I still feel and I still think about that match. How we were (so) near to the final, we could have played the final. I still feel so bad whenever I remember that day that I thought if it was a better wicket, both teams could have done much, much better and it would've been one of the best games for us as a team. You know that ground (in Tarouba), we came two, three times for practice and we cancelled the practice because of the wickets.

Pat Cummins, wife Becky blessed with baby girl, reveal picture on social media

Taking to their official Instagram handle, Pat and Becky unveiled to the world, the first glimpse of their daughter, Edi.

MELBOURNE, Feb 8 (Agencies): Australian skipper Pat Cummins and wife Becky were blessed with their second child, announced the couple on Saturday.

Taking to their official Instagram handle, Pat and Becky unveiled to the world, the first glimpse of their daughter, Edi.

"She's here. Our beautiful baby girl, Edi words can't describe how overjoyed & full of love we feel right now @patcummins30," said Becky and Pat in their joint post.

Meanwhile, Cummins missed out on the ongoing Australia's tour to Sri Lanka due to Edi's birth.

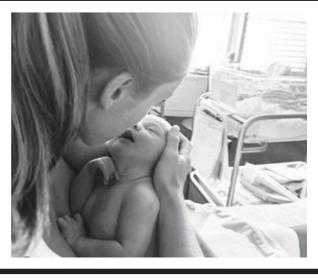
Also, Cummins and pacer Josh Hazlewood are set to miss the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy due to injuries. Things are slowly getting worse for Aussies as after injury to Mitchell Marsh and shock retirement of Marcus Stoi-

nis, their pace bowling

options have depleted further with Cummins and Hazlewood being ruled out of the tournament due to ankle and hip issues respectively, as per cricket.com.au.

Now, Australia needs four replacements, with atleast two all-round talents to cover up for the loss of balance and experience in the team.

The final squad will be announced after the second Test against Sri Lanka, currently ongoing at Galle



Marsh withdrew from the tournament because of a back injury that has worsened over time and affected his workload in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where he missed the final Test. He is currently undergoing rehab.

Cummins has been suffering due to an ankle issue sustained during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where he bowled 167 overs, the most by any bowler, to pick up 25 scalps. Hazlewood has

been battling a hip issue that he sustained after recovering from side and calf strains that ruled him out of three BGT Test matches.

Both pacers will need an extended period of rehabilitation before receiving clearance to compete. Their participation in the Indian Premier League (IPL) is also in doubt.

Australia's next committment in international cricket after Champions Trophy will be the ICC World Test Championship final against South Africa at Lord's in mid-June.

Australia preliminary

squad for Champions Trophy (yet to be finalised): Pat Cummins (c), Alex Carey, Nathan Ellis, Aaron Hardie, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Marnus Labuschagne, Glenn Maxwell, Matt Short, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Adam Zampa.

CCI delegation submits pre-budget representation to Chief Minister

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: A delegation from the **Chamber of Commerce** & Industry (CCI), led by Senior Vice President Anil Gupta and accompanied by Secretary General Manish Gupta and Secretary Rajesh Gupta, submitted a comprehensive representation on pre-budget issues to the Chief Min-

The delegation expressed hope that the concerns raised would receive due consideration and be addressed in the upcoming budget.

The delegation emphasized the need for rejuvenating the Patnitop **Development Authority** to transform the region into a major tourist hub. They proposed creating essential tourismrelated infrastructure, allowing commercial activities, and facilitating the construction of five-star hotels.

Recognizing Jammu Province's potential for religious tourism, the delegation urged the government to launch promotional campaigns and allocate funds to enhance religious circuits. Key religious sites mentioned included Mata Vaishno Devi, Raghunath Mandir, Shivkhori, Machail Mata, and others. They also stressed the



need for infrastructure development, including improved road connectivity to these sites.

Untapped tourist destinations in Jammu, such as Peer Panchal mountain range, Surinsar, Mansar, Sanasar, Bani, Basoli, and Bhaderwah, should be developed on modern lines to attract more visitors.

The delegation requested that the recently initiated BSF parade at Suchetgarh be conducted daily to boost tourism and patriotic engagement in the

The CCI raised concerns about the nonrenewal of lease deeds in Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Narwal and delays in executing lease agreements for commercial shops at Bahu Plaza and Shiv Market Railway Station. They requested expedited execution and ownership rights for long-term tenants.

Acknowledging the diverse trades operating in Jammu, the delegation proposed establishing a dedicated business and commercial hub to facilitate smooth

business operations.

The slow pace of development work in Transport Nagar, Narwal, being executed by the Jammu Development Authority (JDA), was flagged as a major concern. The delegation urged the government to expedite the process by allocating additional funds.

The delegation called for the introduction of a power amnesty scheme for traders and industrialists, similar to the existing scheme for domestic consumers.

While new industries receive incentives under the new Industrial Policy, the delegation requested that turnover incentives be extended to existing industries without capping, ensur-

ing their survival and

opposed the inclusion

of several finished prod-

ucts, such as edible oil,

in the negative list for

SGST reimbursement.

They argued that local

industrial units should

be allowed these ben-

efits to compete with

The CCI suggested

formulating a scheme to

grant ownership rights

for leasehold industrial

land to local entrepre-

neurs after 40 years of

allotment, charging a

The delegation

demanded reinstating

purchase preference for

local Micro, Small, and

Medium Enterprises

(MSMEs) in government

tenders to support their

The delegation urged

the government to

reopen the NCSS portal

and extend incentives

for fresh investments

and existing industries

nominal fee.

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CCI highlighted the issue of Punjab's 6% mandi fee on wheat purchases by J&K flour millers, which places them at a disadvantage. They suggested either providing turnover incentives or imposing an entry tax on finished products from Punjab to maintain competitiveness. The delegation

until March 2031.

requested the government to reconsider the cancellation of industrial land allotments due to infrastructural deficiencies and financial constraints. They urged a one-time extension of 2-3 years for plot holders to establish their units.

CCI raised concerns regarding the eligibility criteria for GST refunds under SRO 70, 71 & 72. They requested amendments to allow refunds for industrial units that filed returns late due to portal closure issues, ensuring MSMEs receive the intended benefits.

The Chamber of Commerce & Industry delegation expressed optimism that the Hon'ble Chief Minister would address these critical issues in the upcoming budget, fostering economic growth, industrial development, and tourism in Jammu & Kashmir.

Dimple-led delegation meets Jal **Shakti Minister Javed Rana**



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 8: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, led a high-level delegation and held a meeting with Javed Rana, the Jal Shakti, and Forest Cabinet Minister at the Civil Secretariat.

Dimple strongly criticized the installation of water meters on drinking water connections and demanded that free drinking water be provided to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

He urged the minister to commence construction work on the Chenab-Akhnoor water supply project to Jammu City, stating that River Tawi is no longer sufficient to meet the water demands of Jammu

Dimple informed the minister that PHE lacks adequate departmental drinking water tankers, as all existing tankers are over 15 years old and are now obsolete.

He demanded the

scrapping of the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, citing increased needs for drinking water, irrigation, agriculture, and power projects. Dimple requested the minister to restart the Darbar Move from April this year. He demanded that the government announce an employment package for unemployed youth and make provisions in the budget to regularize and recruit vocational trainers, cluster regular coordinators, and workers across multiple departments, including PHE, PDD, PWD, and

Dimple called for providing 200 units of free electricity, 12 LPG gas cylinders per year, and double ration to the people of Jammu & Kashmir. Javed Rana assured that the Darbar Move will resume in April this year. He also stated that daily wagers across all departments will be regularized, with on-the-spot directions passed to authorities.

The minister further assured that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has taken up the matter of scrapping the Indus Water Treaty with the Prime Minister and the Government of India.

Additionally, he stated that the Omar Abdullah-led government is formulating policies to regularize daily wagers, land donors, and other casual workers.

Javed Rana assured that acute drinking water problems would be resolved and that the demands raised by Sunil Dimple will be taken up at the highest

Kaith hails singer Bishan Dass Shonki, says he has contributed a lot

Top News Report

R S PURA, Feb 8: BJP Activist R.L.Kaith and many others at a brief function held at Miran Sahib here on Saturday, hailed singer Bishan Dass Shonki and said in his formative years,

Shonki would practice for hours but now his voice is trained and he has contributed a lot in the field of singing.

Adding further Kaith said, his Punjabi songs 'Mahiya chandi di shap' and 'Do Kaliaan Kameejan Wale' which

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made him very famous, are still fresh in everyone's mind.

Shonki said, "I feel very lucky that people listen to my songs. When people tell me that my music gives pleasure to their souls, I feel very honored".

Big Impact Awards 2025

SKINSCI Clinics honoured as J&K's Most Advanced Skin Clinic

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JAMMU, Feb 8: Dr Divya Narang, Founder and Medical Head SKINSCI ics, Channi Himmat, Jammu, was awarded the title of the 'Most Advanced Skin Clinic in J&K' by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at the Big Impact Awards 2025, held in, Jammu.

Dr. Divya Narang is a distinguished expert with 15 years of medical experience. She has specialized in medical cosmetology, dietetics and clinical nutrition. Her extensive training and expertise in these fields enable her to provide holistic, patientcentric care. Through SKINSCI Clinic, she combines advanced



aesthetic treatments with nutritional guidance, empowering individuals to achieve their best health and beauty. SKINSCI, under the

expert guidance of Dr. Divya Narang, represents a new era in medical aesthetics and

wellness. With a strong foundation in medical knowledge and a passion for patient care, SKINSCI is set to become a trusted name in the industry, offering cutting-edge treatments and a holistic approach to beauty and health.

Shiv Sena submits memorandum to IGP Jammu, expresses concern

over increasing criminal incidents



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JAMMU, Feb 8: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni on Saturday met Bhim Sen Tuti , Inspector General of Police, J&K, and expressed serious concern over the increasing criminal activities, cow and drug smuggling in Jammu and submitted a memorandum.

Party state chief Manish Sahni said that there is an atmosphere of terror in Jammu due to increasing criminal incidents. Urgent and strong measures are required to restore public confidence and ensure the safety of citizens.

Many heinous crimes have taken place in the last few days, which not only highlight the increasing audacity of criminals, but also underline the lack of immediate action in preventing or addressing these threats, he said.

Sahni suggested strengthening the surveillance network in Jammu and adjoining areas, increase in police patrolling, vigilance, quick and transparent investigation, verification of details of outsiders in police records, community policing initiatives. Along with Sahni offered to help the police as volunteers.

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