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BRIEFLY

PDP chief Mehbooba criticises govt move to suspend two PSOs of Iltija Mufti

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti on Monday criticised the government move to suspend two PSOs of her daughter and party leader Iltija Mufti.

"Ironic and unfair that Iltija's two PSOs have been suspended for no fault of their own. They were punished simply because Iltija managed to reach Kathua despite being confined to her home like a criminal," Mehbooba said in a post on X.

"Meanwhile, there has been no reported action against those responsible for the deaths of Waseem Mir in Sopore or Makhan Din in Bilarwar," she added.

She also accused NC government of shirking from their responsibilities. "The ruling NC government, which came to power promising to ensure security and dignity for the people, remains a silent observer. They thus are not only shirking from their responsibility but also thereby normalizing these unjust and abnormal actions," said Mehbooba.

Fire engulfs four residential structures in Palpora Noorbagh

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): A massive fire broke out in the Palpora area of Noorbagh in Srinagar on Monday morning.

An official told news agency JKNS that the fire started from a residential structure in the Rakh Colony area of Palpora Noorbagh.

Around 4-5 structures are engulfed in flames, while teams from the Fire and Emergency Services have rushed to the spot and are trying to douse the fire, official said.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, and further details are awaited.

Search Operation underway in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, Feb 10 (Agencies): Security forces on Monday launched a cordon and search operation at nearly a dozen places in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The search operations in parts of Mendhar, **Turn to page 9**

Amit Shah to meet BJP MLAs from J&K to shape party strategy



JAMMU, Feb 10 (Agencies): Ensuring party's agenda fulfillment and development in both the divisions, the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah is set to meet all 28 MLAs of the BJP from Jammu and Kashmir either during a visit to the Jammu region or will call them to New Delhi if the visit doesn't mature to draw up party's political strategy in the Union Territory.

As per reports, Shah has given assurance to Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Legisla-

tive Assembly, Sunil Sharma, BJP MLA from Paddar, who called on the Home Minister in New Delhi this evening.

Sources said that Shah is likely to draw road-map for Jammu and Kashmir on strengthening the party, carrying forward its agenda and ensuring development in the entire UT especially through ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs).

Pertinent to mention, BJP won 29 seats in the UT in September-October 2024 Assembly

elections but one of its stalwart and MLA Nagrota Devender Singh Rana passed away. The BJP now has 28 MLAs. In its election manifesto as well as through poll rallies, the BJP had made number of promises with the people but it fell short of majority.

The BJP Central leadership would like to ensure that the Jammu region which gave the party all 29 seats of a total of 43 doesn't suffer as the party was unable to get power by falling well short of majority.

Shah is understood to have asked Sunil Sharma, the BJP Legislature Party leader to ensure that there is no violation of the Constitution in upcoming budget session of the Legislature beginning March 3. This will be first budget session of J&K as the UT in which Chief

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Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi creates history, breaks J&K's Ranji Trophy wicket record

SRINAGAR, Feb 9 (Agencies): Auqib Nabi has set a new benchmark in Jammu & Kashmir's cricket history by breaking the record for most wickets in a single Ranji Trophy season.

The pacer achieved this feat during the ongoing quarter-final match against Kerala, where he now has 40 wickets in just eight matches at a remarkable average of 12.80, surpassing the previous record of 38 wickets set by former J&K skipper Parvez Rasool in the 2016-17 season.

Auqib's achievement includes five five-wicket hauls. Notably, this record-breaking feat from a pacer comes after

CM Omar Abdullah to meet Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi today

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah today afternoon, sources said here.

Sources told that Omar Abdullah, who is in Delhi, will meet Amit Shah today afternoon to **Turn to page 9**



Katra-Kashmir train service likely to start in next 15 days: Report



SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): The much-anticipated Vande Bharat train between Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra (SVDK) and Srinagar is set to launch within the next fifteen days, according to media reports. This will be the first semi-high-speed train for the

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Indian Army conducts patrolling in snow-covered Doda



DODA, Feb 10 (Agencies): Amid a thick blanket of snow and temperatures dropping below -5 degrees Celsius, Indian Army personnel are conducting patrolling operations in the upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, ensuring the region's security, officials said on Monday.

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10,152 Indians imprisoned across 86 Countries, With Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Qatar holding the highest numbers

SRINAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): A total of 10,152 Indian nationals, including undertrials and convicted prisoners, are currently behind bars in 86 foreign countries, according to data presented by the Ministry of External Affairs in the Lok Sabha. Among them, the highest numbers are recorded in Saudi Arabia (2,633),

the United Arab Emirates (2,518), and Qatar (611), highlighting the significant presence of incarcerated Indians in the Gulf region.

The details were shared in response to a parliamentary query by Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh, who stated that Indian missions abroad actively

monitor and engage with local authorities to ensure the welfare of detained Indian nationals. The government also provides legal assistance, facilitates communication with families, and negotiates prisoner transfers or amnesties when possible. While Qatar alone holds 611 Indians, the

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Punjab Police busts terror module in Amritsar; 3 arrested with AK-47, pistols

AMRITSAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Punjab Police has busted a terror module with the arrest of a trio allegedly involved in carrying out an 'explosion' near a closed police post here on February 3, officials said on Monday.

Police also recovered



one AK-47 rifle, two pistols and cartridges from their possession, they said.

After their arrest, the suspects allegedly tried to escape as one of them snatched a pistol from a police officer and opened fire. In retaliatory fire, two accused

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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.



**Smt Karan Devi
(1944 - 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 at 11 AM.

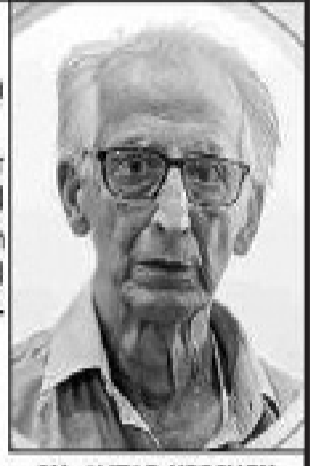
Rasam Pagri/Uthala on 12th Feb. 2025 at 2 PM onward followed by Pritibhoj at Durga Bhawan.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughters-in-law & Sons
Mrs Neelam & Kanwal Singh Manhas - 9419125441
Mrs Rosina & Narinder Singh Manhas
Grand Children: Anshu, Ashish, Abhishek, Tejaswani.

OBITUARY

Though his voice is silent, the echoes of his wisdom remain.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved father, **Sh. Avtar Krishen Ganju**. He passed away peacefully on February 9, 2025, at his home in Channi Himmat, Jammu. Originally from Srinagar, he will be remembered for his wisdom and the inspiration he provided to all who knew him.



**SH. AVTAR KRISHEN
GANJU**

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sushela Pandita Ganju (Wife)
Titu and Monika Kohli (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Sumit and Deepshikha Ganju (Son and Daughter-in-law)
Isha, Syesha and Aarav (Grand Children)
TELEPHONE 9906287277

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Sheela Koul** W/o Lt. Sh. Ram Nath Koul at present Lakshmi Puram Chinore H/No. 19, near Posh Bab Ashram on Saturday 8th February, 2025.



Smt. Sheela Koul

10th Day shall be performed on Monday, 17th Feb., 2025 at Akhnoor. **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Daughters and Sons in law
Raj Dulari Bhat W/o Mohan Lal Bhat
Phoolia Zutshi W/o Sanjay Zutshi
Son and Daughter in law
Rattan Lal Koul and Daizy Koul
Phone No. 9419241226/9419205064

10TH DAY / KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Neelam Rani** W/o Late Sh. Vinod Kumar Gupta R/o Ward No. 2, Near Government Middle School Kabir Nagar, Kathua. **10th Day** will be performed on 11-02-2025, Tuesday at 12 Noon at home.



**Neelam Rani
12/1/1965 to 2/2/2025**

Kriya and Rasam Pagri will be performed on 14-02-2025 Friday at 12 Noon at home Ward No. 2, Kathua Near Government Middle School Kabir Nagar, Kathua.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Ankush Gupta (7006636218) - Son
Pankaj Gupta (7889794400) - Son

OBITUARY/10th DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father, **Shri Chaman Lal 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.



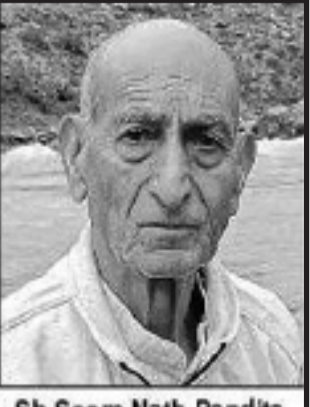
Shri Chaman Lal Khachroo

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

IN GRIEF
Ratni Bamzai (Wife)
Endu 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 , Anoj (Grand Children and their spouses)
Saany - (Great Grand Child)
KHACHROOS, BAMZAI'S, LAJPAT NAGAR WALE, MUNSHIS, KABOOS, KOULS AND KAULS, MATTOOS

OBITUARY

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved father **Sh Soom Nath Pandita** S/o Lt. Sh Nand Lal Pandita of Jetty Road, Khewaja Bagh Baramulla, Kashmir A/P H.No. 16, General Lane Saraswati Vihar Tomal Bohri Jammu on 8th Feb. 2025.



Sh Soom Nath Pandita

10th Day will be performed on 17th Feb. 2025 at Akhnoor Ghat at 7.30 AM and **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Office Jammu at 11 AM.

Grief Stricken
Mrs Naiha & Mr Deepak Pandita
Pandita's, Dhar's, Tickoo's, Bazaz's, Koul's
Mob. No. 8492893958, 8492893959

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rajinder Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Shiv Ram Gupta R/o Shakti Nagar, Kalibari, Kathua on 03.02.2025.



**SH. RAJINDER GUPTA
14.05.1951-03.02.2025
(CHANN ARRORIAN
WALEY)**

10TH DAY will be performed on 12.02.2025 (Wednesday) at 11am at Tangari Palace, Kathua

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Suran Gupta (Wife)
Sons & Daughter In Law
Gaurav & Bharti Gupta
Ritesh & Priya Gupta
Brothers And Sister In Law
Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta & Late Smt Kailash Gupta
Sh. Manohar Lal Gupta & Late Smt Nirmal Gupta
Late Sh. Subash Gupta & Smt Sureshta Gupta
Sister & Brother In Law
Smt. Kailash Gupta & Late Sh. Harbans Lal Gupta
M: 9697627171, 9622942100

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Bimla (Tathiji)** W/o Sh. Maharaj Krishen Raina originally resident of Khardori Habbakadal/Channapora Srinagar Kashmir, who attained Nirvan on 6th Feb. 2025 at her residence H.No. 148, Lane 3A, Mandlik Nagar, Sec-2, Near Atta Chakki, Tophsherkhania Paloura, Jammu.



**Smt. Bimla
(Tathiji)**

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnoor on 15/2/2025.

Assembly for 10th Day will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education on 15/02/2025 at 10:45 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Maharaj Krishen Raina - Husband - 6005838112
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt. Meenakshi & Sh. B.K. Raina - 9419183246
Smt. Manjoo & Sh. K.K. Raina - 9469267654
Muskan, Molley & Bavish - Grand Children
Raina's, Bhat's, Bhan's, Koul's, Bindroo's, Mattoo's & Pandita Parivars

10TH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the demise of **Sh Bal Krishan Sharma (Retd. Deputy Secretary)** S/o Late Sh Ganga Dass Sharma R/o 813-A Gandhi Nagar at present 45/1A Channi Himmat. The **10th Day** will take place at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat on 11.02.2025 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM.



**Sh Bal Krishan Sharma
(Retd. Deputy Secretary)**

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt Raj Dulari - Wife
Sons and Daughters-in-law
Bimla & Ram Gopal Sharma (Retd. KAS)
Geeta & Lachhman Das (Retd Jammu University)
Bandana & Dr Parshotam Sharma (SKUAST-J)
Asha & Chander Shekher (PDD Civil Sect.)
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Vijay & Nand Kishore Sharma (Retd AEE R&B)
Grand Children: Sheetal & Kapil, Taniya & Vishal, Rashu & Col Ravinder, Rashi & Ankush, Harish, Meenakshi, Akshit, Sahil
Great Grand Children: Aayati, Avyan, Aiyana, Suhana, Suhan
9469534040, 9419013320, 9419012300

TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt Ranu Devi** W/o Late Sh Joginder Singh Slathia R/o House No. 88, Old Rehari Chungi Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 01.02.2025.



Smt Ranu Devi

10TH DAY will be performed on 10.02.2025 (Monday) at our residence.

KRIYA/13TH DAY will be performed on 13.02.2025 (Thursday) at our residence House No. 88, Old Rehari Chungi Jammu. (at 12:00 AM)

GRIEF STRICKEN :-
Son & Daughter in law
Swarn Singh Slathia and Anuradha Singh
Pawan Singh Slathia and Seema
Grand Son & Daughter
Sona Meethi & Mishri
Mob No. 8082075157, 7006888497

10TH DAY/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Nisha Kumari** W/o Sh Kuldeep Kumar R/o Amar Colony Talab Tillo Jammu on 02-02-2025.



SMT NISHA KUMARI

10TH DAY will be performed on 11-02-2025 at 11:00 AM at Residence Lane No 2 Amar Colony Camp Road Talab Tillo Jammu.

UTHALA will be performed on 12-02-2025 at 4 to 5 pm at Shree Gita Mandir Simriti Bhawan Complex, Behind Karan Hotel, Bakshi Nagar.

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Sh Charan Das (Father In Law)
Sh Kuldeep Kumar (Husband)
Para's Kashyap (Son)
Shelja and Ishan Dogra (Daughter and Son in Law)
Khushi (Daughter)
CONTACT: 8492002271, 7006919408

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA

(CORRIGENDUM)
The **TENTH DAY KRIYA** of our beloved mother **Late Smt. Gopi Shori Raina** W/o late Sh Soom Nath Raina originally Resident of village Gund Gushi ; Dist: Kupwara (Kashmir) at present H. No 82 ; Lane -8 Laxmi Nagar Muthi Jammu will be performed at Thalwal Ghat, near Mata Bhadra Kali Asthapan Thalwal Jammu instead of Akhnoor Ghat on 11/02/2025 (9.30 am) and the **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Office at 11.00 AM.



**LATE SMT. GOPI
SHORI RAINA**

GRIEF STRICKEN:
Smt Raina, Bhat, Pandita Parivaars,
Muthi Jammu
CONTACT NO: 7006029375, 9796480217, 9419198023, 9419131565, 986756304, 962220437

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Karamyogi Smt. Gopi Shori Raina** W/o Lt. Sh Soom Nath Raina originally resident of Village Chud Chudi, Dist: Kupwara (Kashmir); Presently at H. No. 82, Lane no. 8, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi, Jammu, J&K UT; left for her heavenly abode on 2nd of February 2025.



SMT. GOPI SHORI RAINA

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 11/02/2025 (7:30 AM) and the **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education Office on 11.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Jager Nath Bhat (Brother)
Smt Pooja J and Dr. H N Bhat (Sister and Brother)
Smt. Disha J Bhat (Sister)
Smt. Nisha J and Sh. Tej Kishan Raina (Daughter in law and Son)
Smt. Usha J and Mr. Lal Pandita (Daughter and Son in law)
Smt. Disha J and Manohar Lal Raina (Daughter in law and Son)
Smt. Shikha J and Dinesh Raina (Daughter in law and Son)
Smt. Saranya and Sh. Sunny Raina (Grand Daughter in law & Grandson)
Smt. Nihar Bhan and Sh. Anil Bhan (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Law)
Smt. Shalini Gupta and Sh. Gaurav Gupta (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Law)
Smt. Pooja Pandit & Sh. Anil Pandit (Grand Daughter in law & Grandson)
Smt. Shikha Bhat and Sh. Sunit Bhat (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Law)
Smt. Shalini Chaudhary and Sh. Shubham Chaudhary (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Law)
Dr. Varsha Tandon and Dr. Karan Tandon (Granddaughter & Grand Son in Law)
Great Grand Children - Shyra, Ansa, Myra, Janki, Gaurav, Divyansh, Karish, Davishi, Vivan, Darsh
CONTACT NO: 7006029375 ; 9419198023 ; 9419131565; 962220437

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to you to inform that our mother **Karamyogi Smt. Prabhawati Bhat (Tulsi)** W/o Lt. Sh. Neel Karth Bhat of Sagam, Kolarnag presently residing at Purkhu Camp, Jammu has joined the lotus feet of Almighty on 08 Feb 25. **Tenth Day Kriya Karam** will be performed on 15 Feb 25 (Sat) at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu at 0800hrs. **Assembly** will be held at Community Hall Purkhu Camp by 1030hrs.



**KARAMYOGI
SMT. PRABHAWATI BHAT
(TULSI)**

GRIEF 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. Santosh J and Sh. S. L. Pandita
Smt. Bita J and Sh. M. K. Raina
Smt. Jyoti J and Sh. Ravi J Raina
Grandson and Grand Daughter-in-law
Mr. Sunny Sagar Bhat and Mrs. Sharu Koul Bhat
Grand Daughters and Grand Son-in-laws
Mrs. Archana Bhat and Mr. Rocky Koul
Mrs. Manju Bhat and Mr. Rohit Koul
Maternal Grand Children
Bobby J Anuj, Shalini J, Nishu J, Vity J, Anku J, Anshu J, Gugu J and Lily J
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY:-
Sanyas, Mahi, Aarav, Vivan, Rishvik, Shivon, Shivul and Pa
Contact Nos. : 959603621, 6005267976

OBITUARY FROM MALUN SIDE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that our loving elder Sister **Smt Durajee (Behna)** W/o Lt Kashi Nath Thusoo and daughter of Lt Smt & Lt Sh. Rough Nath Pandita of Maralgam Handwara on 07-02-2025.



Smt Durajee (Behna)

MOURNING FROM MALUN is being held at Pounichack (near Primary School Ghomanasa Road).

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt Baby & Sh. Sumeerje Pandita - Brother & Babi
Smt. Disha & Sh. Roshan Lal Bhat - Sister & Brother in Law
Smt Nancy W/o Lt Sh. Roshan Lal Raina - Sister & Brother in Law
Smt Bimla W/o Sh. Ramesh Jos Bhat - Sister & Brother in Law
Samast Pandits, Bhat & Raina
CELL NO: 7006680973, 946970643

VAHARVAR

One year has passed since you left us for heavenly abode **DEAR MOM**. Your love and guidance still inspire us each day and every moment. You and your memories shall always remain in our hearts forever.



SMT RAJ DULARI BHAT

VAHARVAR of our beloved mother **Smt Raj Dulari Bhat** W/o Late Sh. J. N. Bhat will be performed at our residence at 220 Sec D Ext. Bhat Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu on 10th Feb 2025 Monday.

Deeply Remembered & Missed by
Mrs. Kshiti & Mr. ML Bhat (Brother in Law)
Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhat (Son)
Mrs. Asta Wai & Mr. Vinod Wai | (Daughter & Son in Law)
Mrs. Pooja & Mr. R. N. Bhat (Daughter in Law & Son)
Grand Children and all nears and dears
CONTACT: 7808561966, 7006928141

TENTH DAY & KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Rani Jammal** W/o Late Sh. Balbir Singh Jammal R/o Sector-E, H.No 49 Sainik Colony Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 31.01.2025.



SMT. RANI JAMMAL

10TH DAY will be performed on 09.02.2025 (Sunday) at 11:00 A.M. at Ram Mandir, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

KRIYA/13TH DAY will be performed on 12.02.2025 (Wednesday) at our residence H.NO.49 Sector-E, Sainik Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Randeep Singh Jammal and Komal
Mandeep Singh Jammal and Sawinder
Daughter and Son-in-Law
Monika Salathia and Virinder Singh Salathia
Anamika Jammal and Manjit Singh Jammal
Grand Children: Advitya, Advay, Raski, Ayam, Pranav, Karmanaya, Rhitvik and Ananya
CONTACT NO. 9654691076

10TH DAY / KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Late Sh. Sudershan Kohli** (C/o Kohli Studio) S/o Late Sh. Kartar Nath Kohli on 30th January 2025.



Late Sh. Sudershan Kohli

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 Jampur.

Grief Stricken
Wife: Smt Saroj Kohli
Son & Daughter in law
Mr. Love Kohli & Mrs. Ranu Kohli
Grand Daughters :
Mr. Kamakshi Kohli & Ms. Saarnvi Kohli
Brothers & Sisters in law
Late Sh. Shashi Kohli & Smt. Asha Kohli
Late Sh. Vijay Kohli & Smt. Suderhana Kohli
Mob No. 9419630517, 7899602991

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Rejuvenate Congress instead of giving 'Sermons' on J&K's Statehood: Kavinder advises Karra

Says rout faced by 'Grand' old party in Delhi calls for introspection

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Monday advised J&K Pradesh Congress Committee President Tariq Hameed Karra to focus on reviving his party, which has faced a crushing defeat in the Delhi elections, rather than attempting to disrupt peace and progress in Jammu and Kashmir by raising non-issues like statehood restoration.

Taking a dig at Karra's recent statements, Kavinder Gupta asserted that Congress has been rejected by the people across the country due to its policy paralysis and opportunistic politics. "Instead of misleading the public by raking up issues that have already been settled, the Congress leadership should engage in serious introspection on why their party has become irrelevant in national politics," he said.

The senior BJP leader emphasized that the abrogation of Article 370 has ushered in a new era of development and stability in Jammu and Kashmir, and any attempt



by Congress to push its divisive agenda will be futile. He highlighted the transformative initiatives undertaken by the BJP-led Central Government, which have propelled J&K on the path of economic growth, infrastructural development, and employment generation.

Kavinder Gupta further questioned Congress' credibility in speaking about the welfare of J&K when its own leadership failed the

people of the region for decades. "Congress ruled the country for more than 70 years, yet failed to bring progress and prosperity to J&K. It is the Modi-led government that has ensured equitable development and security for all," he added.

He asked Congress leaders like Karra to abandon their outdated narratives and instead contribute constructively to nation-building. "The people of J&K have moved ahead with hope and aspirations. No amount of rhetoric can change the ground reality that J&K is on the path of unprecedented growth under BJP's governance," he asserted.

Reiterating BJP's commitment to the welfare of the region, Kavinder Gupta assured that the Modi government is dedicated to strengthening democracy at the grassroots level, fostering industrialization, and ensuring the upliftment of all sections of society. He said Congress' attempts to mislead the public would not succeed, as the people of J&K stand firmly with the BJP's vision of a prosperous and peaceful region.

Awareness Drive against sexual harassment conducted at SPMR College of Commerce



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Internal Complaint Committee against Sexual Harassment (ICCASH) of SPMR College of Commerce in collaboration with SPARSH Cluster University of Jammu organized an awareness drive aimed at educating students and staff and raising awareness about the prevention and redressal of sexual harassment.

The drive included interactive session and awareness campaign designed to shed light on various aspects of sexual harassment, including its definition, types, impact, and the legal framework in place to address it.

During the program, videos regarding various aspects of harassment and its resolution

were shown to the audience. Later on a skit was also shown to the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the college Prof. (Dr.) Rajinder Singh said that creating a safe and inclusive environment was crucial for the overall development of our students.

He noted that the awareness drive was a step towards ensuring that everyone on campus is aware of their rights and responsibilities when it comes to preventing sexual harassment.

The college reiterated its commitment to maintaining a zero-tolerance policy towards sexual harassment and encouraged students and staff to come forward with any concerns or complaints.

The college has a

dedicated Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) to address such issues promptly and confidentially.

The awareness drive is part of SPMR College of Commerce's ongoing efforts to promote a respectful and secure environment for all its members. The college plans to conduct more such initiatives in the future to reinforce the message and ensure its effectiveness.

The entire program was conducted by Dr. Reena Rani and Dr. Rajni Sharma.

Those present on the occasion included Dr. Mohd Azam, Prof. Rekha Gupta, Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Chetna Gupta, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Madhu, Dr. Mamta Rani, Dr. Neeru and others.

JKMEF demands immediate release of pending salaries for NHM employees

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), Jammu Province, convened a meeting today at the Federation Office, Directorate of Health Services Complex, Jammu. The meeting was chaired by Sushil Sudan, President of JKMEF and a member of the Pharmacy Council of India.

During the meeting, Sushil Sudan urged the authorities to release the pending salaries of National Health Mission (NHM) employees without any further delay. He emphasized that these employees have been diligently performing their duties and deserve their rightful wages on time.

The members of the federation expressed deep concern over the financial hardships faced by NHM employees due to salary delays and reiterated their demand for an immediate resolution. They emphasized that timely salary payments are essential for the well-being of the employees and their families.

The federation strongly urged the concerned authorities to address the issue at the earliest to prevent further distress among the affected employees.

Among those present at the meeting were Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, Parfulat Singh, Madan Lal Sharma, Bahadur Singh, Sanjay Choudhary, Kulwant Singh, Tejinder Singh, Rakesh Bakshi, Ch. Aslam, Mukhtiar Kohli, Ashwani Gupta, and several other members.

Desperate Congress using political gimmicks to stay relevant: Gaurav Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Gaurav Gupta, BJP Spokesperson, J&K, strongly criticized the J&K Congress President for resorting to political gimmicks to stay relevant, dismissing its stance on the restoration of statehood as misleading rhetoric.

In a press release issued here today, the BJP Spokesperson stated that the Congress has no moral right to raise this issue. He lambasted the party for promoting only dynastic politics in the country and failing to work for the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir during its decades-long rule.

The BJP Spokesperson accused the Congress of giving step-motherly treatment to the people of Jammu and questioned its track record in addressing their concerns. He asserted that for more than 60 years, several communities in J&K were denied their fundamental rights under Congress rule. Many were even deprived of basic democratic privileges, including voting rights, while their children suffered due to lack of access to educational and employment benefits.

"How will the people of Jammu and Kashmir ever forgive Congress for its sins?" he asked, emphasizing the party's historic failures and negligence. He reiterated that Congress leaders have lost credibility among the people and are now resorting to political gimmicks to regain lost ground.

He further stated that the day is not far when Bharat will become a Congress-Mukt Bharat, as the party continues to face rejection across the country. Citing the recent Delhi Assembly elections, he pointed out how the people of the national capital have once again rejected the Congress, proving that the party has lost its relevance.

Taking a dig at J&K Congress leadership, the BJP Spokesperson advised them to focus on their own party's dwindling fortunes rather than raising finger on that Party which has proved its mettle by bringing unprecedented development in J&K. He assured the people that the BJP-led central government is fully committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and that the restoration of statehood will happen at the appropriate time.

"Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have fulfilled every commitment made to the people of the country. They have repeatedly assured that statehood to J&K will be restored at an appropriate time, and the people of the Union Territory should have full faith in their leadership," he said.

The BJP Spokesperson reaffirmed that under BJP's leadership, J&K is witnessing unprecedented development, empowerment, and equal opportunities for all. He urged people to reject divisive politics and trust the vision of PM Modi for a stronger and more prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

IIT Jammu announces flagship events for February 2025



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu announced its upcoming flagship events, scheduled to take place from February 15 to 17, 2025.

This was stated by Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur, Director of IIT Jammu, in the press conference here on Monday. Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur accompanied with faculty members Dr. Vijay Kumar Pal, Dr. Ankit Dubey, Dr. Vinay Sharma, Dr. Navneet Kumar.

During the press

conference, the institute unveiled three major events that will be hosted during this period: Udyamitsav - An Entrepreneurship Festival, aimed at fostering innovation and business acumen among students and professionals, Pragyaa - An Open Day, Outreach Program, designed to bridge academia and society by showcasing IIT Jammu's research and educational initiatives and Nava-Pravartan - A Science and Technology Expo, providing a platform for cutting-edge technologi-

cal advancements and research developments. The highlight of the announcement was that Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest on February 17th, 2025.

Speaking at the conference, Prof. Manoj Singh Gaur emphasized the significance of these events in promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and academic outreach. "These initiatives reflect IIT Jammu's commitment to fostering a culture of research, collaboration, and technological advancement. We invite students, researchers, and industry professionals to participate and benefit from these engaging events," he said.

The three-day event is expected to attract leading academicians, industry experts, researchers, and students from across the country, providing a dynamic platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and innovation, he added.

Seminar on "Reciprocal Relationship between Urdu and Gojri" organized at JU

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), organized a one-day UT-level seminar on the topic "Reciprocal Relationship between Urdu and Gojri."

The seminar was inaugurated by Javed Ahmed Rana, Minister for Jal Shakti, Ecology, and Tribal Affairs, Jammu and Kashmir Government.

The inaugural function was presided over by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu. Also present on the podium were Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik,



Head of the Department of Urdu, University of Jammu, and Dr. Javaid Rahi, Divisional Head of JKAACL and a renowned researcher.

The seminar proceedings were conducted by Dr. Farhat Shamim, while the vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmed.

Later, a research paper reading session was organized, where Dr. Junaid Ahmed, Dr. Ishtiaq Misbah, Tariq Abrar, Dr. Shenaz Qadri, and Prof. Asadullah Wani presented their scholarly papers. The session was presided over by Prof. Mohd Reyaz, Khalid Hussain, and Dr. Javaid Rahi.

Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj Trust organizes 3-day Pran Pratishtha Pooja at newly constructed Ashram

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj Trust, Hugam, successfully organized a 3-day Pran Pratishtha/Ashapna Pooja for the consecration of five divine idols—Shiv Parivar, Radhe Krishna, Ram Darbar, Sherawali Mata, and Swami Kashi Bub Ji.

The grand religious event culminated today at the newly constructed Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj Trust Ashram at Rajinder Nagar Extension, adjacent to Sharda Mata Trust, Bantalab, Jammu.

The pooja began on February 5 with a traditional Kalash Poojan, conducted by five priests, alongside five yajmans and their spouses.

The Trust announced that moving forward, it will actively engage in social and religious activities while keeping the Ashram premises open to the public.



tially completed, includes a Hawan Mandap, Idols Kaksha, two kitchens, washrooms, a storeroom, and essential facilities like drinking water.

During the three-day pooja, hundreds of devotees of Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj participated, and Prasad was served daily. On the final day, the continuous Yagya commenced in the morning and concluded with Purnahuti, following proper Vedic rituals.

A large gathering of devotees attended the event, seeking blessings from the deities whose

idols were installed in the Ashram premises.

Swami Kumar Ji of Geeta Sat Sangh Ashram, Muthi, appreciated the efforts of the Hugam Baradari and devotees for initiating the construction of the Ashram.

B.L. Dhar, Committee Head, and Bhola Nath Dhar, General Secretary, expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Hugam Baradari, Hugam daughters, and followers of Swami Kashi Bub Ji Maharaj for their monetary support in making the Ashram project a success.

Samvedna Society organizes Eye-cum-General Health check-up camp



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Chairman of Samvedna Society, Keshav Chopra, organized the 92nd Free Eye Screening and General Health Check-Up Camp at Baby Caterer, Rehari, Jammu. The camp was held in collaboration with K.D. Multispecialty Hospital, Jammu, under the leadership of Dr. J.P. Singh.

A total of 107 patients

received free-of-cost treatment, including Refraction, NCT, AR Check-Up, and Vision Check-Up by an expert team of doctors. Additionally, free blood sugar and blood pressure tests were conducted, and medicines were provided at no cost to the patients.

Speaking on the occasion, Keshav Chopra emphasized that the camp aimed to raise awareness about

health, hygiene, and overall wellness.

He highlighted the commitment of the Samvedna team towards community service and improving healthcare accessibility.

Keshav further reaffirmed his dedication to providing quality healthcare facilities at people's doorsteps and announced that more free health camps would be organized in the future to benefit the underprivileged sections of society.

The event was attended by Dharamveer Chopra, Prof. S.P. Chopra, Dr. Neha Sharma (Physician), Dr. Adil Ajaz (Medical Officer, Dept. of Ophthalmology), Dinesh Kumar, Palak, Kajal, Upasana, Ankur, Shazia, Sanya Farooq, Anju Chopra, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, Abhishek Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Ashish, and several other volunteers and dignitaries.

EDITORIAL

VISION FOR
BRIGHTER INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently emphasized the importance of progress, self-reliance, and innovation in India's development. His leadership has been marked by various initiatives that focus on infrastructure, energy, economy, and technology. The phrase "Prakasha Pe Charha", which translates to "ascending towards enlightenment" or "rising towards brightness," can be metaphorically linked to Modi's vision of transforming India into a global powerhouse.

This write-up explores how Modi's policies have driven India's growth across multiple sectors, bringing light to areas that were once in darkness—both literally and figuratively.

One of the key aspects of Modi's governance has been his focus on providing electricity to every household. Under the Saubhagya Yojana, India achieved near-universal electrification, ensuring that even remote villages have access to power. The initiative was crucial in bridging the urban-rural divide, enabling better education, healthcare, and employment opportunities in rural areas.

Additionally, Modi's emphasis on renewable energy has placed India at the forefront of the global clean energy movement. The country has significantly increased its solar and wind energy capacity, with projects like the International Solar Alliance (ISA) promoting sustainable energy solutions worldwide.

The Digital India mission, launched by Modi in 2015, has revolutionized governance, business, and communication. The initiative aimed at making government services accessible online, boosting digital literacy, and promoting cashless transactions. Today, India has one of the largest numbers of internet users, with rapid expansion in fintech services such as UPI (Unified Payments Interface) and Aadhaar-linked banking.

Moreover, India has seen remarkable progress in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and space exploration. The success of Chandrayaan-3 and the expansion of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) showcase how Modi's leadership has propelled India into the league of global space pioneers.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant India Mission) was a defining moment in Modi's tenure, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy aimed to reduce dependence on foreign goods, boost local industries, and create a resilient supply chain.

Sectors like manufacturing, defense, and agriculture have benefited immensely from this initiative. India has become one of the top producers of pharmaceuticals and vaccines, showcasing its capability to not only fulfill domestic needs but also export to the world.

Additionally, the Make in India initiative has attracted significant foreign direct investment (FDI), positioning India as a global manufacturing hub. Companies like Apple, Tesla, and Google are expanding their operations in India, further strengthening the economy.

Modi's government has placed immense focus on infrastructure development, which is critical for national growth.

Modi's tenure has also focused on social upliftment, ensuring that marginalized communities receive the benefits of government schemes.

Under Modi's leadership, India has gained a stronger voice on the global stage. The country's diplomatic ties have strengthened with major powers like the United States, Russia, Japan, and European nations. Initiatives like Vaccine Maitri (providing vaccines to developing countries) and participation in QUAD, BRICS, and G20 have positioned India as a key global player.

India's rising influence is evident in its balanced approach to international conflicts, economic partnerships, and climate change leadership. Modi's diplomatic strategies have enabled India to engage with the world while maintaining its sovereignty and strategic autonomy.

"Prakasha Pe Charha", as a symbolic representation of Modi's leadership, signifies the transformation India has undergone in the last decade. From economic reforms to infrastructure, digital innovation to social welfare, India has made significant strides in every sector under his governance.

While challenges remain, Modi's focus on futuristic policies, sustainability, and inclusive growth continues to drive India forward. As the nation steps into a new era, the vision of a self-reliant, digitally empowered, and globally influential India seems more achievable than ever.

Modi's leadership has indeed lifted India from darkness to light—ensuring that every citizen experiences the brightness of progress, opportunity, and prosperity.

By: Omkar Dattatray

BJP has registered a bumper and unprecedented victory in Delhi polls and the party is armed with the essential number to form the government in Delhi. Now for the first time there will be a double engine Sarkar in the national capital and it is no ordinary thing but is most extraordinary development in which there is the benefit of Delhites. The exile of 27 year of the BJP has ended and BJP will form the government in Delhi proving the exit polls as exact polls and 100 percent true and correct and proved AAP's claims of forming government in Delhi wrong. The Delhi Poll results showed that there was two cornered contest in Delhi polls and no three cornered contest as Congress failed to score any seat despite its tall claims. In fact in the crucial Delhi assembly polls, the louts of BJP bloomed full trouncing AAP miserably. BJP is making comeback to Delhi throne after the good old days of Sushma Swaraj, Madan Lal Khurana and Sahib Singh Verma which were the heydays and golden days of Delhi BJP. However BJP is staging a comeback after a long period of 27 years. People of Delhi have this time reposed their trust and confidence in Modi and his BJP and has given a emphatic win in the elections in accordance with the exit polls. The BJP has registered victory in the Delhi Assembly results, ending the AAP's 10-year reign in the national capital. BJP won Delhi Assembly polls and defeated AAP and thus dashed to the ground tall claims of Arvind Kejriwal to again form the government third time in succession. AAP was routed and its bigwigs such as former chief minister of Delhi Arvind Kijriwal, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia and other big leaders were made to lick the dust as they lost the polls. The AAP has lost Delhi Poll battle because it was battling anti-incumbency and there was internal disarray

.But there are other reasons of its defeat such as clear loss of support among the capital's middle class. The BJP's "double engine" Sarkar slogan and Modi magic resulted in BJP winning a comfortable number of seats and in the crushing defeat of the AAP. Arvind Kejriwal's AAP after winning three Assembly elections, this time lost the polls and BJP, wrested back the UT for itself after 27 years. The Congress was not in the picture anywhere as it scored a big zero which is a humiliation of the grand old party. The BJP's campaign, spearheaded by the prime minister Narendra Modi, broadly ran on one message—continuation of AAP's welfare schemes, with added promise of "double engine development" and a cracking down on AAP's corruption. It also appeared that AAP has lost the confidence of the middle class who did not benefit from the politics of welfarism, but were impacted by poor state of roads and civic amenities in Delhi. BJP wooed the middle class assiduously through several outreach programs including RWA meetings. The icing on cake came through the massive tax cut announced by the Modi government in the Union Budget. BJP made clear that no welfare schemes will be closed but will continue with added thrust. PM Modi made it clear that freebies will continue in Delhi and it tilted the balance in favor of BJP. Modi gave added weight to the poll freebies of AAP. Poor condition of roads and sewers was also a big factor which contributed in the downfall of AAP in Delhi. The relentless LG-AAP tussle worked wonders and it also catapulted BJP to power. Anti-incumbency of AAP also played its role in defeating AAP polls. Finally BJP swept Delhi polls and trounced its rival AAP. BJP had a emphatic and historic win as it won 48 seats and AAP managed to retain only 22 seats. While BJP had won only 8 seats in 2020 Delhi assembly polls, it significantly increased

its tally to 48, but AAP had won 62 assembly seats in 2020 polls and it is a worst debacle for AAP. In fact election outcome showed that BJP has extraordinary win this time and all hopes of AAP of coming to power for the consecutive third term did not materialize and instead BJP is all set to form government in Delhi. AAP which was eyeing a third straight full term in Delhi failed to retain Delhi and instead it is saffron party which won from different corners of Delhi and the louts bloomed from different parts of Delhi. Congress which had ruled for 15 years, failed to open account as it got zero seats. AAP also got a big setback as it did not even get the magic number of 36 seats this election but had to contend with merely 22 assembly seats which is 14 seats short of the magic figure. Thus BJP is now armed with a thumping mandate to form a stable, strong and frictionless government which will work with all seriousness to come up to the expectations of the people. Prime minister Narendra Modi who was the star campaigner of the BJP in assembly elections was successful in turning the tide in favor of the saffron party. It is no exaggeration to state that the people of Delhi voted in favor of Modi and his developmental model and good governance mantra. Modi said that the two decade rule of AAP—Da has come to an end and Delhi has freed itself from the misrule of AAP. People of Delhi both middle class and the poor sections of the people as well as many Muslims have voted in favor of BJP. Congress has been decimated in Delhi polls as it for the third consecutive time won zero seats. Now there was a saffron surge and Hindutva wave in Delhi and all this coupled with the development politics helped BJP to win a significant number of 48 seats. Now that the people of Delhi have voted in favor of the BJP, it should try to come up to the expectation of the Delhites so that their issues and problems

are solved and misrule has led to the debacle of AAP and due to this reason coupled with anti-incumbency and AAP's neglect of the middle class paved the way for the significant win of the BJP in these elections. One fact needs to be stressed that Delhi is mini India as the people from all corners of India reside in Delhi for earning their livelihood and also for pursuing education, technical education and as a result of urbanization and better prospects are attracted towards Delhi and it is mini-India and the thumping majority to the BJP will be reciprocated and replicated in Bihar assembly polls in November and in fact in all elections including in UP polls which are somewhat far away, but still the echo of the success of BJP in Delhi assembly elections will greatly influence the polls in UP. To put a long story short, it can be said that BJP had a clean sweep in these elections and now it will be the responsibility of BJP government to alleviate the sufferings of the people in Delhi. After assuming power, the BJP's government should focus on curbing pollution, cleaning Yamuna, giving clean drinking water and improving civic amenities for the people of Delhi. The task of governance is gigantic and challenging and with the peoples cooperation it will minimize the hardships of the people of Delhi and remove mismanagement in Delhi. The astounding win of BJP is not only a big setback to AAP, it also strikes at the very survival of that party. Only time will tell how much BJP government will come to the rescue of Delhites. One thing is certain that BJP has a bumper win in Delhi polls and it is the turn of BJP government to redress the sufferings of Delhites.

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Doctors' handwriting and the High Court's decision

All doctors should write clearly on the patient's prescription, recently the Punjab-Haryana High Court has also given the same instruction

By: Amarpal Singh Verma

The Punjab and Haryana High Court in a recent decision has termed the poor handwriting of doctors as worrisome and has directed to take necessary steps to improve it. The court has made strong comments on unclear and unreadable handwriting in medical-legal reports and has termed it unacceptable in the technological age. The court gave these instructions during the hearing of a case in which the information written in a medical-legal report was extremely unclear and unreadable, which was not possible to read. Justice Jas Gurbpreet Singh Puri said that "It has been seen in many cases that the handwriting on medical prescriptions is such that only a few doctors or chemists can understand it. The information about the patient's medical his-

tory and the medicines given on the prescription should be clear because it is a matter related to the fundamental rights of the person. According to the court, it is quite surprising that even in the technological age, government doctors write medical history and prescription by hand. In this case, the court has sought suggestions from the Advocate Generals of Punjab and Haryana, Senior Standing Counsel of Chandigarh and the National Medical Commission to solve this problem. The poor handwriting of doctors has always been a topic of discussion. There has been a long-standing complaint among the general public regarding the handwriting of doctors that why do they not write clearly? Due to the ambiguity of the medical prescription, there is a possibility of taking the wrong medicine and many times even pharmacists are unable to understand the medicine written by the doctor. This problem is not limited to patients only, but can also create obstacles in legal matters, as the court has indicated in its decision. This is an old problem, which should not be ignored. Doctors' prescription slips are often made fun of on social media. In fact, the names of medicines on the prescription are written in such poor handwriting

that it is difficult for a common man to understand them, sometimes it becomes impossible for a pharmacist to understand them. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi has found in a research that most of the prescriptions written by doctors are quite confusing. Whereas under medical guidelines, it is necessary for doctors to write complete information clearly on the prescription.

AIIMS research shows that guidelines are not being followed in 1 out of every two prescriptions. These prescriptions are confusing and are completely different from the guidelines of standard treatment. 10 percent of these prescriptions are such that they cannot be accepted under any circumstances. AIIMS has also said that this is having a bad effect on the health of patients.

This decision of the High Court is important and timely for many reasons. The first thing is that this is a matter related to the rights and safety of patients. This problem becomes more serious when wrong medicines are given due to unclear handwriting. The second aspect is that the clarity of medical records also plays an important role in legal matters. If the documents related to the treatment of a patient are not clear,

the judicial process can be affected. Apart from this, in the digital age where everything is being recorded on the computer, doctors' unclear handwriting is really a matter of concern. The High Court has also said the same. If doctors follow the instructions of the High Court and make it a habit to give prescriptions in clear handwriting, then it will have many benefits. This will reduce the risk of giving wrong medicine. The patients themselves will also be able to understand the medicine prescribed by the doctor. This instruction of the Punjab and Haryana High Court is very important and it should be implemented all over the country. This order is not only a signal for the medical world, but is also an important corrective step in view of the health of the patients. However, it is unfortunate that the court's intervention is necessary to make doctors write clearly. Clear handwriting is only a matter of habit. If all doctors take steps in this direction, health services can become more accessible and safe for patients. Doctors are not going to suffer any loss by writing neatly as per the intention of the High Court. This order can inspire hospitals to adopt the digital prescription system.

CEC Leh, Advisor to LG finalize rationalization of Karakoram, Nubra-Shayok, Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries

Top News Report

LEH, Feb 10: The Chairman/CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson, LAHDC Leh, in the presence of Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor UT Ladakh, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, held a joint review meeting to finalize the rationalization process of the Karakoram, Nubra, Shayok, and high-altitude desert Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries. The meeting took place at the Civil Secretariat Leh.

At the outset, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests provided a detailed Power Point presentation on the rationalization of these wildlife sanctuaries, followed by a discussion on result-oriented solutions.

The Advisor to LG emphasized the need for a balanced approach that supports both conservation and sustainable development, ensuring ecological preservation aligns with local livelihood concerns, while stressing that human habitation should not be adversely affected.



During the meeting, the CEC LAHDC Leh, along with other Executive Councillors and Councillors, presented their demands regarding the rationalization of the sanctuary boundaries. Detailed discussions were held on boundary demarcation, biodiversity conservation strategies, and the involvement of local communities in protecting these ecologically sensitive areas and agricultural lands. Considering the rights and demands of the local population and directed concerned officials to ensure that the rights of the

people are upheld and that practical, result-oriented solutions are achieved.

Officials from the Forest Department presented reports on the current status of the wildlife sanctuaries, highlighting key conservation challenges and proposed solutions.

The rationalization process is designed to improve habitat protection, streamline management strategies, and address concerns related to human-wildlife conflict.

During the review, the Advisor emphasized that before final-

izing the rationalization of the Karakoram (Nubra-Shayok) and high-altitude cold desert Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries, thorough coordination with the CEC, LAHDC Leh, the concerned councillors, and other stakeholders is essential.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to expedite the rationalization process, ensuring that conservation priorities remain paramount. A final proposal will be submitted to the state wildlife board for further processing.

The meeting was attended by the Hon'ble Dy. Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Executive Councillors, Councillors of Nubra and Changthang, Commissioner Secretary of Forests UT Ladakh, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests UT Ladakh, Councillors, DC/CEO, LAHDC Leh, Wildlife Warden Leh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, and other concerned officials. The Director of the Wildlife Institute of India participated virtually.

Chairman LAHDC led delegation meets with Union Minister of Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia



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LEH, Feb 10: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, led a delegation comprising Dr. Morup Dorje, Councillor Lamayuru Constituency, BJP VP Dorje Angchuk, BJP State Co-Treasurer Tonyot Tashi, Mandal President Tsering Paldan, and Senior Leader Sonam Rinchen, in a meeting with Union Minister of Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

The delegation discussed pressing connect-

ivity issues in Ladakh, highlighting slow mobile services due to unconnected with OFC lines and are running on VSAT services in few villages and need to direct the service provider to connect them with OFC. These towers, provided under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), are struggling to support the growing number of users, particularly students relying on online education.

The delegation emphasized the need for swift completion of approved

projects, citing delays by contractors that have breached contract agreements.

The delegation sought support for making completed mobile towers operational, ensuring reliable power backup to facilitate continuous connectivity.

Adv. Tashi Gyalson stressed the importance of 24/7 power solutions, such as solarization, to ensure uninterrupted communication services for both civilian and military purposes, especially those towers which are under Army control.

The delegation also raised the issue of man power at the BSNL office in Leh, shortage of man power also hampers the performance of works.

The delegation expressed optimism that the discussions would lead to swift action, addressing connectivity issues and enhancing the region's development as assured by the Minister.

'Flaws in Akashvani Jammu recruitment process threatens Dogri Language representation'

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 9: The Dogri language is a cornerstone of the cultural and linguistic identity of the Dogra community, and its representation in media and governance should reflect the highest respect. However, recent irregularities in the 2024 recruitment process for Editorial Executive/Newsreader cum Translator (Dogri) positions at Prasar Bharati's Regional News Unit (RNU) Jammu have raised serious concerns about the integrity of the selection process and its impact on the future of Dogri.

Among the most troubling revelations is the involvement of contractual employees, such as Jagmohan Sharma and Vijay Bajaj, in key stages of the recruitment process, including the voice tests. These tests are critical for candidates aiming to represent Dogri in the media, yet they were conducted by individuals whose employment status raises concerns about neutrality and objectivity. Contractual employees should not hold such significant responsibility in a process that directly affects the future of the language.

Additionally, an RTI response has revealed that Jagmohan Sharma,



despite being part of the interview panel, did not participate in Mohd. Yaseen's interview. His non-participation, along with the selective involvement of other panel members, further questions the fairness of the evaluation process.

Even more concerning is the limited role of Professor Veena Gupta, a respected former Dogri professor, in creating the written examination paper as per the RTI reply. While her credentials and contributions to Dogri are beyond question, her minimal involvement raises important concerns about why her expertise was not fully utilized in this crucial recruitment process. The absence of other distinguished Dogri scholars further signals a lack of institutional commitment to proper linguistic evaluation.

These concerns were brought to light through an RTI response filed by Mohd. Yaseen (reference number PRBHA/R/E/24/01019, dated December 11, 2024), following advice

from Gulshan Raina, Assistant Director of RNU Jammu to file an RTI and to escalate the matter with higher ups. Acting on the guidance of Raina, Yaseen escalated the issue by reaching out to senior Prasar Bharati officials and filing the RTI application to seek clarity on the matter which is in front of every Dogri.

Mohd. Yaseen, a cultural activist and recipient of the National Scholarship & Fellowship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has formally raised these concerns through an RTI appeal, urging a transparent review of the recruitment process. These irregularities undermine the credibility of Prasar Bharati and jeopardize the future representation of Dogri in Indian media.

This issue transcends a flawed recruitment process; it concerns the survival and thriving of Dogri as a vibrant language. We call on Prasar Bharati to urgently address these concerns, conduct a fair review, and ensure that future recruitment processes for Dogri language positions are transparent, inclusive of expert input, and uphold the highest standards of fairness and cultural integrity.

Aryans becomes education partner of UTCA's Chandra Shekhar Azad T20 tournament



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The first-ever franchise-based cricket tournament in Chandigarh, the 'Chandra Shekhar Azad T20 Tournament', organized by the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) commenced with a spectacular opening ceremony at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Sector 3.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, franchise owners, team players, cricket academies, and enthusiastic sports fans.

The chief guests included Rajeev Verma (IAS), Chief Secretary of UT Chandigarh Administration, and Harpreet Kaur Babla, Mayor of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Prema Puri (IAS), Secretary, Sports, UT and Saurabh Arora, PCS, Director, Sports, Vinay Partap Singh, IAS, Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Haryana along with UTCA President Sanjay Tandon and the Tournament Chairman Dr. Rupesh Singh.

During evening, Renowned Sufi Singers Ali Brothers performed and sang various songs. The event was also attended by special guests

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh; UTCA General Secretary Devendra Sharma, Executive Committee members CAAllok Krishna, Yuvraj Mahajan, Ravinder Singh, Hari Singh Khurana, and Daniel Banerjee, along with Rikrit Sarai, Managing Director of Satluj Group of Schools.

A total of 33 matches will be played. The confirmed teams include HIMS Hawks (owned by Acharya Manish), Talanoa Tigers (owned by Harkiran Singh), Punjab Panthers (owned by Pransh Gilhotra), Wild Wood Warriors (owned by Sukhdev Singh), City Challengers (owned by Anil Dewan), and Manohar Mavericks (owned by Taran Inder Singh Bunny).

CM Omar Abdullah should fulfill the election promises: HSS

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: State President of Hindustan Shiv Sena Vikrant Kapoor has asked Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to fulfill the election promises made to the people during the assembly elections.

He said that the present government has completely failed to fulfill all the election promises including providing 200 units of free electricity to the people, ending unemployment, restoring the status of the state.

State President of Hindustan Shiv Sena Vikrant Kapoor said this

while addressing a press conference in Jammu.

He said that Chief Minister Omar Abdullah should fulfill the election promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and provide 200 units of free electricity to the people.

He said that during the assembly elections the NC had promised to provide 200 units of free electricity to the people but since coming to power, the present government has completely failed to fulfill any of the promises made to the people.

He said that the situation at present is such



that instead of providing free electricity to the people, heavy power cuts are being imposed, which has increased the problems of the people to a great extent.

He said that at present the children's exams are near and their studies are being adversely affected due to power cuts, but the govern-

ment has failed to provide 24-hour electricity to the people despite the installation of smart meters.

Along with this, he said that the rate of unemployment is increasing day by day and no concrete steps are being taken by the government to solve this problem. He said that the government has also failed to curb drug abuse.

He said that the attitude of the Omar government, which demanded restoration of the state status, has now cooled down.

There is a delay in fulfilling the promises of

free electricity, drinking water, minimum wages, regularization of daily wagers etc.

He said that this attitude of NC has deeply hurt the expectations of the people. At the same time, no concrete efforts are being made at the ground level by the Omar government for the safe return of Kashmiri Pandits to the valley.

During the press conference Hindustan Shiv Sena senior leaders Sunil, Rakesh, Baba Ram Kaith., Abhishek, Himanshu, Amit, women wing leader Jyoti Devi and others were also present.

Five-Day Skill Development Programme on Soft computing concludes at SMVDU

Top News Report

KATRA Feb 10: The valedictory session and closing ceremony of the Five-Day Skill Development Programme on Soft Computing and applications concluded at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra. Prof. Manoj Kumar Gupta, provided a comprehensive summary of the insightful five-day journey, highlighting the contributions of distinguished speakers from premier institutions, including Prof. Dinesh Kumar Vishwakarma(DTU), Prof. Divakar Yadav(IGNOU), Prof. Prabhat Verma(HBTU Kanpur), Dr. Shitala Prasad(IIT Goa), Dr. Karan Nathwani(IIT Goa), Dr. Karan Singh(JNU Delhi), Dr. Abhishek Gupta(CSIR), Dr. Gaurav Varshney(IIT Jammu) and Dr. Pradeep Kumar Singh(CU Jammu) and two online sessions by Dr. Anuj Abraham and Dr. Partha Pratim Kundu. Dr. Sanjay Mohan, CEO TBIC SMVDU fostered the entrepreneurship mind



workshop. The event's success was attributed to the diligent efforts of student coordinators Rajat Rudraksh, Tanish Aditya, Arya, Bhoomi, Bigan, Achalendra, Anurag, Anish, Devesh and Piyush. The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Pooja Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Computer science and Engineering appreciating the contributions of all participants, distinguished speakers, and volunteers.

The programme provided an enriching platform for learning, collaboration, and innovation, equipping participants with cutting-edge soft computing knowledge and fostering entrepreneurship mindset among them.

The participants conveyed their sincere appreciation to the entire organizing committee for successfully conducting a well-structured and insightful

Vivek Bali attends Magnificent Woman Icon (MWI), Magnificent Man Icon (MMI) 2025 ceremony

Top News Report

JAMMU/MUMBAI, Feb 10: Vivek Bali, a prominent politician from Jammu and Kashmir, was the special guest at the prestigious International Pageant Show, Magnificent Woman International (MWI) and Magnificent Man International (MMI) 2025.

The event brought together talented contestants from across the globe, including South Africa, the Netherlands, Gambia, the USA, and India. It was a resounding success, with contestants showcasing their exceptional talents, charisma, and confidence, leaving the audience and judges in awe.

A panel of judges, comprising renowned personalities, had the challenging task of selecting the winners.

The panel included popular film and television actor Armaan Tahil, known for his outstanding performances in TV shows and films, including his last movie Simran, which was a huge success.

His upcoming Bollywood movie Pankh Hote Toh Udd Jate is highly anticipated. Other notable judges included fashion model Daisy Dewri, well-known Dr. Vaishnavi Premchandani, Padma Shri Dr. Mukesh Batra, Archana Jain, and others.

The winners of the MWI and MMI 2025 titles were Abby from South Africa (MWI), Martino from South Africa (MMI), Moses from Gambia (MMI), Nima from Gambia (MWI), Offense from South Africa (MWI), Angel Ahuja from India (MWI), and Hayman Jacobs (MMI) & a few others in different categories.

Vivek Bali, known for his tireless efforts in promoting education, healthcare, and women's empowerment in his home state, congratulated the winners and expressed his admiration for the event's focus on celebrating diversity and inclusivity.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this incredible event," said Bali. "The Magnificent Woman Icon and Magnificent Man Icon pageants embody the values of empowerment, self-confidence, and community service that are essential for creating a better world."

The event was anchored by the talented Simran Ahuja, a renowned anchor and actress, who kept the audience engaged throughout the evening.

Meticulously organized by Syndee Keitt Naomi from the USA, Andries Du Preez from South Africa, Bianca Woodward from South Africa, and Archana Sharma from India, the event was a grand celebration of talent and cultural diversity.

If something happens, I'd like for him to be there: Saif on Taimur going with him to hospital

Says my wife sent him knowing what he would do for me

Why did eight-year-old Taimur go with his father Saif Ali Khan to the hospital in the dead of night after the horrific knife attack at their home?

Many thoughts were running through the actor's head and one of them was this—if "God forbid" something were to happen to him, he would like his son to be around.

"Taimur was absolutely composed. He was fine. Taimur said, 'I'm coming with you.' I was getting a lot of comfort just from looking at him at that time. And I didn't want to go alone," Saif has said in an interview with Times of India, his first since the January 16 attack.

"My wife sent him knowing what he would do for me. Maybe it wasn't... at the moment, it was the right thing to do. I felt good about it. And I also thought, if God forbid, something happens, I'd like for him to be there. And he wanted to be there also."

It was a very filmy scene, recalled the actor, who was stabbed multiple times and was taken to the hospital in an autorickshaw with a portion of the knife still lodged in his spine.

In his detailed recap of the intruder attack and its aftermath, the "Omkaara" star said Taimur and his house help Hari rushed him to the hospital. Saif also spoke of how fortunate he was to escape paralysis and that he will never keep a weapon at home, notwithstanding the family's trauma.

The 54-year-old underwent a six-hour emergency surgery after the attack at his 12th-floor apartment in Mumbai's Bandra suburb last month. Saif and wife Kareena have two sons, Taimur and four-year-old Jeh.

Kareena, he said, was making calls frantically but nobody was up.

"And we looked at each other, and I said, 'I'm fine. I'm not going to die.' And Taimur also asked me - 'Are you going to die?' I said, 'No.'"

Responding to naysayers asking why there was no driver at their home, Saif said,



"Nobody stays here all night. Everyone has a home to go to." He also said there was no time to call the driver.

"I went downstairs and out. The first rickshaw was me going to the hospital."

"The rickshaw guy saw the blood and he knew something had happened. But I think because of the kid, he kind of gave the whole thing some respectability. He saw that we were decent people, somehow. I don't know how. And he was so amazing... he took a shortcut and took it easy on bumps. He drove me to Lilavati," the actor said.

The shock and adrenaline was so overpowering, he said, that he didn't initially realise he had been stabbed.

According to the actor, the intruder was hiding inside Jeh's room.

Geeta, their other house help, rushed in to their room around 2 am.

"I kind of lost it and went in there to see that and I saw this guy holding (what I thought were) two sticks over Jeh's bed - it was actually a hexa blade. So he had a knife in each hand and a mask on. It was a surreal scene. And something just kind of took over and I just grabbed him. I ran and pulled him down, and then we were wrestling. He was thumping me as hard as he could in my back, and it was just thuds."

It went on for a while with the actor getting slashed on his neck, palm, wrist and arm, as he

tried to ward off the attack "bare-foot, bare-handed in a kurta pajama". Meanwhile, Kareena had taken Jeh out of the room.

Eventually, Geeta pulled the attacker off of the actor and shoved him away.

"It was a filmy scene where I was covered in blood. We took two decorative swords off the wall. And that's what Taimur saw - me covered in blood and Hari, the other house help, holding two swords. So, it was vaguely heroic, at least that moment (laughs). We said - 'let's get him'. And Kareena said - 'No, let's get out! Because we've got to get you to the hospital. I've got to get Jeh out of here because I feel he's (the intruder) still around, and there could be more of them.'" Saif said he lost some feeling in his right leg because he had been "nicked in the spine".

The doctors told him a good three-four inches of the knife went in behind his shoulder blade and worked its way right to the spinal cord.

"And there's spinal fluid leaking out, which is why the feeling in the leg was going. That's how close it came: Just one more millimetre and we'd be talking paralysis. It's not like, you know, a back spasm or something that we're underplaying," he said.

The kids are okay, Saif said. "Jeh has given me a plastic sword, and said, 'Keep this by your bed for the next time the chor comes'. He says, 'Geeta saved Abba and Abba saved me.' Taimur is a little concerned

about security."

The other big question being asked is why the celebrity didn't have any security.

"I've never believed in security. I don't want it. I never wanted to walk around with three of these guys. I think it would be a nightmare for me. And I still won't, because I don't think this is an attack on me. I'm not under threat."

He also termed the attack mistake and firmly believed the intruder climbed a drainpipe and squeezed through a hole and arrived in their house.

"I don't think he knew whose house it was. It's not an inside job. It's none of these things. And the police have done a fantastic job," he said, stressing that he still felt very safe in Mumbai.

A Bangladeshi man named Shariful Fakir, also known as Vijay Das, was arrested last month for allegedly stabbing Saif and is currently in judicial custody, according to the police.

Sara and Ibrahim Ali Khan, his elder children from his first marriage to actor Amrita Singh, were also emotional after the attack.

When he was discharged from the hospital on January 21, many clips surfaced online showing the actor walking comfortably. Many on social media speculated about the seriousness of his injuries, a claim quickly rubbished by his sister, jewellery designer Saba Pataudi.

The actor said he never thought about "how to present it".

"The more I consider the PR aspect of it, I've come to the conclusion that I think my life is pretty interesting for actually what it is, it doesn't need a twist. It doesn't need to be twisted and presented..."

"Walking around after that, it's still painful to stand for too long. The aches and pains are there, but they're getting better every day. And I think it will be a complete recovery."

Nayanthara to reunite with Mammooty for upcoming film 'MMM'



Tamil cinema star Nayanthara is all set to feature alongside Mammooty and Mohanlal in the upcoming Malayalam film, tentatively titled "MMM".

Mahesh Narayanan, known for acclaimed Malayalam titles "Malik",

"Take Off" and "Ariyippu", will direct the movie.

The currently untitled project marks the reunion of Nayanthara with Mammooty after 2016's "Puthiya Niyamam".

Production banner Anto Joseph Film Company announced Nayanthara's casting in a video posted on its official Instagram handle.

The "Jawan" star can be seen interacting with Mammooty and Narayanan on the set in the clip.

The new film also marks the collaboration between Mammooty and Mohanlal after over a decade. The duo last worked together in "Kadal Kadannoru Maathukuty" (2013).

"MMM" also stars Fahadh Faasil and Kunchacko Boban in pivotal roles.

Nayanthara, who made her Bollywood debut alongside Shah Rukh Khan's "Jawan" in 2023, was most recently seen in her Netflix documentary "Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairytale", which released in November 2024.

She will next star in Telugu film "Kanappa", fronted by Vishnu Manchu.

Shraddha Kapoor's tip: 'Angle badlo, rang nahi'

Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor has shared a tip on Instagram, where she talked about changing the angle and not colours.

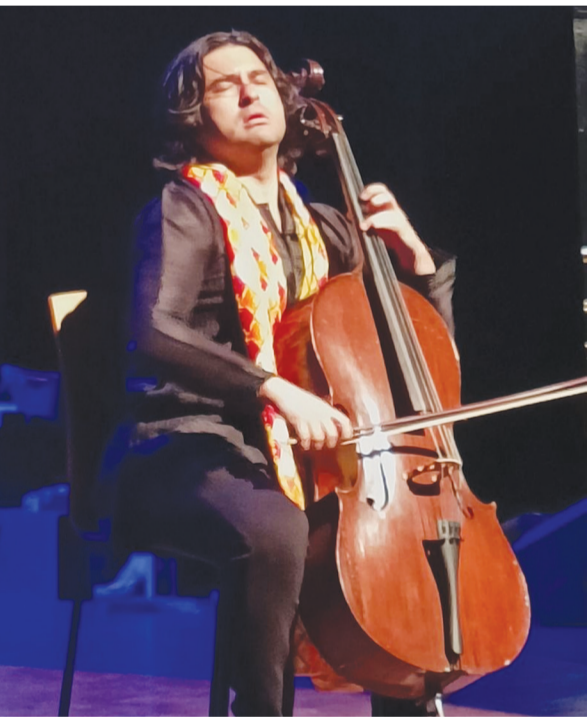
Shraddha took to the social media platform, where she posted two pictures of herself. In the first image, the actress is holding the phone camera on top of her as she posed for a selfie. The second photograph had her holding the camera as she played with her furry friends.

"Angle badlo, rang nahi (change the angle, not the colour)," she wrote as the caption.

The actress shared the picture posing with her four-legged friends on her Instagram stories.



Brazilian cello player Diego Carneiro performs with Indian musicians



Brazilian visionary cello player and Rotary Peace Fellow Diego Carneiro performed with Indian classical musicians during a concert held at the Tagore Theatre recently. Organised by the Rotarians of the city with Rotary Club Chandigarh Midtown hosting the show, Diego is travelling through India as a part of his peace mission.

Having come from the Amazon region in Brazil, he learnt piano playing when his mother asked him to learn music and later moved over to cello, which is very close to his heart.

He jammed with the group of Indian classical musicians from 'Arohi' group and regaled the audience. Diego's life's work bridges music and humanitarian action, spreading messages of peace across different parts of the country.

"I am learning Indian classical music and am falling in love with it because of its meditative nature," he said. His story is a testament to the transformative power of music in the pursuit of a more compassionate and connected world.

"We seek to network and develop communities using music as a tool. Our causes are related to medicine, education, environment, conflict zones and more," he said.

In Chandigarh, actress Jacqueline Fernandez underlined the importance of a sound fitness routine

The air was alive with excitement at the Blender's Pride Fashion Tour with Jacqueline Fernandez in the spotlight as the showstopper, her presence as radiant as the glamorous designs she was about to showcase in Chandigarh. Dressed in a stunning ensemble, she effortlessly blended into the event's energy, representing both the world of fashion and film.

Her smile reflected her deep love for what she does. But this was more than just a fashion show for Jacqueline; it was an evening where she got to showcase not only her style but also her evolution—from a young model to a leading lady in the film industry, and a philanthropist who's determined to make a difference.

Speaking with a sense of joy and passion about her career, Jacqueline shared, "I started my first modelling assignment when I was five." By the time she was 12, she was walking the ramp. But even as she carved a name for herself in the modelling world, her heart was always set on acting. "I was exposed to modelling, but deep down, I knew I wanted to be an actor. It was my true passion," she explained. And though the journey wasn't easy, it eventually led her to India, where she made her mark in Bollywood.

Living a dream Despite her success in modelling, the shift to acting was overwhelming. "Modelling was something I knew, but acting was a completely new challenge for me," Jacqueline admitted. With no formal training, she relied on her love for movies and the determination to learn as she went along. Her first major break came with Aladin, which she describes as a dream come true. "It was a big moment for me. I had no idea how, but I knew I was living my dream."

In terms of choosing roles, Jacqueline's perspective has evolved. Initially, she accepted any offer that came her way. "I was just happy to work," she laughed. "Now, I ask myself—who is making the film? Who am I working with? What will this role bring to me and my audience?"

Her involvement in successful franchises like Housefull 2, Race 2, and Murder 2 earned her a strong following. But Jacqueline doesn't feel pressurised by these roles—rather, she embraces the opportunity to innovate. "I focus on bringing something fresh to the character, ensuring I don't repeat myself," she said.

Cause bound Beyond acting, Jacqueline is deeply involved in philanthropy. In 2021, she founded her NGO, YOLO (You Only Live Once), which supports various causes,



including animal welfare. "Once I realised how much I could give back, I took action. Animals need our help and this cause is very close to my heart," she shared. Staying fit while juggling her career is essential to Jacqueline. "I carry my workout essentials everywhere. Having them within reach makes staying consistent easier," she said. Her go-to workout is weight training, which she believes is the key to strength and longevity. Looking ahead, Jacqueline is excited about her future projects, including Housefull 5, and her debut in a web series. "There's so much more to come, and I hope the audience enjoys what we've been working upon," she said with a bright smile.

Kanika Inspired by her Punjabi roots

Kanika Goyal was excited to bring her latest collection to her hometown with Blenders Pride Fashion Tour. The collection, Ascendrum, is a vibrant tribute to her Punjabi roots, blending tradition with modern aesthetics. Inspired by the water tanks in the villages of Punjab, the collection reflects a dual sense of belonging—anchored in local heritage, yet connected to global aspirations.

Kanika explained, "The water tanks hold an ironic symbolism. Some feature planes, symbolizing children who have settled abroad as pilots. Others display Army tanks, signifying a family member's military background." So are her designs, bursting with colour, bold energy, and playful tailoring, inspired by the architecture of Chandigarh, with geometric Phulkari embroidery fused with futuristic patterns. Kanika's growth as a designer has been shaped by her exploration of human psychology and spirituality. "My designs are an emotional translation of the complexities of the human psyche," she said. As an entrepreneur, she emphasised, "Talent alone isn't enough; you need to put in the hard yards."

Hari & Sukhmani impress with fusion music Hari and Sukhmani, the dynamic duo behind the captivating sound of fusion music, have spent over a decade blending the old and the new, effortlessly bridging traditional Indian sounds with modern genres. As they got ready to perform at the Blenders Pride Fashion Tour, they reflected on their journey and emphasised the importance of staying true to the soul of music. "The goal is to preserve the essence of a song while using technology and techniques to enhance it," Hari explained. Sukhmani added, "We consciously work towards keeping the soul of the song intact, incorporating traditional elements like sarangi and tumbi, while also appealing to a younger, Westernised audience."

Their unique sound isn't a challenge, but rather an exciting balancing act. "We live between two worlds—electronic and traditional," says Sukhmani. Despite incorporating electronic elements, the duo's music often has a spiritual quality. Currently, the duo is revisiting their electro-qawwal project, first introduced in 2009. "We are blending house music and techno with qawwali, experimenting with tempos that go up to 120 BPM," says Sukhmani. They're collaborating with Dhruv Sangari, a qawwal trained under Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, to bring this innovative fusion to life. Having worked together since December 2008, their bond remains strong. "We still want to create, perform and travel together," says Hari.

Mahakumbh: President Murmu takes holy dip at Sangam

Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandi Ben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were present alongside her during the rituals.

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): President of India, Droupadi Murmu, on Monday, took the holy dip at the confluence of Rivers Ganga, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati at Sangam, sending out a message of unity and social harmony.

The President immersed herself in the holy waters of Sangam at Mahakumbh in Prayagraj amid the chanting of Vedic mantras.

After completing the ritual bath, the president offered flowers and coconut at the Sangam and offered 'Arghya' to Sun God. President Murmu took multiple dips in the holy waters. Subsequently, she performed Puja at Sangam, accompanied by Aarti and Vedic recitations.

Uttar Pradesh Governor



Anandi Ben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were present alongside her during the rituals.

Before immersing herself in the sacred waters of the Triveni Sangam, President Draupadi Murmu, accompanied by her family, performed

traditional Puja Archana. Following the ritual bath, she performed 'Puja'.

The President also conducted a 'Dughdhabhishek' of the Sangam Triveni amid chanting of Vedic hymns and shlokas. She offered Akshat, Naivedya, flowers, fruits, and

a red 'chunri' as part of her prayers. Concluding the ceremony, she performed Aarti of the three sacred rivers at the confluence site.

On Monday morning, Governor Anandi Ben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath warmly welcomed President Draupadi Murmu upon her arrival in Prayagraj. From there, the President proceeded to Arail Ghat, where she boarded a cruise to reach the Triveni Sangam.

During her tour, the president took a boat ride and fed the birds flying over the Sangam. The Governor and the CM took the opportunity to brief the President about the organization of the Mahakumbh and the various arrangements in place for the event.

Don't take exam stress: PM Modi turns friend to students at 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'



NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday interacted with students, including specially-abled children, on a host of issues such as mastering pressure and leadership as part of the eighth edition of his annual 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'.

In a shift from the traditional town hall format, the prime minister preferred a more informal setting this time and took the students in open and made them realise the importance of environmental protection. He planted trees with students.

In a lively interaction with students drawn from states and UTs from across the country, the prime minister further said, "Exams

are not everything."

The interesting part his conversation was with a specially-abled child Vaibhav, who asked numerous questions to him, related to exam stress, overthinking and time management.

To make students understand their hidden talent, the prime minister referred to a case of a boy in Ahmedabad, who was on the verge of being shunted out of school for his poor performance in academics. However, the PM said that the boy brought laurels to his school in a robotics competition since he used to spend hours tinkering inside labs at the school.

"There is something special in every child," he said, while urging the group to develop a writing habit which would benefit them in the long

run.

Urging parents to not confine their children, the prime minister said they need freedom to explore their passions.

He also said they should not compare them with others and instead support them.

On the occasion, the prime minister also advised teachers to not criticise students publicly and instead encourage and them.

He asked students to use their time in a planned way for its effective management.

The prime minister spoke on issues such as 'master your time, master your life and live in the moment'.

He advised students to use "failure as fuel" for their success.

On anxiety and depression, the prime minister asked the group to share their feelings with their loved ones. "We had this culture of sharing with our mother, grandparents and others in the family," he said.

He urged students to compete with themselves and find a mentor or a family member who would keep them motivated.

Strong India Can Work For Better World Order: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

BENGALURU, Feb 10 (Agencies): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, after inaugurating Aero India 2025 here on Monday, said that peace can never be achieved in a weak state of security, and only by being strong, we will be able to work for a better world order.

Citing global uncertainties, he said that as a big country, India has always been an advocate of peace and stability.

"For us, there is no Indian security or Indian peace in isolation. Security, stability and peace are shared constructs that transcend national borders. The presence of our friends from foreign countries (at Aero India) is a testimony to the fact that our partners share our vision of One earth, One family, One future," Singh said.

He stressed the need to work together to deal with today's uncertain-

ties and the new challenges that are emerging in today's perspectives.

"Peace can never be achieved in a weak state of security. The banyan tree of peace can stand only on the roots of strength. I believe that we all have to be strong together, only then will we be able to ensure peace. Only by being strong, we will be able to work for a better world order," he said.

Further noting that in this environment of global uncertainty, India is a big country where there is peace and prosperity, the Defence Minister said, "If you assess the history of India, you will find that we have never attacked any country, nor have we been involved in any great power rivalry." "As a big country, India has always been an advocate of peace and stability. And when I am saying this, it is not just

a matter of saying, but it is a matter of our fundamental ideal," he said.

The 15th edition of Aero India, which is considered to be Asia's biggest aerospace and defence exhibition, was inaugurated by Singh at the Yelahanka Air Force Station here on Monday.

Pointing at the theme for Aero India, 'The Runway To A Billion Opportunities', Singh said, "I believe that there cannot be a more suitable theme than this. It tells us that in our country of a billion plus people, personifying a billion opportunities, this Aero show can be nothing less than that." Aero India which starts today, has many objectives, he said, "The first important objective of Aero India is to showcase not only our Industrial capability but also our technological advancements, to the entire world. This shows our commitment towards the security of



our nation." Stating that there is an even bigger objective, and that is to further strengthen our symbiotic relations with friendly foreign countries, Singh said, today the platform of Aero India, has brought together, government representatives, industry leaders, air force officers, Scientists, Defence Sector Experts, Start-ups, Academia and various other stakeholders from all over the world. "This confluence would be effective in bringing our partners closer together,

ultimately benefitting us all," he added.

Noting that Maha Kumbh is underway in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj and a large number of people are taking a dip of faith and devotion at the confluence of three rivers, the Defence Minister said, "I feel that another Maha Kumbh is beginning from today in the form of Aero India. While on one hand the Prayagraj Kumbh is a Kumbh of soul searching, on the other hand the Maha Kumbh of Aero India is a Kumbh of research."

Situation at Bangladesh borders normal and fine; BSF prepared to stop infiltration: DG Daljit Singh

INDORE, Feb 10 (Agencies): Border Security Force Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary on Monday said the situation at Indian borders with Bangladesh is "normal and fine" and the BSF is fully prepared to prevent infiltration and smuggling.

Chawdhary also claimed a "drastic reduction" in incidents when asked about the use of drones by Pakistan to send narcotics and weapons across the Indian border, especially in Punjab.

He inaugurated the 52nd Inter-frontier Platoon Weapons Shooting Competition of BSF in Indore.

Talking to PTI, Chawdhary said the BSF is alert in view of challenges related to all the Indian borders with Bangladesh and the situation there is "normal and fine".

"Our effort is to ensure that infiltration, smuggling, or neither such activity takes place on these borders which have any impact on the country's security," the BSF DG said.

Chawdhary said the



BSF is armed with state-of-the-art equipment to tackle the threats of drone technology on international borders.

Queried on the use of drones by Pakistan to send narcotics and weapons across the Indian border, especially in Punjab, the BSF DG said such incidents have come down "drastically" due to BSF's anti-drone technology.

"We have intercepted and shot down many drones coming from across the border using our strong defence technology," he said.

When asked about the Central government's target to eradicate Naxalism by March 2026, Chawdhary said the BSF is deployed in different areas of Chhattisgarh and Odisha to deal with the Naxal menace.

"It is our resolve to rid

these areas of Naxalism before the stipulated deadline," he added.

Earlier, Chawdhary addressed the inaugural ceremony of the 52nd Inter-frontier Platoon Weapons Shooting Competition.

He praised BSF personnel participating in this competition for their accurate shooting aim and said the responsibility of guarding the country's borders is in safe hands.

This six-day competition is being hosted by BSF's Indore-based Central School of Weapons and Tactics (CSWT). All 11 frontiers of the BSF are participating in the shooting competition.

In this competition, the weapons used in real-life situations by BSF personnel are only deployed.

2 killed, 21 hurt as bus returning from Maha Kumbh hits truck in UP's Etawah

ETAWAH, Feb 10 (Agencies): Two women pilgrims were killed and 21 others were injured after a bus that was returning from the Maha Kumbh and headed towards Noida hit a truck while trying to overtake it on Monday, the police said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Sanjay Kumar said the accident occurred on the national highway near the Bharthana road overbridge in Etawah district.

The bus carrying 24 pilgrims overturned

after hitting the truck from behind.

The deceased have been identified as Meera (35) and Neelu (35).

The injured, including 14 women, were rushed to the district hospital from where one woman and one man were referred to the Saifai Medical Institute in a critical condition, the officer said.

The damaged bus has been removed from the road and traffic movement has been restored, he added.



States, UTs asked to monitor Lymphatic Filariasis elimination campaign: Nadda

NEW DELHI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Union Health Minister J P Nadda on Monday urged states and UTs to monitor the Lymphatic Filariasis elimination campaign and ensure the involvement of the political and administrative leadership at the identified district levels.

He was speaking at the launch of the annual nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) elimination through a video conference with state health ministers and senior officers of 13 identified LF endemic states.

The minister emphasised on the whole-of-government approach and said other ministries and departments can be roped in to support campaign activities.

Nadda also requested



the state health ministers to involve elected representatives, especially MLAs and MLCs as well as Panchayati Raj Institutions and encourage their active participation to help mobilise communities to effectively implement MDA activities.

He stressed on utilising digital platforms for collecting the data on how many were administered the drug, the gaps in the campaign and to detect if there was any shortage of drug.

While congratulating Uttar Pradesh and Odisha for their work on Filariasis elimination, he emphasised on roping in women associated with self-help groups for making the campaign successful.

The campaign covers 111 endemic districts across 13 states with door-to-door administration of filaria prevention medications.

Lymphatic Filariasis is caused by parasitic worms and leads to abnormal enlargement of body parts.

Akhilesh flays Adityanath government over traffic chaos in Prayagraj



LUCKNOW, Feb 10 (Agencies): Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Monday criticised the Uttar Pradesh government for the severe traffic congestion in Prayagraj, claiming it has led to a shortage of essential commodities and inconvenienced devotees visiting the Maha Kumbh Mela.

"Due to the traffic jam everywhere in Prayagraj, neither food grains,

vegetables, spices are available nor medicines, petrol-diesel. Due to this, the condition of crores of hungry, thirsty, tired and exhausted devotees stuck in Prayagraj and Maha Kumbh premises and on the roads leading to Prayagraj is getting worse every hour. This is a very serious situation," Yadav said in a post on X.

He also posted a video with the post in which

people are sharing their experiences and pointing out at the chaos.

"Just like in states, when the constitutional system fails, the command is given to someone else, similarly, seeing the chaos in Maha Kumbh, a capable person should be given the command of governance. Incompetent people can spread false propaganda, not true system," he added.

According to the officials, 46.19 lakh people, including 10 lakh Kalpvasis, took bath in Sangam till 8 am on Monday.

About 44 crore people have taken a dip in the Sangam since the start of the Maha Kumbh last month.

US President Donald Trump says hostages freed by Hamas looked like "Holocaust survivors"

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In the video, US President Donald Trump said, "Hamas has been a disaster. By the way, I have to tell you that I watched the hostages come back today and they looked like Holocaust survivors. They were in horrible condition. They were emaciated."

Trump further added, "How much longer we can take that when I watch that? I know we have a deal where we're supposed to get, they dribble in and keep dribbling in, but they are in really bad shape. They have been treated brutally, horribly. Even the ones that came out earlier, they were in a little bit better shape, but mentally they were treated so badly. Who could take that? You know, at some point we're going to lose our patience. When I see that scene that I



saw today with people coming out of helicopters and airplanes that are emaciated that look like they haven't had a meal in a month. No reason for that."

In his remarks, Trump further added, "I don't know how much longer we can take it. I don't know how long we can take it. When I watch people that were healthy people a reasonably short number of years ago and you look at them today, they look like they've aged 25 years.

They literally look like the old pictures of Holocaust survivors, the same thing. I mean, the same thing. I don't know how long we're going to take that."

Earlier US President had shared on Sunday his plans for the US to redevelop Gaza, saying that he viewed the war-torn enclave as a "big real estate site", CNN reported.

"I think that it's a big mistake to allow people -- the Palestinians, or the people living in Gaza -- to go back yet another

time, and we don't want Hamas going back. And think of it as a big real estate site, and the United States is going to own it and we'll slowly -- very slowly, we're in no rush -- develop it. We're going to bring stability to the Middle East soon," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One while he had travelled for the Super Bowl in New Orleans, agency reported.

During the visit of the Israeli PM to US, during a joint press conference with Trump, Netanyahu had stated, "I'm honoured that you (US President Donald Trump) invited me to be the first foreign leader to visit the White House in your second term. This is a testament to your friendship and support for the Jewish state and the Jewish people."

Praising Trump's friendship and support for Israel, he added, "I've said this before and I'll say it again, you are the greatest friend Israel has ever had in the White House. And that's why the people of Israel have such enormous respect for you."

Australia says its steel, aluminium exports create American jobs

SYDNEY, Feb 10 (Agencies): Australia's trade minister said its steel and aluminium exports to the US create "good paying American jobs" and are key to shared defence interests, as Canberra presses Washington for an exemption to President Donald Trump's planned tariffs.

Trump said he will introduce new 25% tariffs on all steel and aluminium imports into the U.S., on top of existing metals duties, in another major escalation of his trade policy overhaul.

Trade Minister Don Farrell said on Monday that Australia, a key U.S. security ally in the Indo-Pacific, was making the case for "free and fair trade, including access into the U.S. market for Australian steel and aluminium" in meetings with the Trump administration.

"Australian steel and aluminium is creating thousands of good paying American jobs, and are key for our shared defence interests," he said in a statement.

Farrell is yet to meet with his U.S. counterpart who has not been confirmed in the role, but Australian officials have been making representations on aluminium and steel exports for several months, seeking to secure a similar exemption from tariffs it won during the previous Trump presidency in 2018.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese told national parliament on Monday he was scheduled to talk with Trump and would raise the matter.

"We will continue to make the case to the United States for Australia to be given an exemption to any steel and aluminium tariffs," he said in parliament.

Defence Minister Richard Marles met his U.S. counterpart Pete Hegseth in Washington on Friday, with Australia making its first \$500 million payment to boost production in the U.S. submarine industry under the AUKUS defence project that will see Australia buy several U.S. nuclear-powered submarines and also build submarines.

Australian processed steel was purchased by the largest U.S. military shipbuilder as AUKUS partners Australia, Britain and the U.S. seek to integrate defence supply chains, the Australian government said last year.

Shares in Australian-listed BlueScope Steel rose nearly 2% on expectations its U.S. business would gain from the tariffs. It operates the North Star Mill in Ohio and employs around 4,000 people in the United States.

East Turkistan govt in exile rejects Uyghur migration plan, calls it part of China's genocidal agenda

WASHINGTON DC, Feb 10 (Agencies): The East Turkistan Government in Exile (ETGE) has rejected the Uyghur migration plan to Turkey from East Turkistan.

The migration plan was proposed by Professor Erhan Afyoncu, the president of Turkey's National Defense University.

Urging that the proposal aligns with China's broader agenda, ETGE on its official website stated, "While we acknowledge concerns regarding Turkey's declining birth rates, we must emphasise that this proposal ultimately serves China's agenda of genocide, colonization, and occupation. It aids China's objective of ethnically cleansing East Turkistan, the cradle of Turkic civilization and the sacred homeland of the Turkic people, by depopulating its native Uyghur population and replac-

ing them with Chinese colonial settlers."

ETGE urged that Turkey must provide political and strategic support against China's practices of occupation, colonialism, and genocide. ETGE further reiterated that Turkey should assist the people of East Turkistan in regaining their legitimate independence.

Turkiye hosts one of the largest Uyghur diaspora communities outside China, with Uyghur groups estimating the population to be between 50,000 and 75,000 according to a report published by Voice of America. Since the 1950s, Uyghurs seeking refuge from what they describe as severe repression by the Chinese government have found shelter in Turkey.

The persecution of Uyghurs in China, particularly in Xinjiang,

involves widespread human rights abuses, including mass detentions in "re-education camps," forced labour, and heavy surveillance.

The Chinese government has been accused of religious repression, cultural destruction, and forced assimilation, limiting the Uyghur language, religious practices, and cultural traditions.

Reports indicate family separations, forced indoctrination, and destruction of Uyghur heritage sites. International bodies and human rights organizations have labelled these actions as genocide and crimes against humanity, while China denies these claims, calling them false and part of a campaign to fight extremism.

The situation remains one of the most contentious global human rights issues.

"Very warm, detailed, purposeful meeting": Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu after meeting US President Donald Trump

JERUSALEM, Feb 10 (Agencies): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shared on Monday during a government meeting the details of interactions with US President Donald Trump during his visit to the US.

The details were shared on X in a series of posts.

Netanyahu said, "As of today, we have achieved great things in the war. I have just returned from an historic visit in Washington with President Trump and with senior figures in his administration, and with Senate and Congressional leaders.

This visit and the talks that we held with the President of the US included additional considerable achievements that can ensure the security of Israel for generations."

He added, "I am not exaggerating. There are opportunities for possibilities that I think we never dreamed of, or at least a few months ago they did not seem possible - but they are possible.

This was a very warm, detailed and purposeful meeting. It covered all of the main issues



before us. While we have many achievements behind us, we also have many challenges ahead of us. President Trump commended all of our achievements, especially the breaking of the Iranian axis".

Netanyahu said that he informed the US President about the "sacrifice of the fighters who have fallen, the steadfastness of our people".

He further noted, "We agreed that all of the objectives we set for the war must be completed".

These were enlisted by him as follows--the elimination of Hamas, the return of all of our hostages, ensuring that Gaza never again constitutes a threat to Israel, returning all of the residents in both north and south, and preventing Iran from attaining nuclear weapons.

Netanyahu brought to attention Trump's vision for 'the day after.'

"President Trump came with a completely different vision, much better for the State of

Israel, a revolutionary and creative vision, which we are discussing. He is very determined to carry it out. This also opens many possibilities before us", Netanyahu added in his remarks.

The Israeli Prime Minister said that he would share more details of the meeting in "appropriate forums" and said that the visit to the US, "constitutes a historic turning point for the State of Israel".

Netanyahu added that meanwhile Israel would continue to enforce the ceasefire agreements. In a significant statement he added, "This requires us to take action, sometimes to use live fire to enforce them. We are doing so in the south and in the north."

In his concluding remarks, Netanyahu said, "My directive this evening - nobody reaches the perimeter fence or penetrates it. This is part of the agreement which we will enforce, and will enforce vigorously. We expect Hamas to meet all of its commitments and this is one of them."

Taiwan probes companies assisting citizens in obtaining Chinese ID cards

The issue came to light after YouTuber 'Pa Chiung' revealed that some companies in Taiwan help people apply for Chinese documents.

TAIPEI, Feb 10 (Agencies): The National Immigration Agency and national security officials have uncovered at least five companies assisting Taiwanese citizens in applying for Chinese identification cards while travelling in China, Taipei Times reported citing sources.

The issue came to light after YouTuber "Pa Chiung" revealed that some companies in Taiwan help people apply for Chinese documents.

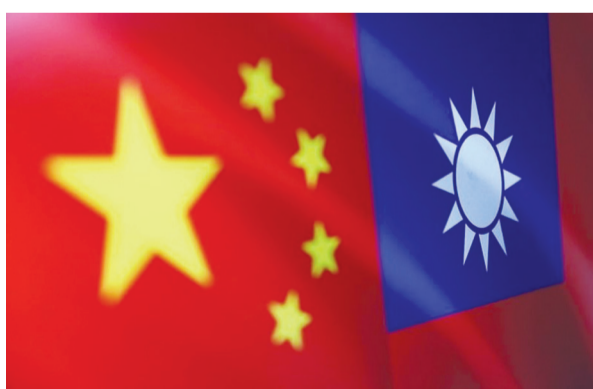
Last week, Minister of the Interior Liu Shyh-fang confirmed that three to five public relations firms in both southern and northern Taiwan are under investigation for potentially violating the Act Governing Relations Between the People of Taiwan and the Mainland for alleg-

edly assisting the Taiwanese in applying for Chinese ID cards, Taipei Times reported.

Sources said that two of these companies operate in Taiwan. One, a travel agency in Tainan, offers a three-day package trip that includes opening a bank account in Xiamen, China.

Another company, located in Banciao District, New Taipei City, primarily deals with real estate, auto sales, and online advertising, but also offers services to help Taiwanese citizens apply for Chinese ID cards during a two-night, three-day trip, sources said, as reported by Taipei Times.

In addition, three companies identified in China's Fujian Province are under investigation. One of them, Fujian Fa-cai



Information Technology Ltd, promotes large loans in the millions of yuan from Chinese banks at "extremely low interest rates" as an incentive for Taiwanese to apply for Chinese ID cards.

Another, a public relations firm based in Xiamen, uses social media to advertise its services in helping Taiwanese obtain Chinese identification.

The third company

was established by Taiwanese nationals in the Zhangzhou Taiwanese Investment Zone. It aims to attract young Taiwanese to apply for Chinese ID cards, with two men, Lin Chin-cheng and Su Shih-en, allegedly involved, the source said.

The Ministry of the Interior revoked Su's citizenship last month after he displayed his Chinese ID card in one of Pa Chiung's videos on

Beijing's "united front" tactics.

"Assisting others in applying for Chinese ID cards is illegal," an official said on condition of anonymity.

While domestic travel agencies can help apply for Taiwan compatriot permits, they may not assist with applications for illegal documents such as Chinese permanent residence cards or Chinese ID cards, the official said.

Individuals operating these businesses without government approval, or collaborating with Chinese authorities, could face fines ranging from (New Taiwan dollar) NT USD 100,000 to NT\$500,000 under the Act Governing Relations Between the People of Taiwan and the Mainland, the official stated.

Sri Lanka: 4 killed, 25 injured in road accident



COLOMBO, Feb 10 (Agencies): Four people have died and around 25 others were injured after two passenger buses collided in Thorayaya in northwestern

Sri Lanka on Monday, police reported. The injured have been admitted to Kurunegala Teaching Hospital, the region's main hospital, according to police.

Authorities stated that one of the buses was speeding at the time of the accident.

Road accidents are common in Sri Lanka, with many involving buses, official data shows.

In response to the increasing number of bus accidents, Sri Lankan authorities have been intensifying legal actions against individuals who violate traffic regulations on buses.

Two men, including police constable, kidnapped, killed in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Feb 10 (Agencies): Unknown gunmen kidnapped and then shot dead two people, including a police constable, in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a police official said on Monday.

District Police Officer Ziauddin said the con-

stable and the other victim were abducted and later killed on Sunday in the Gurbaz Baka Khel area of Bannu district.

They were abducted from the Baka Khel Mandi area, the official said.

The officer however said personal enmity

was the reason behind the brutal killings.

The kidnappers filmed and later uploaded on the internet the brutal shooting of the two abductees.

He said the police have started investigation and probing the incident from different angles.

Director Agriculture Jammu inaugurates Training Programme on Geo-Spatial Techniques for Soil Survey & Mapping

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JAMMU, Feb 10: Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, today inaugurated a three-day Training Programme on Geo-Spatial Techniques in Soil Survey & Mapping, under the Capacity Building Component of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Project No. 19 (JKSLRI).

The programme is organized by the Divisional Soil Survey Scheme, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu, in collaboration with the Soil & Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI), New Delhi, at Baba Jitto Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The programme aims to equip 20 officers from the Soil Survey and Soil Testing wings of the Agriculture Department



with advanced technical expertise in modern soil mapping methodologies.

In his address, Director Agriculture Jammu, the Chief Guest on the occasion, highlighted the diverse agro-climatic conditions and soil types of the Jammu division.

He expressed confidence that the training

would significantly enhance the technical capabilities of field officers, enabling them to adopt state-of-the-art tools and methodologies for effective soil resource assessment and management.

The programme features expert-led sessions by distinguished professionals from

SLUSI, New Delhi, including Dr. A.K. Yadav (SSO, SLUSI), Dr. Suman Saha (SLUSI), N.S. Gahalod (ASSO, SLUSI), and Mahendra Singh (ASSO, SLUSI, Noida).

The training will combine theoretical knowledge with practical demonstrations, covering various aspects of

geo-spatial applications in soil survey and mapping for sustainable agricultural planning.

Earlier, Welcoming the experts and participants, Suresh Khajuria, DSSO Jammu, outlined the objectives of the training, emphasizing the critical role of geo-spatial techniques in achieving precision in soil survey and land-use planning.

The event witnessed the presence of key officials, including Satish Sharma, Joint Director (Extension/SLUB) Jammu (Nodal Officer, Project No. 19, HADP), Aman Jyoti, Agriculture Chemist Jammu, Alok Pandotra, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings) Jammu, and Dharmesh Vaid, SMS-RL. The inaugural session was conducted by Rajeev Katoch, Programme Officer, JDAE.

HDFC Bank, CERSAI hosted an awareness programme on Central KYC Record Registry

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JAMMU, Feb 10: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector banks and the Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest (CERSAI), a Government of India company, hosted a one-day awareness programme on Central KYC Record Registry (CKYCRR).

The objective of this programme was to provide comprehensive insights on Know Your Client (KYC), Anti Money Laundering (AML) and utilisation of KYC data available at CKYCRR and process to be followed while using the CKYCRR data thus creating a secure and transparent financial ecosystem and protecting financial institutions from risks of fraud

and asset duplication.

The programme was attended by over 100 senior officials from private, public and co-operative banks and NBFCs pan-India, including senior officials from Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Financial Intelligence Unit, CERSAI and HDFC Bank.

Bhavesh Zaveri, Executive Director - HDFC Bank spoke on the growth of CERSAI over the years to become a single point repository of data and customer's KYC documents. The organisation currently has over 7,000 reporting entities registered with them covering almost 100 crore customers that can be leveraged by all the reporting entities. He also thanked the RBI for the support extended

in the area of Central Know Your Customer (CKYC) usage.

Umesh Kumar Singh, MD and CEO - CERSAI, spoke on the occasion and explained the process of submission of records under CKYC to CERSAI and its usage for customer identification. He also shared the manner in which customers themselves can obtain their CKYC Number, either through a missed call or from the website of CERSAI by following the steps mentioned.

Singh thanked HDFC Bank for hosting the event at Bank House, Mohali. Other operational issues related to submission of records to CERSAI basis the latest Master Direction from RBI on KYC AML were also discussed and clarified.

Free medical camp organised by People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with Army

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JAMMU, Feb 10: People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with 2 Assam of the Indian Army conducted a "Free Medical Camp" at Government High School Kaleeth, Tehsil Akhnoor and District Jammu and was supported by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity Jammu.

The main aim of conducting this medical camp was to provide essential free health care services to the villagers in the Area of responsibility of 2 Assam.

The People's Hut Foundation headed by Dr. Rohit Koul and Dr. Ritu Koul which is a national level registered NGO registered with Govt of India & Niti Aayog brought together a team of dedicated health care professionals who volunteered to offer medical consultations.



The medical camp themed "Mobile Health Clinic Program" saw an overwhelming participation where 486 patients availed the free services from villages of Kaleeth and adjoining Block.

In addition to medical consultation in Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Pathology, General medicine, Oncology, Clinical Psychology the camp also provided free Allopathic and Ayush Medicines along with basic health screening

and awareness about Nutrition, Hygiene and preventive care.

The Directorate of Ayush also participated in the camp and was represented by Medical Officers Dr. Dheeraj Raina and Dr. Sanjay Pandita along with other Ayush Staff.

The medical camp provided medical services to the villagers which lacked basic medical facilities due to their proximity to the Line of Control.

A special ECHS ser-

vice camp for the people of Kaleeth and nearby villages was also organized by Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity under the guidance of Dr. Harmeet Singh, MD - Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity and Group Director Ujala Cygnus Emergency and Trauma in collaboration with People's Hut Foundation It received a great response from the ex Serviceman.

Team of Doctors and supporting Staff who participated and provided their services in the camp were Dr. Harsheen Bali (Dentistry), Dr. Sohail Goni (General Physician), Dr. Richu Sharma (Oncologist), Dr. Jaspreet Singh (Endocrinologist), Dr. Imran Khan (Orthopaedic PT), Dr. Divya Sarotia (Physiotherapist), Dr. Sehrish Bilal Bhat (Physiotherapist) Dr. Ritu Koul (Clinical Psychologist and Counselor), Dr. Sanjay Pandita (Medi-

cal Officer Ayush), Dr. Dheeraj Raina (Medical Officer Ayush), Vijay Sharma Pharmacist), Vikas Koul (Advisor and CTM People's Hut Foundation), Dinesh Sharma (Marketing and Sales Head at Ujala Cygnus Jammu), Mehran Masood Dar (Marketing and Sales Officer at Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity).

The village elders and Ex-Servicemen of the area of responsibility conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Indian Army, People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity and Directorate of Ayush for organising the multi-disciplinary camp.

The representatives of People's Hut Foundation, Ujala Cygnus JK Medicity, Directorate of Ayush including doctors and Paramedical Staff were also felicitated by the 2 Assam regiment of the Indian army.

Chemistry Deptt GDC Nowshera hosts seminar on BioChemistry



Top News Report

NOWSHERA, Feb 10: The Department of Chemistry successfully organized a thought-provoking seminar on "Bio Chemistry" aimed at promoting sustainable practices in the field of chemical sciences.

The event witnessed the participation of students and faculty members, with five talented students delivering insightful presentations on the topic. Among faculty members Dr. Kuldeep Verma, professor Javed Ahmed and Dr.

Sunil Dutt were present.

Dr. Mohd Saleem, Head of the Department of Chemistry, extended a warm welcome to the esteemed gathering, including the college Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad, faculty members, and students. In his address, Dr. Saleem emphasized the importance of adopting environmentally friendly chemical processes for a sustainable future.

Principal, Dr. Shamim Ahmed Azad in his speech, appreciated the department's efforts in fostering awareness

about Bio chemistry and lauded the students for their impressive research and presentations. He encouraged students to actively engage in discussions on sustainability and innovation.

Among the five student speakers, Nikhil Sayal secured the first position for his outstanding presentation.

Dr. Neha concluded the event with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Principal, faculty, and students for their enthusiastic participation and contribution to make the seminar a success.

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Amit Shah to meet BJP MLAs from J&K to shape party strategy

Minister Omar Abdullah, who holds charge of the Finance Department, will present the budget for 2025-26.

"The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir has now ceased to exist and J&K is now under the Indian Constitution following abrogation of special status of erstwhile State on August 5, 2019," the sources pointed out and said the House will run as per Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019 and the rules being framed as per the Act by a Business Rules Committee of the House headed by Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather as ex-officio chairman.

The Home Minister is reported to have assured the Leader of Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir that the Government is coming out with a strong policy to curb menace of drugs in the UT as the drugs are also being used for financing terrorism.

On surge in crime including incidents of firing and thefts in Jammu, Shah told Sunil Sharma that he held comprehensive review of security situation in Jammu and Kashmir recently and will hold another round of review to ensure that peace in the region is not disturbed at any cost. He said clear cut directions have been issued to the police to ensure that law and order is maintained at any cost.

The Home Minister said the Village Defence Guards (VDGs) will be further strengthened and will be given sophisticated arms and ammunition to counter the terrorist. Sharma raised the issue of brutal assault on an ex-serviceman's family in Kulgam and urged the Home Minister to ensure rehabilitation and education for the victim's family.

By-elections to two Assembly seats of Jammu and Kashmir are also due and could be held in the months of March and April. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah quit Budgam seat while retaining Ganderbal while Nagrota Assembly seat in Jammu region fell vacant due to the death of Devender Singh Rana.

Besides, five MLAs including two women, two Kashmiri Pandits, one of them a woman, and one Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) refugee are yet to be nominated to the Assembly. The MLAs are to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor.

All four Rajya Sabha seats of Jammu and Kashmir are also vacant since February 2021 and elections to them are also expected to be held anytime.

CM Omar Abdullah to meet Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi today

discuss several issues. This would be third meeting of Omar Abdullah with Amit Shah

since taking over as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

Last week, the Home Minister chaired a security review meeting at his residence in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by top security and civil officials including Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Katra-Kashmir train service likely to start in next 15 days: Report

Kashmir Valley and the third for the Union Territory (UT).

The train, which has already arrived in the region, has successfully completed its trial run. Operated and maintained by the Northern Railway (NR) zone, the orange-and-grey-colored train is expected to begin its commercial service soon.

A senior railway official told ETNOW that the Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express is likely to be launched within the next fifteen days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the train.

The fare for the journey has not been finalized yet, but it is expected to be around ₹1500-1600 for the AC Chair Car and ₹2200-2500 for the Executive Chair Car.

Designed for extreme cold conditions, this Vande Bharat train has special anti-freezing features. Unlike other Vande Bharat trains in the country, it is built to operate smoothly in temperatures as low as -20°C. It comes with advanced heating systems to ensure pas-

senger comfort and uninterrupted operation.

The driver's cabin features a heated windshield to prevent fogging or freezing, ensuring clear visibility.

Additionally, heating elements in the plumbing and bio-toilets prevent water from freezing, allowing essential systems to function even in harsh winter conditions.

Indian Army conducts patrolling in snow-covered Doda

The region has witnessed multiple terrorist attacks in the past. The Army's vigilant presence has been instrumental in monitoring and preventing terrorist activities, ensuring the safety of the local population.

In response to past militant attacks, security forces have intensified surveillance, adopting a proactive approach to locate and neutralize foreign terrorists.

The Army's counter-terrorism operations in Doda have yielded positive results, further reinforcing security in the region.

10,152 Indians imprisoned across 86 Countries, With Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Qatar holding the highest numbers

government clarified that no abnormal increase in arrests had been observed following the FIFA World Cup.

Saudi Arabia leads the list with 2,633 Indians in custody, followed closely by the UAE with 2,518. Qatar ranks third, while Pakistan holds 266 Indian prisoners. Other notable figures include Nepal (1,317), Kuwait (387), and Malaysia (338). The presence of Indian detainees extends beyond the Gulf and South Asia, with 288 in the United Kingdom, 169 in the United States, 173 in China, and 168 in Italy. The data underscores the global footprint of legal challenges faced by Indian expatriates, with cases ranging from visa violations to criminal offences.

The government has reiterated its commitment to securing the rights of Indians in foreign jails through diplomatic efforts, consular support, and the Indian Community Welfare Fund, which provides financial aid in distress situations. Additionally, India has prisoner transfer treaties with multiple countries, allowing convicted individuals to serve their sentences in India. However, stringent privacy laws in some nations, such as Qatar, limit the information available on specific cases unless prisoners consent to disclosure.

Punjab Police busts terror module in Amritsar; 3 arrested with AK-47, pistols

Search Operation underway in Poonch

suffered bullet injuries and were admitted to a hospital, police said.

The trio has been identified as Lovepreet Singh, Buta Singh and Karandeep Singh, all residents of Amritsar Rural having links with a Dubai-based man who helped in providing them with money and weapons. Confirming the arrests, Amritsar Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the module was being operated by terrorist Happy Passia and others from abroad. During preliminary investigation, it was found that they were behind the 'explosion' near a closed police post on the Fatehgarh Churian by-pass road on February 3 when a 'blast-like' sound was heard.

Surankote and Gursai areas were initiated following information about suspicious movement, the officials said. The Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police along with the CRPF cordoned off lower Chanan, Sair, Sanai forest, Chiti Bhati and Fazalabad in Surankote, Darai forest and adjoining areas in Mendhar, and Khokhar Mohalla, Kandi and Galhutta in Gursai.

The search operations were underway when last reports were received.

IGP Jammu Zone reviews operational preparedness of DKR Range

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jammu Zone, Bhim Sen Tuti, on Monday conducted a high-level review meeting on the operational preparedness of the Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban (DKR) range.

The review was held at the Range Police Headquarters, Batote with senior officers from the Jammu Zone, including officials from Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban districts.

During the meeting, IGP Jammu meticulously assessed the security situation, operational readiness, and



response mechanisms in the region.

The focus was on ensuring the effective coordination between various security agencies and police forces deployed in the area to maintain law and order, as well as to combat

potential security threats.

A detailed review of the strategic deployment of forces across the Doda, Kishtwar, and Ramban districts was conducted.

Emphasis was placed on countering emerging security challenges,

improving surveillance, and enhancing coordination between field forces and the intelligence network.

The IGP Jammu also discussed strengthening the logistics support, patrolling, and preventive measures to thwart

any potential incidents. IGP Jammu also highlighted the need for continuous engagement with local communities, particularly in areas with difficult terrain, to foster cooperation and build trust.

Ensuring the welfare of officers deployed in these areas, particularly in remote and challenging locations, was also stressed as a priority.

DIG DKR Range; SSsP of Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban; SSP Special Ops and Trg, ZPHQ, Jammu; SsP Ops of Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and Jammu; and SO to IGP Jammu were present on the occasion.

Mission Statehood: YRS takes out protest rally in Jammu



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JAMMU, Feb 10: Reiterating the restoration of statehood Status of Jammu Kashmir, Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) took out massive protest rally in Jammu on Monday.

Protest rally was started from Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Statue near main Tawi Bridge in the presence of thousands of Youth and supporters under the direction of Chairman YRS Raghuvir Singh Chib along with Former President Rajan Singh Happy, Core committee members and all stakeholders.

Protest holds in the shape of March rally which is started from Maharaja Hari Singh Statue and march towards Bikram Chowk and after marching round , finished at Maharaja Sahab Statue and many numbers of people who are present in protest raise the slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai , Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Amar Rahe, We want Statehood and statehood is our birth right, Jai Jammu Kash-

mir " by holding National Flag and YRS flags in their hands.

YRS Chairman Raghuvir Singh said that " Statehood is our birth right, we will get back " and as we look back on the glorious history of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K is one and only princely state who never ruled by outsiders and Independent State before 1947 and it's very sad and painful that one's time princely and biggest state J&K now demoted into UT and breaks into parts.

Raghuvir strongly condemned the behavior of Central Administration as they fails to fulfil the promise and demand of Restoration of Statehood to J&K as the direction given by Honorable Supreme Court is not recommended till now.

President YRS Vikram briefed that J&K Statehood is our identity and we will fight for it and if Central Administration doesn't recommended our demand of Statehood seriously , Team YRS started agitation to restore J&K statehood very soon and started March and awareness drive in whole J&K and

Members of YRS District teams started agitations and protest in every district and raise their voice against Administration for not Restoration Statehood demand.

" YRS work for the people interest of Jammu Kashmir people and would like to mention that it is a non political organisation."

Former president Rajan Singh Happy showed anger against political parties and said that all political parties plays with the sentiments and emotions of people of J&K as their promises of Restoration of Statehood and Empower Local are totally fails and why they silent on the burning issues faces by the people of J&K.

Team YRS members also raise voice against increasing crime, drug and mafia in Jammu Province and they all appeal to people of J&K to give support to YRS as the one and only way to maintain peace, law and order and being better future of J&K is Mission Statehood and we all have to be united and fight for our rights and betterment.

Modi Govt prioritizing developmental projects to enhance quality of life in J&K: Arvind Gupta

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Reaffirming the BJP's commitment to development and public welfare, BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta emphasized that the government at the Centre is prioritizing developmental projects to enhance the quality of life for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The MLA was speaking after conducting an inspection of the ongoing repair work of the Nallah at Poonch House in the Jammu West Assembly Constituency. He was accompanied by Mandal President Anil Angral, Former Corporator Sanjay Baru, Former Corporator Neelam Nargotra, and several other local representa-

tives, including Keshav Chopra, Jatinder Khajuria, K.L Sharma, Bachan Bhagat, Bubesh Sharma, Kaith ji, Vikas Kumar and Sumit Verma.

During the inspection, he also interacted with local residents and assured them that infrastructural issues, long neglected by previous governments nearly 60 years, are now being systematically addressed under the BJP-led administration.

"The BJP believes in action, not empty rhetoric. The repair and upgradation of this Nallah will prevent waterlogging, improve sanitation, and provide a healthier environment for the residents. The Modi government is working relentlessly to ensure people get the

basic amenities they deserve," he said.

Arvind further stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a new era of development, with massive improvements in roads, drainage, water supply, and urban infrastructure. He asserted that the double-engine government of BJP is committed to holistic growth and will leave no stone unturned in resolving long-standing civic issues.

Arvind Gupta also directed the concerned officials and engineers to expedite the repair work while maintaining high-quality standards. He stressed the importance of timely completion of projects to avoid inconvenience to the



public. He assured continuous monitoring of the project and reiterated that BJP remains steadfast in its mission to create a progressive, modern, and well-developed Jammu and Kashmir.

He further appealed to the people to actively participate in the development process by providing feedback and cooperating with government agencies.

Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School bids farewell to outgoing students



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Sant Hare Ram Dass Public School organized a heartfelt farewell party for its outgoing Class X students at the school assembly ground.

The event was attended by students, teachers, and the school management, all gathered to bid a warm adieu to the departing batch.

As a token of appreciation, the outgoing

students were felicitated with certificates and gifts in recognition of their achievements during their time at the school. Addressing the gathering, Principal Prof. Aekta Gupta lauded the students for their hard work, dedication, and perseverance and encouraged them to strive for excellence in their future endeavors.

The farewell celebration was filled with cultural performances,

heartfelt speeches, and a special photo booth, making it a memorable occasion for all. The students shared emotional moments with their teachers and friends, reminiscing about their journey at the school.

"We are proud of our outgoing students and wish them all the best for their future," said Principal Prof. Aekta Gupta. "We hope they will stay connected with us and make a positive impact in the world."

GDC Kathua organizes awareness program on three new criminal laws

Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 10: The Literary Committee of GDC, Kathua in collaboration with the Kathua Police, organized an awareness program aimed at disseminating information about the three newly enacted criminal laws. The event, held at Smart classroom of the College, witnessed the participation of legal experts, law enforcement officers, academicians, and students, who engaged in insightful discussions on the implications of these new laws.

The dignitaries were welcomed by principal, Prof. Seema Mir, who emphasized the impor-



importance of public awareness regarding legislative changes.

The event was graced by additional SP, Rahul Charak. CPO, Manish Kumar highlighted the key provisions of the new criminal laws and their impact on law enforcement and the justice system.

Geetanjali, DSP provided detailed insights into the amendments,

ensuring that attendees gained a comprehensive understanding of their rights and responsibilities under the revised legal framework.

A special interactive session was conducted by SI, Yousuf Lone, allowing participants to seek clarifications on various aspects of the new laws. The event also saw active engage-

ment from students and literary enthusiasts, who contributed their perspectives through presentations and discussions.

Speaking on the occasion, DSP, Manjeet Singh underscored the role of active citizens and education in promoting legal literacy and fostering a responsible society.

The collaboration

between the Literary Committee and the Police was lauded as a commendable initiative to bridge the gap between legal reforms and public understanding.

The program was hosted by Dr. Kamaljit Kour.

Prof. Shivani Kotwal delivered a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the organizers, speakers, and participants for making the event a success.

The Kathua Police reaffirmed their commitment to conducting similar awareness drives in the future to ensure that the citizens remain well-informed about the evolving legal landscape.

Police organizes cybercrime workshop at DPO Kishtwar

Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Feb 10: On the directions of SSP Kishtwar Javid Iqbal Mir, a one-day Cybercrime Awareness Workshop was organized today at District Police Office (DPO) Kishtwar. The workshop was attended by In-charge Police Posts (IC PPs), officials from various Police Stations, and other field officers, aiming to enhance their knowledge and response mechanisms against evolving cyber threats.

The session was conducted by IC CCIU Kishtwar PSI Moi Khan, who delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the latest cybercrime trends. The presentation covered various forms of cyber fraud, including phishing, vishing, smishing, online financial frauds, digital arrests by hackers, pornography-related cybercrimes, mobile phone thefts, fake calls, and other emerging threats in the digital landscape. During the session, participants were sensitized about



the immediate steps to be taken when handling cybercrime-related complaints at Police Stations, Police Posts, and Police Pickets. Special emphasis was laid on the importance of registering complaints promptly, guiding victims through the legal process, and utilizing

online resources such as the national cybercrime helpline number 1930, NCRP and CEIR Portal. Officers were also briefed on addressing social media frauds, online banking scams, and other technology-driven offenses.

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ing and addressing social media frauds, online banking scams, and other technology-driven offenses.

The session also underscored the importance of public awareness initiatives, urging officers to conduct outreach programs to educate citizens on cyber hygiene and preventive measures against online frauds.

The workshop marks a significant step by J&K Police in strengthening cybercrime detection, prevention, and awareness in Kishtwar district.

Annual Urs of Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) celebrated with religious fervour at Waltangoo

Top News Report

KULGAM, Feb 10: Amid freezing winter, the annual Urs of Sufi saint Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA) was celebrated with religious fervor at Waltangoo area of Kund in South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Monday.

An eyewitness said that thousands of people, including women and children, visited the shrine to pay their obeisance. The maximum rush of devotees was witnessed on yesterday afternoon when devotees converged at the shrine to offer special prayers along with the recitation of Quran and Naat.

According to a local resident told

Top News JK correspondent Gh Nabi khanday, that every year devotees from different walks of life through the shrine to pay reverence to the saint and seek his blessings.

During the sermon, the preachers threw light on the Islamic teachings and life of Hazrat Syed Noor Shah Wali Baghdadi (RA), who devoted his life to the service of people and preaching of Islam.

The Urs Mubarak is being observed on 9th February every year. The devotees during the Urs prayed for long-lasting peace in Kashmir and sought peace, blessings and mercy from Almighty Also Dua-e-Majlis and Fateh khawani was offered by the devotees.

Jay Shah announces "Donate Organs, Save Lives" initiative ahead of 3rd IND-ENG ODI at Ahmedabad

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MUMBAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah announced the awareness initiative "Donate Organs, Save Lives" ahead of the third ODI between India and England, which will take place at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

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"On the occasion of the 3rd ODI between India and England in Ahmedabad on February 12th, we are proud to launch an awareness initiative - "Donate Organs, Save Lives." Sport has the power to inspire, unite, and create lasting impact



beyond the field. Through this initiative, we urge everyone to take a step towards giving the greatest gift of all - the gift of life. One pledge, one decision, can save multiple lives. Let's come together and make a difference! #DonateOrgansSaveLives #INDvENG," posted Shah.

England is currently 2-0 behind in the series and have lost both

the T20I and ODI series to India, marking a poor start for head coach Brendon McCullum as the team's white-ball coach with Jos Buttler.

Summarising the match, England won the toss and decided to bat first. Joe Root (69 runs from 72 balls, 6 fours) and Ben Duckett (65 runs from 56 balls, 10 fours) delivered masterful knocks, powering England to

304 in their first innings. Liam Livingstone (41 runs from 32 balls, 2 fours, and 2 sixes) and Jos Buttler (34 runs from 35 balls, 2 fours) also contributed, helping England surpass the 300-run mark.

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"Pakistan are a side that....": Shastri on hosts' ICC Champions Trophy chances



MUMBAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Former Indian head coach Ravi Shastri feels that defending champions Pakistan will do well in the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy and could be very dangerous in their home conditions if they make it to the knockout stages.

Shastri was speaking on the latest episode of the ICC Review. Pakistan will be playing their ICC Champions Trophy campaign opener against New Zealand in Karachi on February 19. Despite a loss to the Kiwis at the start of their home tri-nation series featuring South Africa, there is plenty of momentum with Pakistan due to series wins in Australia and South Africa leading up to the tournament.

Shastri acknowledged the immense pressure that comes with playing

at home, particularly in sub-continent conditions.

Despite this, Shastri believes Pakistan possesses the depth and potential to thrive on familiar turf.

"There is always pressure when you play at home in the sub-continent - whether it is India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, or Pakistan - the expectations are massive," Shastri remarked as quoted by ICC.

"But I think Pakistan are the kind of side that, with the exposure they have had in the last six to eight months in white-ball cricket, have put up some really strong performances, especially in South Africa."

Shastri also touched on the absence of talented young opener Saim Ayub, who is currently sidelined due to an ankle injury.

"They have missed

Ayub at the top, and he is a crucial player," Shastri noted.

"But Pakistan have enough depth to be dangerous, especially in home conditions. I would say they should qualify for the semi-finals and from there, it's anyone's game," he added.

Shastri remains confident that, if they make it through to the knockout stages, Pakistan could pose a serious threat to any team.

"Pakistan are still very, very dangerous, and if they qualify, they will be doubly more dangerous," he concluded.

Pakistan's next match will be against South Africa on February 12 at Karachi, a must-win affair for them.

Pakistan's Group Stage Fixtures:

February 19 - Pakistan vs New Zealand, Karachi.

February 23 - Pakistan vs India, Dubai.

February 27 - Pakistan vs Bangladesh, Rawalpindi.

Pakistan squad: Mohammad Rizwan (c), Babar Azam, Fakhar Zaman, Kamran Ghulam, Saud Shakeel, Tayyab Tahir, Faheem Ashraf, Khushdil Shah, Salman Ali Agha, Usman Khan, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Hasnain, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi.

England all-rounder Bethell ruled out of Champions Trophy

CUTTACK, Feb 10 (Agencies): England suffered a major setback ahead of the Champions Trophy as promising all-rounder Jacob Bethell has been ruled out of the tournament due to a hamstring injury, skipper Jos Buttler has confirmed.

"I'm pretty sure he's been ruled out of the Champions Trophy, to be honest," Buttler said after their four-wicket defeat to India in the second ODI here.

"So, that's really disappointing for him. Obviously, he played nicely the other day

and has been one of the really exciting players. So, it's a shame that the injury is going to rule him out."

The 21-year-old left-hander, who scored a half-century and took a wicket in the first ODI at Nagpur, missed the match here as the visitors called up batter Tom Banton as a cover.

The deadline to submit the final squads for the Champions Trophy is Wednesday.

England begin their Champions Trophy campaign against Australia on February 22.



Carlos Alcaraz expresses happiness following maiden indoor title win at Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, Feb 10 (Agencies): Spanish tennis sensation Carlos Alcaraz expressed happiness after securing the Rotterdam Open singles title, which is his first-ever indoor tour-level title.

After 16 tour-level titles and four Grand Slams, Alcaraz's chase for a maiden indoor tour-level title came to an end as he defeated Alex de Minaur in the summit clash 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. He became the first-ever Spanish to win the title in its 52-year-old history.

Taking to Instagram, Alcaraz wrote, "It means so much to me to win in Rotterdam! It has been a very special week! Thank you for the support from day one! Congratulations @alexde Minaur for the tournament and a tremendous battle in the final!"

De Minaur made Alcaraz play a third decider set, but the 21-year-old kept his rhythm intact to get his 17th tour-level title in a match that lasted one hour and 54 minutes.

Following the match, as quoted by ATP's official website, Alcaaz said to

his team after the win, "This week has been a really good week all together. Putting in really good work. Coming here not feeling 100 per cent well with the cold but after every day I am feeling better and better. Rotterdam has been a really special week for me. I was going to say not only for the title... yeah for the title as well, but for the support that I received here since the first day."

"It was the first time that I was playing here and you made it like I have been playing this tournament for a long time," he added.

Alcaraz had become the first player to secure ATP 500 titles on clay, grass and hard courts and now has an indoor title finally. He has improved his record in tournament finals to 17-5. He also moved to 3-0 in the ATP head-to-head battle with De Minaur.

Alcaraz started his season with a quarterfinal finish in the Australian Open, losing to Novak Djokovic, but now has something to cheer about as it is his first trophy since beating Jannik Sinner at the Beijing Open last October.

Champions Trophy a chance for Virat and Rohit to prove themselves: Harbhajan Singh

DUBAI, Feb 10 (Agencies): Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh backed Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to showcase their match-winning abilities in the upcoming Champions Trophy, stressing that while expectations are high, both still have the talent to deliver, even as young players wait for their opportunities.

"Virat and Rohit haven't scored as many runs as expected, given their past performances. The expectations are high, and when they fall short, criticism is natural. However, with the Champions Trophy ahead, they have a great opportunity to showcase their abilities and prove how they can still win matches for India. If they don't succeed,



naturally, the young players waiting in the wings will start getting more opportunities. But I still believe both have plenty of cricket left in them--they are highly capable players who can still score runs," he told agency.

Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh believes India has an advantage in the 2025

ICC Champions Trophy, underlining that familiarity with Dubai's pitches will give them an edge over Pakistan in their much-anticipated clash.

Speaking to agency, Singh said, "The hype is being created regarding the India-Pakistan match...the team that is going to adjust better with the pitch will get a better result...India has

an advantage, it will play all its matches in Dubai so it will have an idea about the pitch and conditions. Overall I feel the Indian team is better than the Pakistan team and the result will be in favour of India..."

ties. Players like Arshdeep and Shami have a chance to make an impact and prove themselves," he added.

The thrilling two-week competition will see the world's top eight teams put it all on the line in 15 intense matches across 19 days, with every match counting in the pursuit of the iconic white jackets.

Fans still have an opportunity to get their tickets for the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 by purchasing them online or visiting physical ticket providers in Pakistan. Tickets for the final, to be played on Sunday, March 9, will be available for purchase following the conclusion of the first semi-final in Dubai, as per the ICC.

Rohit Sharma storms into top 10 ODI run-getters list, overtakes Sachin

At Cuttack, every minute spent was worth it for fans who had waited for months to witness Rohit hit top gear once again. The Hitman set his struggles aside, timing and middling his shots with perfection to score 119 in 90 balls, with 12 fours and seven sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of 132.22.

CUTTACK (ODISHA), Feb 10 (Agencies): Indian skipper Rohit Sharma made a memorable return to form with a power-packed century against England at Cuttack in the second ODI on Sunday, helping him overtake Rahul Dravid to enter the top 10 run-getters in ODI cricket.

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In 267 ODIs, Rohit has 10,987 runs at an average of 49.26 and a strike rate of 92.70. He has 32 centuries and 57 fifties, with a best score of 264. He is the 10th-highest run-getter in ODIs. Dravid has on the other hand, scored 10,889 runs in 344 matches and 318 innings at an average of 39.16, with 12 centuries, 83 fifties, and best score of 153.

Rohit also overtook legendary Sachin Tendulkar to become the second-highest run-getter for India as an opener in international cricket. In 343 matches,

he has scored 15,404 runs at an average of 45.43, with 44 centuries and 79 fifties. His best score is 264.

On the other hand, Sachin has scored 15,335 runs at an average of 48.07 in 346 matches and 342 innings. He has made 45 centuries and 75 fifties, with the best score of 200*. The highest-run-getter for India as an opener is Virender Sehwag, who has scored 15,758 runs in 321 matches and 388 innings at an average of 41.90, with 36 centuries and 65 fifties. His best score is 319.

The four-wicket tri-



umph in Cuttack was Rohit's 36th ODI win as captain. He is now tied with legendary Viv Richards for the third-highest wins as captain in the format. Clive Lloyd, Ricky Ponting and Virat are tied at the top with 39 wins in the ODIs as captain.

Rohit took a step closer to dethroning Pakistan's former explosive all-rounder Shahid Afridi for the most sixes in the men's ODI format.

In his 119-run blitzkrieg, Rohit tonked seven maximums, taking him past Chris Gayle's record of 331. After his swashbuckling display, Rohit sits in the second

spot with 338 sixes in men's ODIs, only Afridi ahead of him with 351 sixes.

Summarising the match, England won the toss and decided to bat first. Joe Root (69 runs from 72 balls, 6 fours) and Ben Duckett (65 runs from 56 balls, 10 fours) delivered masterful knocks, powering England to 304 in their first innings. Liam Livingstone (41 runs from 32 balls, 2 fours, and 2 sixes) and Jos Buttler (34 runs from 35 balls, 2 fours) also contributed, helping England surpass the 300-run mark.

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LG Brig Mishra virtually participates in 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha

Top News Report

LEH, Feb 10: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) along with students from different government schools of Ladakh and officials from the Education Department participated in the 8th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, an initiative of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

With examination often a source of stress for students and their families, Pariksha Pe Charcha serves as an interactive platform where the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India directly engages with students, teachers and parents, with each edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha highlighting innovative approaches to tackle exam-related



anxiety and fostering a celebratory attitude towards learning and life.

Addressing the students, the HLG highlighted the sincerity and transparency with which the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, interacted with students from different parts of the country and cleared their doubts about facing the board exams.

He also highlighted the practical solutions the Prime Minister provided to students to allay their fears of facing the board exams as students often

find it hard to talk about exam-related anxiety with their parents.

He further highlighted the encouragement and motivation given by the Prime Minister to face the exams confidently.

Sharing anecdotes of his meetings with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the HLG asked the students to learn positivity and nation-first sentiment from the Prime Minister.

He also asked them to take notes of the practical solutions given by the Prime Minister for a positive outlook towards

life to benefit themselves and their family members.

The LG also inquired about the directions passed to the Principals/Headmasters of schools in Ladakh regarding setting up anti-drug squads to tackle drug menace in society. Calling children the future of society who will take the nation forward, the LG highlighted the need to keep them away from drugs/substance abuse.

He also asked the students to inform the school authorities if they come across instances

of other students indulging in drugs/substance abuse.

The LG also answered the queries posed by students to face board exams confidently and excel in studies and life. He also distributed Exam Warriors- a book authored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi among the students.

Earlier, Diskit Angmo, a student of Government School Saspol, gave a brief introduction to the Pariksha Pe Charcha programme.

Secretary, School Education, Bhanu Prabha, IAS; Chief Education Officer, Leh, Sonam Wangchuk; Principal, DIET Leh, Deldan Angmo; lecturers, students and officials from different Government High Schools of Leh were present in the event.

Dr Rajeev inaugurates development works in Bishnah worth Rs.67 lakh

Top News Report

BISHNAH, Feb 10: MLA Bishnah, Dr Rajeev Kumar Bhagat started the development works in Bishnah Constituency worth Rs.67 lakh which includes different works amounting to 23 lakh in Panchayat Maralia and Panchayat Pargal each being executed by the Block Agency Miran Sahib and the black topping of Bishnah Kotli Charkan road amounting to Rupees 21 lakh being executed by the R&B Department.

At Maralia the MLA Rajeev Kumar Bhagat addressing a mammoth gathering and congratulate and pay his personal gratitude to the people for the great success of BJP in Delhi and ask the people, I put my best efforts for implementation of welfare schemes for the people of the Bishnah Constituency because people voted me for their upliftment and secure the social cause.



He further stated that my approach to provide every facilities to the every nook and corner of the Constituency so that people enjoy the welfare schemes. He also mentioned that Modi government at the Centre well aware the grievances of the people and he provide so many schemes for the weaker section of the society.

Later, he also addressed a public gathering at Kotli Charkan where he start he black topping work of the Bishnah Kotli Charkan road.

The MLA took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of maintaining quality standards. He urged the engineers and officials of the PWD Department to strictly adhere to quality protocols to ensure that the road serves the community for years to come.

In the event Sonali Arora, Block Development Officer, Miran Sahib, Rafiq Ahmad Assistant Executive Engineer PWD Division Bishnah, Ex-Sarpanches, Ex-Panches and other prominent and general public of the area were present in the occasion.

Rajesh Gupta expresses concern over rising crime rate in Jammu, demands Statehood for J&K

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: Senior National Conference (NC) leader Rajesh Gupta has expressed deep concern over the alarming rise in crime rates across Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued on Monday, Gupta highlighted the growing insecurity among the people of Jammu and called for immediate measures to address the deteriorating law and order situation in the region.

Gupta stated, "The dual government system in Jammu and Kashmir has created administrative inefficiencies, leading to a lack of accountability and governance. This has directly impacted the safety and security of the people. The rising crime rate is a matter of grave concern, and the



current system is failing to address the challenges effectively."

He further emphasized that the absence of statehood for Jammu and Kashmir has exacerbated the situation, leaving the people feeling neglected and vulnerable. "The people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve a government that is fully empowered to address their concerns. The restoration of statehood is not just a political demand but a necessity to ensure effective governance and public safety,"

Gupta added. Gupta urged the central government to take immediate steps to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, stating that it would empower the local administration to tackle the rising crime rate and other pressing issues more effectively. He also called for a comprehensive review of the current administrative structure to ensure better coordination between the central and local authorities.

"The dual government system is creating confusion and delays in decision-making, which is directly affecting the lives of the people. It is high time that the central government recognizes the need for statehood and takes concrete steps to address the concerns of the people of Jammu and Kashmir,"

he said.

Gupta assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the National Conference would continue to fight for their rights and work towards restoring peace, security, and effective governance in the region.

The National Conference remains committed to safeguarding the interests of the people and will continue to raise its voice for the restoration of statehood and the implementation of measures to ensure public safety and security.

NSS Unit conducts beautification drive on 3rd day of Winter Camp



Top News Report

RS PURA, Feb 10: Provision of conducive teaching and learning environment is the need of present era for successful uplifting of educational activities in the campus. Beautification

of the campus has positive impact in enhancing students' learning and in which faculty and students can work and study comfortably. This helps pupils in developing their interest in seeking quality education too.

NSS unit today carried out college beautification drive by colouring trunks of the trees in tri colour today on the 3rd day of ongoing 7 days winter camp under the able guidance of Principal of the College, Dr. Preetpal Kour. Approx 40 students

participated in the event. Principal of the college addressed the students and said that such events spread a sense of aesthetic which considerably contributes into students' critical thinking, personality maintenance and love for nature and also applauded the efforts of volunteers and NSS team members.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Chanchal Angral NSS PO and others members of NSS committee Dr. Shivani Manchanda, Dr. Shaveen Kour, Prof Akriti Parihar, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch and Dr. Hari Singh.

Kaith, others pay obeisance at Peer Sher Shah Wali Mazaar in Ghou-Manhassan



Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 10: R.L Kaith accompanied by many others paid obeisance at the Mazaar of

Peer Sher Shah Wali in Ghou-Manhassan here today and prayed for peace and prosper-

ity of all.

Kaith said, Peer Sher Shah Wali was such personality that his impression was there extremely and widely on human beings. He was a firm believer in the unity and oneness of Allah. He was seen all the time in deep meditation with Almighty and had no relation with both of the worlds.

Peer's Chela sitting on the Gaddi, said, people of all religious faith come here to pray and ask for fulfilment of their wishes. No one returns disappointed.

Adv Tashi Gyalson meets with Tsewang Ishey

Top News Report

LEH, Feb 10: Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, in the presence of Panamik Councillor Tsering Sangdup, met with Tsewang Ishey, President of the Nambardar Association.

A discussion was held regarding several concerns raised by President Tsewang Ishey. These included the complicated process for obtaining birth and death certificates, the need for 24x7 elec-


tricity during the holy months of Tangpo, and frequent disruptions in the BSNL network. He also requested CEC to review the status of micro hydel projects in Nubra to ensure reliable electricity in remote areas.

Additionally, Tsewang Ishey urged CEC Gyalson to support the rationalization of the Nubra Wildlife Sanctuary boundaries.

Chairman assured that he would address these concerns and take

the necessary steps. Regarding the boundary rationalization of the Nubra and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries, he informed that LAHDC Leh is actively negotiating with the UT Administration for boundary fixation, with hopes for an amicable resolution soon.

He also mentioned that under the 6th LAHDC and his leadership, progress is being made, and they are optimistic about completing the process shortly.



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