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Schools in Kashmir to reopen on March 1 with festive welcome for students

SRINAGAR, Feb 22 (Agencies): After over two months of winter break, schools across Kashmir will reopen on March 1 with a festive welcome for students. The Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, on Saturday issued a circular instructing all Heads of Institutions (Hols) to ensure a warm and conducive environment as students return to classrooms.

According to the circular, schools must be decorated to attract and engage students, while necessary preparations, including sanitation, institutional planning, and time-table arrangements, should be completed well in advance. The heads of institutions have also been directed to ensure minor repairs related to drinking water, electricity, toilets, and window panes before reopening.

Furthermore, biometric attendance systems and the JK Attendance Portal must be fully functional and updated to reflect the current staff strength.

School premises should be kept neat, clean, and visually appealing to create a positive learning atmosphere, the circular said.

To facilitate smooth coordination, Complex and Cluster Heads have been asked to hold sensitization sessions with their respective schools.

"The Complex/Cluster Heads shall hold Sensitisation Sessions with their respective cluster schools to gear up all the concerned for reopening of schools in light of the above instructions," the circular read.

The winter vacations began from December 10 for classes up to 5th standard while the classes from 6th to 12th observed vacations from December 16.

Security Forces launch search operations at multiple places across Jammu

JAMMU, Feb 22: Security forces on Saturday launched anti-terror operations at nearly three dozen places across Jammu region, security officials said.

The operations were launched over suspicious movements in some parts and as part of an area domination

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Omar Abdullah inaugurates vital Akhal bridge in Kangan

KANGAN, Feb 22 (Agencies): After a long wait, the much-awaited bridge in Akhal area of Kangan in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district was officially opened to the public on Saturday. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah inaugurated the vital bridge constructed over nallah Sindh in Kangan area of Ganderbal district.

CM Omar Abdul-



lah was accompanied by MLA Kangan Mian Mehar Ali and senior

officials of administration and Chief Engineer PWD.

Notably, The foundation stone for the bridge, which connects several villages in Kunmul-Akhal and its adjoining areas, was laid in 2008. However, the project faced numerous delays, leaving residents eagerly disappointed.

Last year, MLA Kangan, Mian Mehar Ali, had assured the public during his election

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Soldier injured in landmine blast in Poonch

MENDHAR/JAMMU, Feb 22 (Agencies): A soldier was injured in an accidental landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) on Saturday, officials said.

In another incident, an old rusted mortar was recovered in a village in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, they said.

The landmine blast occurred at 10.50 am in

the Nangi-Takeri area of Krishna Ghati sector of Mendhar when the Army personnel were on patrol duty, the officials said.

They said a soldier was injured when he accidentally stepped over the landmine and was rushed to hospital.

As part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with land mines

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40 JKAS officers to attend capacity building program in Mussoorie

JAMMU, Feb 22 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir Government has sanctioned the deputation of 40 officers of the Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) for a "Capacity Building Programme in Field Administration" at the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie.

Organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, through the J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration, and Rural Development, the program will be held from February 24 to March 7, 2025, aiming to enhance administrative efficiency and governance.

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PDP launches signature campaign to garner support for complete ban on liquor



SRINAGAR, Feb 22 (Agencies): People's Democratic Party (PDP) Saturday launched a signature campaign here to garner support for a complete ban on liquor in Jammu and Kashmir.

The signature campaign, aimed to garner support for a bill proposed by the party MLA Mir Mohammad Fayaz that seeks a complete ban on liquor in the union territory, was launched by party leader Iltija Mufti at the PDP head office here.

Mufti was scheduled to kick-start the party's

campaign at Sher-e-Kashmir Park, however, the police did not allow them to reach the venue and the campaign was launched at the party office instead.

"We are here for a serious issue. Drugs and alcohol are spreading like wildfire. PDP MLA from Kupwara has introduced a bill in the J-K assembly seeking a ban on alcohol. We have started the signature campaign from the PDP office," Mufti told reporters after launching the campaign.

She said the consump-

tion of drugs and liquor is affecting the moral fabric of society.

"Our aim is to create an awareness against drugs. In the last few years, many liquor shops have come up in J-K and alcohol is freely available. We appeal to the public to support this campaign," she added.

Appealing to the other political parties to support the PDP's bill, Mufti said it was not a political issue, but a social one.

"I hope the other parties support us. I hope NC, PC and BJP as well support this bill as this is not a political issue, but a social issue. There is huge unemployment in J-K and the youth feel helpless as a result of which they are consuming alcohol and drugs," she said.

Referring to the huge presence of police outside the party office, the PDP leader said "We

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Army Officer Chairs Multi-Agency security review meeting in Jammu

JAMMU, Feb 22 (Agencies): General Officer Commanding of Jammu-based White Knight Corps Lt Gen Navin Sachdeva on Saturday conducted a joint security review meeting here with focus on maintaining peace in the region, the Army said.

The meeting comes



amid intensified search operations across Jammu to counter ter-

rorists, who have shown their presence in different districts of the division by carrying out a number of attacks last year.

"A Joint security review meeting chaired by GOC White Knight Corps was conducted along with representatives of intelligence agencies,

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People Of PoJK Want To Be Part Of India: BJP J&K President, Sat Sharma

JAMMU, Feb 22 (Agencies): On the occasion of Jammu and Kashmir Sankalp Diwas, BJP President in the Union Territory Sat Sharma claimed that people of Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) felt insecure in Pakistan and wanted to be part of India and today the atmosphere existed when people in PoJK would come out in open and express their dissent against Pakistan.

Sat Sharma said, "31 years back on this same day, our parliament passed a historic resolution on POJK. During 90's terrorism in Kashmir was at its peak. A false narrative was set since the 90's that the Indian Army is causing atrocities to the people of Kashmir and people should get independence. On Feb-



ruary 22, 1994 a resolution was passed unanimously that POJK was integral part of India. It was the Congress Government at that time, but the BJP supported this resolution. The people of POJK and Gilgit-Baltistan want to be the part of India."

He further said that on Sankalp Diwas, they felt that all those parts should be part of India.

"It is our Sankalp to get all our areas back from the clutches of Pakistan. PM Modi, by scrapping articles 370 and 35A and conducting surgical

strikes, has shown that we are not behind and that we want those parts to be part of India. At that time, the BJP stood with the Congress, but now, when such statements are given from the PM's office, a few Congress leaders stand to harm the spirit of the country," he further said.

He further claimed that people of POJK today openly say that they want to be part of India. "You can see the inflation and insecurity in Pakistan. The former PM is put behind bars. After being defeated in several wars, now Pakistan sends its terrorists to create the same situation here as prevailing in Pakistan, but our security forces are firmly holding their posts," he added.

Speaking on the J&K budget, Sat Sharma,

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **SH. DEEPEEP KUMAR DAFTARI**, fondly called as Betaji S/o Late Sh. Omkar Nath Daftari on 17th February 2025 at Medanta Medicity Hospital Gurugram, Original resident of Sathoo payeen Srinagar, at present House No. 343, Lane No. 3A Laxmi Vihar Tomal Bohri Jammu.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 26th Feb 2025 (Wednesday) at Akhnoor Ghat, Jammu.

Assembly will be held at our residence in Jammu at 11:30 AM

IN GRIEF

Reeta Koul Daftari (Wife) (9103136605)
Mehul Daftari (Son) (9901574579)
Mr. Ashok Daftari & Mrs. Nalini Daftari (Brother and sister in law) (7780900474)
Mrs. Nimi Shair & Mr. Surinder Shaik, Tanuja (Sister and Brother in law) (9419197812)
Neeru and Vinod Daftari (Bhabhi and Brother)
Rohit, Chetna & Bhalvi
Chetan, Shikha & Vihan



SH. DEEPEEP KUMAR
DAFTARI

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

WITH PROFOUND GRIEF & SORROW, WE REGRET TO INFORM THE SAD AND UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED **SH. SURINDER KUMAR GUPTA** (S.K GUPTA/ BITTU / CONTRACTOR) S/O JAGDISH RAJ GUPTA JI MANDI WALE & LT.SMT SHAKUNTALA DEVI JI R/O H.NO 871 JULLAKA MOHALLA JAMMU ON 11.02.2025.

10TH DAY WILL PE PERFORMED AT RAM TALAI MANDIR JULLAKA MOHALLA JAMMU ON 20.2.25 AT 11:00 AM (THURSDAY).

KRIYA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 23.2.25 (SUNDAY) AT 11.30 AM AT RAM TALAI MANDIR JULLAKA MOHALLA JAMMU.

UTHALA WILL BE PERFORMED ON 24.2.25 (MONDAY) AT 4.00 PM TO 5.00PM AT MAHAJAN HALL SHALAMAR JAMMU

GRIEF STRICKEN

SMT.VEENA GUPTA (WIFE)
SH.RAJAN GUPTA & KONICA GUPTA (SON & DAUGHTER IN LAW)
SH.RAJ KUMAR GUPTA (BROTHER)
SMT. ANJU & SH ASHWANI GUPTA (BHABHI & BROTHER)
AKASH & SONIA (SON IN LAW & DAUGHTER)
Contact No. 7006153115, 9419023815, 7006107569



SH. SURINDER KUMAR
GUPTA

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Smt. Shashi Lata Raina (Fancy)** W/o Shri. Kamlesh Kumar Raina R/o Trichal, Pulwama A/P Community Hall, Lane-09 (Backside), Jagti, Jammu on 15-02-2025.

The Tenth-Day Kriya will be held on 24-02-2025 at Sainik School, Nagrota Jammu, at 7:30 am. Assembly will be held at 10:30 am at Community Hall, Lane No. 9 (Backside), Jagti, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Ratna Raina (Mother In Law)
Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Raina (Husband)
Mrs. Anupama & Munish Raina (Sister In Law & Brother In Law)
Ayush, Eishan, Anmol & Aryan Raina (Sons)
Mr. Tej Krishan Ganjoo & Mrs. Nimmi Ganjoo (Brother-In- Law & Sister-in-Law)
Mr. Vinod Pandita & Mrs. Pavita Pandita (Brother-in-Law & Sister-in-Law)



Smt. Shashi Lata Raina
(Fancy)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Karamyogi Sh. Maharaj Krishan Pandit** S/o Lt. Sh. Neelkanth originally from batsargam, Kulgam. He left for heavenly abode on 15 Feb 2025.

The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 23 Feb 2025 (Sunday) at 7 AM and Assembly will be held at our residence at 11AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

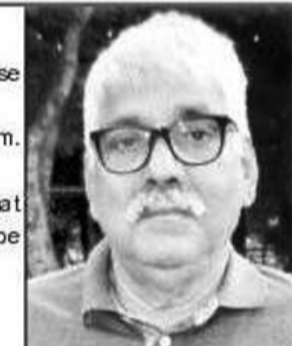
Suraj Pandita and Chitta Luhana (Son and Daughter in law)
Sagar pandita and Pooja Raina (Son and Daughter in law)
Sheetal Pandita and Ashwani Raina (Daughter and Son in Law)

Deeply Remembered By:

Suchit, Devanshi
Yonit and Tashwin (Grandchildren)

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Karamyogi Sh. Maharaj
Krishan Pandit

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Karamyogi Sh Chooni Lal Kachroo** S/o Lt. Sh. Sham Lal Kachroo original resident of Sangrampora Sopore Kashmir at present H.No. 142, Lane No. 4, Anand Nagar, Bohri Jammu who left for heavenly abode on 16th of February 2025.

The Tenth Day will be performed on 25th of February 2025 at Akhnoor Ghat & Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat Jammu at 10 AM.

Grief Stricken

Kachroo's, Tikoo's, Bhat's, Pandita's & Raina's

M.Nos. 9469376543, 9086003249, 8494041654, 9906175273



Karamyogi Sh
Chooni Lal Kachroo

10TH DAY KRIYA

Your wisdom, your kindness and the strength you instilled in us. Though you are not physically here, your presence continues to guide us everyday. We carry your teachings with us and every breathe we honour the love you gave. Miss you deeply.

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the demise of a beloved husband, a supportive father and a loving brother **Sh. Suresh Kumar Shah** S/o Lt. Smt. Laxmishori (Nanni) & Lt. Sh. Shamboo Nath Shah from Rainawari (Reinwoor).

10th Day Kriya will be held on 24/2/2025 (Monday) at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat on 24/2/2025 (Monday) at 10:30 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Anjini Shah Karthalo - Wife
Smt. Manju & Sh. Dileep Kumar Shah - Bhabhi & Bhaiya
Smt. Vijay Kaul & Sh. Anoop Kaul - Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Rajini Safaya & Sh. M.K. Safaya - Sister & Brother-in-law
Son & Daughter-in-law
Mr. Chetan Shah & Mrs. Agni Koul Shah
Komesh & Anu, Nikhlesh & Shwani,
Diksha, Prinka, Vaishali, Harsh, Renuka



Sh. Suresh Kumar Shah

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh Maharaj Krishan Tingloo** S/o Lt. Sh Sham Lal Tingloo, R/o Gassiraina Kulgam A/P H No. 63, Lane 5 Ext. Buta Nagar Jammu.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 24-02-2025. Assembly will be held at 11:00 AM at our residence, H No. 63, Lane 5 Buta Nagar Ext. Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Asha Tingloo -Wife
Sh. M.L. Tingloo -Brother
Smt Chuni Pandita -Sister
Sh. Sandeep Tingloo and Smt. Kaplana -Son & Daughter-in-law
Smt. Kusum and Sh. D.K Bhat -Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt Kiran -Daughter
Smt Urmila and Sh Manohar Raina -Daughter and Son-in-law
Smt Anshu and Sh. Vinod Raina -Daughter and Son-in-law
Grand Children: Deepshikha, Himani, Sameeksha, Romil, Mansi, Shiv and Pranvi
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SH MAHARAJ KRISHAN TINGLOO

TENTH DAY /KRIYA / UTHALA

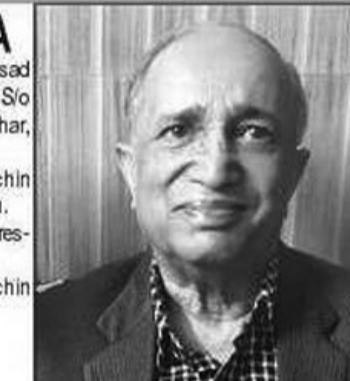
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Tirath Ram Gupta (Retd. CAO)** S/o Lt. Sh. Guran Ditta Mal (Tounth Wale) R/o 160-B, Ram Vihar, Old Janipur, Jammu on 13/2/2025 (Thursday).

10th Day will be performed on 22/2/2025 (Saturday) at Prachin Shiv Mandir, Pandoka Colony from 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon. The Kriya will be performed on 25/2/2025 (Tuesday) at our residence from 9.00 am onwards.

Uthala will be performed on 25/2/2025 (Wednesday) at Prachin Shiv Mandir, Pandoka Colony from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Kanta Devi (Wife)
Smt. Surju Devi (Chachi Ji)
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Dr. Reeta Gupta (DD Animal Husbandary Dept) & Er. Ajay Gupta (A.E. REW Udhampur)
Smt. Payal Mahajan (Teacher) & Er. Amit Gupta (AE PDD)
Dr. Anita Kumari (SDH Ramnagar) & Dr. Rajesh Gupta (Ramnagar) - Daughter & Son-in-law
Lt. Smt. Gayatri Devi & Lt. Sh. Madan Lal Gupta - Brother & Bhabhi
Smt. Rani Gupta & Lt. Sh. O.P. Gupta - Brother & Bhabhi
Smt. Neelam Gupta & Lt. Sh. Som Raj Gupta - Brother & Bhabhi
Grand Children
Dr. Akshita & Dr. Ankit
Arnav, Rakshit, Alankrita, Advika
Great Grand Son : Aeraj Mahajan
Ph. Nos.: 9419157956, 9419118877, 9419214034



Sh. Tirath Ram Gupta
(Retd. CAO)

10TH DAY KRIYA

With Profound Grief and sorrow, we regret to inform sad and untimely demise of our beloved father **Shri Rajindar Kumar Mujoo** S/o Late Dina Nath Mujoo originally resident of Kalwal Mohalla Rainawari Srinagar, presently at B-1, Old BC Quarters Jammu/ Flat No : 302, Plot No: 31, Dwarika Apartments Shalimar Garden Ext-1, Sahibabad Ghaziabad (U.P) on 14.02.2025.

The 10TH DAY KRIYA will be held at Ganga Canal Murad Nagar (U.P) on 23.02.2025 (Sunday), Assembly and prayer will be held at Shalimar Garden Residence at 11.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Bimla Bhat (Mujoo) - Wife
Kuldeep Mujoo & Nidhi Mujoo -Son & Daughter-in-law (9557791369)
Ajay Mujoo & Neeta Mujoo - Son & Daughter-in-law (9811669880)
Amul Mujoo & Poonam Mujoo- Son & Daughter-in-law (9711403334)
Smt. Veena Zutshi -Sister
Shri Virendra Kak & Urmila Kak -Brother-in-law & Sister
Grand children : Aditi, Shivanash, Atharav , Aarunya
IN GRIEF: MUJOO'S , KAK'S, BHAT'S, RAINA'S & BHAN'S



SHRI RAJINDAR KUMAR
MUJOO

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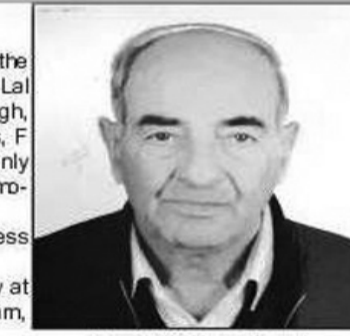
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the untimely demise of **Hari Krishan Kaul** S/o Shri Shyam Lal Kaul, originally resident of India Bhawan, Sorwar Bagh, Srinagar and presently residing at F 5/3, BPTP Villas, F Block, Sector 88, Faridabad. He left for the heavenly abode on 20th February 2025. He has left behind memories which will be cherished forever.

May he attain Moksha in Vaikuntha and continue to bless us forever.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 28th February at Chota Haridwar, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad at 7 am, Assembly at our Faridabad residence at 11:30am

GRIEF STRICKEN

Khemlata Kaul : Wife
Monika & Gopal Kaul : Daughter-in-law & Son
Meenakshi & Yudhister Kaul : Daughter-in-law & Son
Anupurna & Deepak Koul : Son-in-law & Daughter
Jawahar Lal Kaul : Brother
Meera Kaul : Sister-in-law
Mohini & Jawahar Lal Bhat : Sister & Brother-in-Law
Lalita Kaul : Sister
Tribawan Kaul : Brother
Ayush, Pujan, Vaibhav, Luv & Kush, Kartik : Grand Children
Contact Numbers : 9582214198, 9818162922



Hari Krishan Kaul

**REMINISCENCE/
TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With heavy heart, we inform the heavenly abode, a journey to celestial home, of our revered and beloved father **Sh. Poshkar Nath Zaroo** on 18th February 2025 at C-328, B-3, Shalimar Garden-II, Ghaziabad, UP. The 10TH DAY KRIYA of the pious soul will be performed on 27th February 2025 at Murad Nagar Ghat, Ghaziabad at 9:30 am.

Remembered by:

Mr. Omkar Nath Zaroo (Brother)
Mrs. Geeta and Vijay Zaroo (Sister-in-Law and Brother).
Mrs. Rekha Sumbly and Mr. Neeraj Sumbly (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Mrs. Anamika Zaroo and Mr. Rajiv Zaroo (Daughter-in-Law and Son)
Samast Zaroo and Zutshi Parivaar, Nephews, Nieces and Grandchildren.
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SH. POSHKAR NATH
ZAROO

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Bimla Huku**, W/o Ashok Huku, 72 C/3, Om Nagar, opposite Elite Public School, Udhaywala, Borhi (J&K) who left for heavenly abode on 19-02-2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Tuesday (28-02-2025) at Akhnoor, followed by an Assembly at Muthi Ghat at 11:00 am Sharp.

Grief Stricken:

Sh. Ashok Huku (Husband)
Sh. Ishan and Smt. Priya (Son and Daughter in law)
Smt. Esha Wali and Sh. Amit Wali (Daughter and Son in law)
Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law
Smt. Rita & Sh Brij Nath Kaul
Smt. Urmila and Sh P.K Raina
Smt. Sunita and Sh Rajiv Razdan

Grand Daughters

Aadya, Aahana, Nishtha & Krishna
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Smt. Bimla Huku

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Kulbhushan Sharma** S/o Sh. Ram Dhan Sharma R/o 451 A Gandhi Nagar Jammu on 14th February 2025.

TENTH DAY will be performed on Sunday 23rd February 2025 from 10a.m. to 11a.m. at our residence.

KRIYA will be performed on Monday 24th February 2025 at 12 noon at our residence and

UTHALA will be performed at Laxmi Narayan Temple back side on Monday 24 Feb at 4 PM to 5 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN: (Sharma Family) Cousins

Smt. Darshana Sharma - Wife
Ms Sonia Sharma - Daughter
Ms Samruti Sharma - Daughter
Vishal Sharma - Son
Daughter-in-Law and Nephew
Smt Vandana Sharma and Sh. Sanjay Sharma



Sh. Kulbhushan Sharma

Smt and Sh. Bharat Bhusan Sharma
Mr Rajkumar Sharma
Smt and Sh Anil Sharma
Smt and Sh Sunil Sharma
Smt and Sh Ravi Sharma
Mr Rumil Sharma
9018062305, 9906100025

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh. Kuldeep Saraf** S/o Lt. Sh. Brij Nath Saraf originally from Mallapur, Bana mohalla, Srinagar and presently residing at 47A, Lane No 1A, Roop Nagar Enclave, Jammu, left for his heavenly abode on 17-02-2025.

The 10th Day Kriya will be held at Akhnoor Ghat. Prayers and Assembly will be held at residence on 26-02-2025 at 9 am.

Grief Stricken:-

Smt. Sulekha Saraf- Wife
Navneet Mithu Saraf and Priyanka Saraf - Son & Daughter in law
Nidhi Meenu Saraf and Kartik Koul - Daughter & Son in law
And Saraf's, Krandu's, Koul's, Raina's, Munshi's, Wall's, Misri's and Koul's.
Phone No. 9796048545, 7006146776



Sh. Kuldeep Saraf

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Smt. Soma Devi** W/o Late Sh. Parkash Singh R/o H. No. 39 Chowgan Salathian, Panjirthi, Jammu on 13-2-2025. 10th Day will be performed on 22-02-2025 (Saturday) at Rani Park 11 AM. The Kriya will be performed on 25-02-2025 (Tuesday) at our residence from 10 AM onwards. Uthala will be performed on 26-02-2025 (Wed) at our residence at 10 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Son & Daughters-in-law
Narinder Singh (Papu) & Anju Jammal
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Amrita Manhas W/o Sh. Joginder Singh Manhas
Smt. Aruna Salathia W/o Sh. Sohan Singh Salathia
Smt. Anita Bhau W/o Sh. Pawan Singh Bhau
Grand Daughters & Sons-in-law
Nikhil Jammal & Anju Thakur
Twinkle & Manan
Sana & Rishav Jammal
Grand Children: Abhi, Manu, Yuvi, Ayush, Riya
And Jammal Family
Ph. 9906284769, 9622748771



SMT. SOMA DEVI

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Shadi Lal Mawa**, S/o Lt. Sh. Dina Nath Mawa originally R/o Borhidada (Chayari) at present House No 393 Lane No 14 C-6 Near Peer Bata Kabir Colony (Pooch House) Jammu.

TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 23rd Feb 2025. ASSEMBLY will be held at our Residence 12:00 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Sunita Mawa (Wife)
(Son and Daughter in law)
Mr. Suraj Mawa and Mrs. Priya Mawa
(Daughter and Son in law)
Mrs. Salsi Mawa and Mr. Rajat Kath
Smt and Sh. Jai Krishan Mawa (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt and Sh. Pyara Lal Mawa (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt. Indira Mawa and Lt. Sh. Pran Nath Mawa (Brother & Bhabhi)
Mr and Mrs. Sumit Mawa
Smt and Sh. Rajkumar Mawa (Brother & Bhabhi)
Smt and Sh. Naresh Mattoo
Smt and Sh. Ramesh Ji Kath (Sister and Brother-in-law)
Smt and Sh. Dilip Ji Mattoo (Sister and Brother-in-law)
Grand Children
Trishiv Kath & Khyansh Mawa



Sh. Shadi Lal Mawa

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

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GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Son & Daughters-in-law
Narinder Singh (Papu) & Anju Jammal
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Amrita Manhas W/o Sh. Joginder Singh Manhas
Smt. Aruna Salathia W/o Sh. Sohan Singh Salathia
Smt. Anita Bhau W/o Sh. Pawan Singh Bhau
Grand Daughters & Sons-in-law
Nikhil Jammal & Anju Thakur
Twinkle & Manan
Sana & Rishav Jammal
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TENTH DAY/KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Mr. Neeraj Singh Manhas** S/o Late Sh. Gopal Singh Manhas R/o House No. 88 Ward No. 60 Dhok Paloura, Jammu on 11 Feb 2025. TENTH DAY will be held on Thursday 20-02-2025 at our residence House no. 88 Dhok Paloura from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

KRIYA will be held on Sunday 23-02-2025 at our residence at 12:00 Noon.

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Rashtriya Parshuram Parishad J&K apprises BJP President Sat Sharma of activities

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JAMMU, Feb 22: The Rashtriya Parshuram Parishad (RPP) apprised State BJP President Sat Sharma about its activities in the region. The meeting was attended by Ex-Minister Priya Sethi and other dignitaries. The RPP presented a memento to Sat Sharma as a mark of blessings from Bhagwan Parshuram and discussed welfare measures and the Vedic system of science, which is considered the strength of Bharat, encompassing all sections of society that believe in Sanatan Dharma and Hindutva. RPP President Jeeva Nand Sharma, an IIT Bombay engineer with extensive knowledge of the Vedic system of science, briefed Sat Sharma on the orga-



nization's objectives, mandate, and activities in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the RPP Mahashivir at Prayagraj, which has been ongoing since the beginning of the Mahakumbh, where thousands of devotees have sought blessings from Bhagwan Parshuram. Spiritual prayers for peace and prosperity, along with Brahmhoj, are also being conducted. RPP Founder Leader

Pandit Sunil Bharala, a renowned senior BJP leader, is guiding the organization's activities nationwide to strengthen Sanatan Dharma. Jeeva Nand Sharma emphasized that RPP's vision is centered around "Ek Rashtra, Ek Bharat." Pradesh Mantri of RPP, Sh. Chandan Datta, sought support from Sh. Sat Sharma for the welfare of all sections of society. He also discussed

advancing RPP's objectives in the coming assembly session, particularly the promotion of Vedic science and culture among youth and the demand for a Gurukul-based education system in all districts. This initiative aims to channel youth energy into nation-building and steer them away from the growing drug menace in the Jammu region. Sat Sharma assured

full support to RPP J&K and appreciated its commitment to uniting society regardless of religion. He acknowledged Bhagwan Parshuram as an avatar and a revered figure among Hindus, affirming strong support for the organization's objectives.

The event was attended by several prominent members of the RPP, including Bharat Bhushan Sharma (PRO), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Opinder Sharma (General Secretary, RPP), Sanjay Gupta, Rajesh Pradhan, Pawar Sharma, Krishan Gupta, Pardeep Sharma, Anil Gupta (Senior Functionary, RPP), Rajinder Singh, Prabhanshu Joshi, Ramesh Chander Bali, Rohit Sharma, Tarun Sharma, Kuldeep Bali, and Lalit Sharma.

Maha Shivratri Mela 2025 to be celebrated at Peerkho Temple from Feb 25



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JAMMU, Feb 22: Mahant Peer Rajinder Nath Ji of Jamwant Gupha Peerkho Temple, Jammu, announced the upcoming Maha Shivratri Mela, which will be celebrated from February 25 to 28, 2025, at Peerkho Temple, Jammu.

The grand event is being organized by the Tourism Department Jammu in collaboration with Peerkho Temple. The four-day festival will offer a variety of attractions, including the Peerkho Shivratri Mela, cultural programs featuring devotional songs,

an amusement park, joy rides, food stalls, and exhibitions by various government departments. This event aims to provide a spiritual and cultural experience for devotees, tourists, and children alike.

"The festivities will commence on February 25, 2025, with the inauguration of the Mela at 4:00 PM, followed by a cultural program. On February 26, 2025, a cultural program will take place at 4:00 PM. The third day, February 27, 2025, will feature Bhadara at 12:30 PM and a cultural program at 4:30 PM. The final day, February 28,

2025, will showcase an exciting Indian-style wrestling competition at 3:00 PM," Mahant Peer Rajinder Nath Ji told reporters.

Expressing gratitude, Mahant Ji thanked the District Administration, Tourism Department, and MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, for their unwavering support in ensuring the success of the festival.

He also urged devotees and participants to actively contribute to making the event plastic-free and environmentally friendly.

The press and media were encouraged to provide extensive coverage of this significant four-day event to maximize public participation and awareness.

The press conference was attended by prominent figures, including Yogi Karan Nath Ji, Yogi Pawan Nath Ji, Yogi Dharti Nath Ji, Er. Shashi Khajuria, Suraj Nichhal, Vijay Sharma, and Satish Sharma.

SKUAST-J hosts sessions on Agri-Tech Careers with Gulshan Rana



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JAMMU, Feb 22: Gulshan Singh Rana, recently appointed as Professor of Practice at SKUAST-Jammu under the industry-funded category during his two days visit to the university had an elaborate discussion with Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor on the enhancement of internship and placement opportunities for students, development of industry oriented curriculum and establishment of Bayer Learning Centre at SKUAST Jammu. He was also engaged

in insightful interactions with university undergraduate, post-graduate, and doctoral students. As the Head of market Development & Commercial Capability at Bayer Crop Science, he shared his valuable industry experience and provided students with a clear perspective on career opportunities in the private sector.

Rana elaborated on the increasing role of technology-driven innovations in agriculture. He highlighted how agri-input companies, research-based multinational firms, and agritech startups are creat-

ing vast employment opportunities for young graduates. He encouraged students to develop industry-relevant skills, problem-solving abilities, and adaptability to thrive in private-sector roles.

He also shared insights on career progression, job roles, and expected competencies in private companies. Mr. Rana introduced students to internship programs offered by Bayer, emphasizing their learning-driven approach and hands-on training.

He also assured university faculty and students that Bayer is

keen on collaborating with SKUAST-Jammu for structured internship and skill development programs in the future. He encouraged PhD scholars and faculty members to explore potential research projects, technology validation, and field trials with Bayer's R&D teams.

This interaction served as a motivational session for students, providing them with clarity on career options, internship pathways, and research opportunities in the private sector.

The interaction programme was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director Education and coordinated by Prof. Sanjay Guleria, I/C Counselling and Placement Placement Cell. The academic, RAWE and internship incharge of Faculties/Institute ensured the participation of UG, PG, and PhD students from different disciplines.

SMVDU organizes five-day FDP on 'Sentiment Analysis and Medical Image Applications'



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KATRA, Feb 22: The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) organized a five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Sentiment

Analysis Using Large Language Models and Medical Image Applications Using Learning Models" under the prestigious Research Project RP-126- High-End Computing AI & Deep Learning Lab. The FDP provided an enriching platform for faculty

members, technical staff, research scholars, and students from SMVDU and other institutions across the state and beyond.

The sessions focused on Sentiment Analysis and Medical Image Applications Using Deep Learning and Machine

Learning, facilitating discussions on theoretical and practical problem-solving approaches in these fields.

The event aimed to enhance skills, foster collaboration, and encourage the exchange of innovative ideas among researchers and industry professionals. Dr. Bajinath Kaushik, Principal Investigator of Project RP-126, served as the event coordinator.

The FDP featured distinguished resource persons, including Prof. Ashish Ghosh (Director, IIIT Bhubaneswar), Prof. Susmita Ghosh (Jadavpur University), Prof. K. K. Biswas (IIT Delhi), Prof. Vinod Sharma (University of Jammu), Dr. Vinit Jakhethiya (Associate Professor, CSE, IIT Jammu).

SMVDU NCC Coordinator participates in Aero India 2025 at Bengaluru

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KATRA, Feb 22: Dr. Varun Dutta, NCC Coordinator, SMVDU had the distinguished opportunity to participate in Aero India 2025, held at Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru. The prestigious airshow witnessed participation from more than 27 countries, including the USA, Russia, Australia, France, and Sweden, showcasing cutting-edge aviation technology and aircraft.

For the first time in history, the USA's F-35A and Russia's Su-57E stealth fighter jets were showcased together anywhere in the world. This historic moment marked the convergence of two of the world's most advanced fifth-generation fighter aircraft (FGFA) on the same tarmac.

Additionally, India unveiled a full-scale model of its first 5th-generation stealth aircraft, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), equipped with state-of-the-art features. Aero India 2025 saw the participation of 930 exhibitors from across



the globe, including over 100 Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs).

The CEOs Roundtable, comprising 55 industry leaders from 19 countries, provided a platform for collaboration and discussions on the future of aerospace and defense technology.


The airshow, inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, attracted Defence Ministers and representatives from about 30 countries, along with Air Chiefs and Secretaries from 43 nations, further underscoring its international significance. During the event, Dr. Varun Dutta had the privilege of interacting with Indian Air Force Chief, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet

Singh. He also engaged with pilots and ground crew members from the renowned Suryakiran Aerobatic Team, as well as aviation experts from the USA, Russia, and Sweden. A highlight of his visit was experiencing flight simulations of the Su-30MKI, Su-57E, and SAAB Gripen aircraft.


The concluding day of Aero India 2025 featured a breathtaking flying display, including aircraft such as the KC-135 Stratotanker, Light Utility Helicopter, Su-30MKI, F-16, Hansa, HTT-40, IJT, FBT, LCA Mk-1A, and a spectacular performance by the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team. In addition to attending

the airshow, Dr. Varun Dutta visited the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bengaluru, where he interacted with Indian Air Force officers and officials from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). ASTE plays a crucial role in flight testing and flight systems developed by organizations such as DRDO and HAL for the Indian Air Force.

Dr. Varun Dutta expressed his gratitude to SMVDU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar, and Registrar, Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma (JKAS), for providing him with the opportunity to witness Asia's largest aviation event and engage with global aerospace experts.



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E-TENDERING

Short term e-Tender Notice: e-NIT No.: - 28/WLW/K of 2024-25 Dated: 20-02-2025

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

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EDITORIAL

Strengthening
National Language

Language is not just a medium of communication but also a powerful symbol of cultural identity, unity, and national pride. In India, Raj Bhasha (Official Language) holds a special place as a unifying force among the diverse linguistic landscape of the country. Hindi, designated as the Raj Bhasha of India under Article 343 of the Constitution, serves as a crucial bridge connecting people from different regions and backgrounds. Promoting Raj Bhasha is essential for national integration, administrative efficiency, and cultural preservation.

India is a multilingual country with 22 official languages recognized under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. However, Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, has been given the status of Raj Bhasha to ensure smooth communication across different states and government departments. The promotion of Raj Bhasha strengthens national unity by providing a common language for governance, education, and daily communication.

In a country where linguistic diversity sometimes creates barriers, Hindi plays a crucial role in bridging gaps. It fosters better coordination between the central government and states, facilitates effective administration, and enhances participation in governance. Moreover, promoting Raj Bhasha does not undermine regional languages but rather ensures that there is a common platform for communication while respecting linguistic diversity.

The Government of India has taken several steps to promote Raj Bhasha and encourage its widespread use in official and public domains. In the modern era, digital platforms and mass media have played a crucial role in the promotion of Raj Bhasha. Television channels, newspapers, radio programs, and social media platforms contribute significantly to the widespread use of Hindi.

The Hindi film industry (Bollywood) has had a profound influence on the growth and popularity of Hindi worldwide. Through movies, songs, and dialogues, Hindi reaches millions, fostering a sense of connection and pride.

With the rise of the internet, Hindi content has expanded exponentially. Websites, blogs, and YouTube channels in Hindi provide information, entertainment, and education to a vast audience.

Platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram allow users to communicate in Hindi, making it more relevant in daily life. Many government websites and mobile applications are now available in Hindi to encourage its use.

The publication of Hindi books, magazines, and newspapers continues to grow, providing a vast collection of knowledge in Raj Bhasha and preserving the linguistic heritage.

In higher education, business, and international communication, English remains the dominant language, often sidelining Hindi. Some regions strongly prefer their native languages, making the widespread acceptance of Raj Bhasha challenging. Many scientific, legal, and technical terms still rely heavily on English, requiring further development of Hindi terminology in these domains. Some sectors of society resist the mandatory use of Hindi due to historical, regional, or political reasons. While promoting Hindi, regional languages should also be encouraged, ensuring linguistic harmony. Efforts should be made to develop and popularize Hindi terminology for scientific, technical, and legal fields. Schools and universities should introduce innovative teaching methods to make learning Hindi more engaging and practical. Both government agencies and private enterprises should encourage Hindi use in official communication, advertisements, and customer services. More software, mobile applications, and websites should be developed in Hindi to make digital content more accessible to the masses.

Promoting Raj Bhasha is not just about language; it is about fostering national unity, cultural pride, and effective governance. While English continues to be important in global communication, Hindi serves as a strong foundation for internal communication within India. By embracing Raj Bhasha, India can strengthen its national identity while preserving its rich linguistic diversity.

It is the collective responsibility of the government, educational institutions, media, and citizens to ensure the continued growth and promotion of Raj Bhasha. With the right efforts, Hindi can flourish as a powerful language that unites and empowers the people of India.

Challenges before New BJP Government of Delhi

By: Omkar Dattatray

The new chief minister Rekha Gupta & his council of ministers numbering six have formally resumed work just after their swearing in ceremony. The BJP government of Delhi headed by Rekha will have to face a number of challenges. The new government has to tread a path full of thrones and as they say governance is not a bed of roses but instead is a bed of thrones and thus the BJP government has tread the path of governance carefully and cautiously to meet the promises made with the electorate of Delhi which is the national capital. The task of the new government is daunting and challenging and it has to come successful with flying colors. The government has to strike a delicate balance between the fulfillment of promises and its commitments and governance. BJP government has to fulfill the promises made with the people and has come up to the expectations of the Delhites who feel orphaned because of them left in lurch especially the middle class and salaried people. From managing the finances and fulfilling its main election promises to cleaning the Yamuna, the BJP government will have its hands full as it gets down to administrative from Thursday. As the BJP gets ready to hit the ground running after the oath ceremony on Thursday, the challenges before the new dispensation will be immense, from fulfilling its poll promises while managing the finances to developing the national capitals infrastructure. One of the BJP's biggest election promises was that its government would disburse Rs 2500 to eligible women beneficiaries by March 8. In one of his campaign speeches, PM Narendra Modi said, "We have pledged to give Rs 2,500 per month to our sisters---this guarantee will be completed because it is Modi's guarantee---you will see that the BJP government will

be formed in Delhi on March 8, International Women's Day the first installment of Rs 2,500 will be credited to the accounts of the beneficiaries. The major challenges for Delhi's new government can be listed as follows—A—Meeting promises.—One of the main promises in the BJP's election manifesto and poll campaign was providing Rs 2,500 financial aid to eligible women beneficiaries by March 8, International Women's Day. Implementing an efficient distribution system for this scheme within a short timeframe poses a major challenge for the new government. It must move swiftly on the upcoming budget, ensuring sufficient allocations not only for this initiative but also for the promised Rs 21,000 assistance for pregnant women. B—Air pollution crisis—Delhi's harmful and hazardous air pollution is a serious concern and problem, especially during winter due to stubble burning, vehicular emissions as well as industrial pollution. So implementing sustainable solutions, including expanding green cover, promoting electric vehicles and improving waste management, will be the challenge for the BJP government in Delhi. C—Waste and power supply issues—Delhi continues to grapple with water scarcity and an irregular supply in many areas, further compounded by Yamuna's pollution. BJP during recent polls had promised clean drinking water and uninterrupted electric supply particularly in peak summer months. D—Law and order problem—safety and security of women and alarming increase in crimes remain a pressing issue to be addressed by the new government. So strengthening policing measures and improving coordination with Delhi police will be a big challenge. E—Maintaining welfare schemes—It is worth noting that Arvind Kejriwal's rise to power in the last two Delhi assembly polls was largely driven by welfare schemes, including free water, electric-

ity and improved education in government schools. In the recent polls, BJP has promised to not only continue these welfare schemes but also add more vigor to these. The new government faces the challenge of delivering on these promises while ensuring Delhi's fiscal stability and financial health. Balancing social welfare schemes with financial prudence will be a key test for the new administration. After a historic win in Delhi polls, BJP faces the challenge of fulfilling promises like cleaning the Yamuna, offering freebies, and improving infrastructure while maintaining a tight balance in Budget. The BJP government now faces its biggest challenge—fulfilling its ambitious electoral promises while balancing the state's financial health. BJP campaigned on issues like cleaning the Yamuna, tackling garbage piles, improving roads and streets, water supply, and sanitation, while highlighting the unfulfilled promises of the AAP in its Sankalp Patra. The BJP promised to fulfill Kejriwal's incomplete pledges and offered several freebies. In fact the BJP government faces the daunting task of delivering on these promises. BJP's key promises include providing Rs 2,500 a month to poor women, Rs 21,000 one time aid to pregnant women, LPG cylinders for the poor at Rs 500, and 2,500 pension for senior citizens [Rs 3,000 for those over 70 years], and free education from kindergarten to postgraduate levels for children from poor families. However fulfilling these promises will be challenging given the limited budget and Delhi's financial situation, although the BJP holding power at the centre may ease the burden for BJP government in Delhi. The cost of cleaning the Yamuna alone has exceeded Rs 8,000 crore in recent years, but the river remains in a deplorable state in Delhi. Upgrading Delhi's government hospitals would require an estimated Rs 10,200 crore.

Additionally, completing the third phase of the Delhi Metro expansion and developing the fourth phase will cost Rs 2,700 crore. Given the financial constraints, the BJP state government will likely need financial assistance from the centre to fulfill these tasks. After BJP's win in Delhi polls, Virendra Sachdeva who is president of the BJP said, "The centre had earlier offered financial assistance to the Delhi government to implement initiatives like the Ayushman Bharat scheme, but AAP refused to provide these benefits to Delhites. Now that BJP had won, we will secure the necessary funds to fulfill our promises, plug leakages, and eradicate corruption." It will take at least a month for the new government to finalize the budget for the next financial year, which is expected to be presented by the end of March 2025. Once the budget is unveiled, it will clarify how the BJP plans to implement its electoral promises. Any way the challenges for the new BJP government are many and varied as well as daunting and it is expected that the new government will successfully deliver on all those promises and the question is of the time frame within which it will fulfill its promises made to the electorate. Best wishes to the new chief minister Rakha Gupta and her small team of ministers!

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Build a bright future in short term courses

By: Vijay Garg

In today's era, there is a lot of competition to get a job. Every student must think about which course or which study he should do, so that he can get a good job quickly. At this age, the biggest difficulty is choosing a course. Let's talk about 'short-term courses', which are called short-term courses. As it is not known, short-term courses are completed in a very short time. Usually, these courses are of a duration of three months to one year. Many universities and colleges conduct these courses and some private institutions are also approved by the government to conduct such courses. Business Accounting and Taxation Any student can do this course after passing 12th class. This course is mostly useful for students who have passed 12th in commerce. This course can be completed in three months. Small business establishments

give an opportunity to such students to appoint chartered accountants or accountants for the accounting of their business, who have done account-related courses and gained experience in the work, after which they can get a job in big establishments on the basis of their work. Java Developer Java is an object-oriented language, which gives us the ability to create various computer/mobile applications. Java technology-based software works on almost every electronic device. Being a popular computer language all over the world, 'Java' provides an opportunity to score high in jobs. People who are knowledgeable in this language get good salaries and jobs. The duration of the Java Developer course is three months to six months. After completing this course, there are many job opportunities in both private and government sectors. Business Analyst The job of

a business analyst is to analyze business data. They provide relevant data regarding goods and services etc. to the business. A three to six month course of Business Analyst is available to work in this position. After completing this course, students can work in business organizations as Business Analysts. There are many opportunities for advancement in this field and the income also increases according to the ability. Certificate Course in Machine Learning Machine Learning course is emerging very fast. The student who gets a job in a commercial organization after doing this course can get a good position due to his expertise and skills in the field of data science. The duration of this course is 6 months. Any student who has passed 12th, graduate or postgraduate can do it. Financial Planner Certification Course This course is the best certificate course in

the world for all those individuals who meet the standards of education assessment, practice and ethics. The internationally recognized Financial Planner CFC Certification has been given to FPSethi India. CFC Certificate Course is available in Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Pune and New Delhi. This course is completed in 6 months. Good job opportunities are also available after this course. Apart from the above courses, there are many courses which can be completed in a period of 3 to 6 months according to the interest of the students. After completing these courses, the student can also start his own business. He can choose as per his wish.

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Dimple leads protest, demands liquor ban

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JAMMU, Feb 22: In a major political development, Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, led a massive protest rally demanding an immediate ban on liquor sales in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The protest, which saw the participation of hundreds of people and leaders from across the region, called upon Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to introduce and pass a liquor ban bill in the upcoming assembly session.

The rally, held along the Amphalla-Janipur High Court road, witnessed strong opposition to the BJP's stance on the liquor ban.

Addressing the protestors, Dimple accused BJP leaders of evading the issue and diverting



attention toward drug abuse instead of taking a clear stand on liquor prohibition.

For the first time, leaders from Kashmir and Ladakh joined forces with Jammu in demanding a complete liquor ban, emphasizing the widespread regional support for this cause.

Apart from the liquor ban, Dimple urged the government to impose severe penalties, includ-

ing life imprisonment and the death penalty for drug peddlers. He called for a crackdown on drug trafficking to safeguard the youth from addiction. Dimple urged CM Omar Abdullah to ensure the passage of the liquor ban bill in the assembly session, particularly targeting sales in Jammu and Katra, known as the "cities of temples." He warned of intensified agitation if

the government failed to act.

Dimple alleged that an outsider liquor mafia has infiltrated Jammu & Kashmir, influencing BJP leaders and local authorities. He demanded that the excise department cancel the upcoming March 2025 tenders for liquor shop licenses and prevent further expansion of the liquor industry in the region.

In a broader appeal for welfare reforms, Dimple called for free 200 units of electricity in smart-metered areas, 12 free LPG cylinders per year, and an increase in ration distribution starting March 2025.

Dimple also pressed the Union Home Minister for a definitive timeline on restoring Jammu & Kashmir's statehood. He urged a parliamentary debate on the liquor ban, Article 370 restoration, and the unification of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), Gilgit, and Baltistan.

The rally was attended by key regional leaders, including Mohinder Kumar, Dev Raj, Mohammad Ameen, Mohammad Ali, Akbar Khan, Mohammad Shafi, Nazir Ahmad, Deepak Kumar, Sanjay, Vilas, Bilo, Arun, and Kala.

Vivek Bali, Armaann Tahil attend premiere of Bollywood Film "Kuch Sapne Apne"



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JAMMU / MUMBAI, Feb 22: Prominent politician from Jammu & Kashmir Vivek Bali and popular film and television actor Armaann Tahil, made a distinguished appearance at the star-studded premiere of the Bollywood film "Kuch Sapne Apne" in Mumbai.

Joining the film's cast and crew, including notable actors Shishir Sharma, Mona Ambegaonkar, Satvik Bhatia, Arpit Choudhary, Teo Wickenbergh, Abhay Kulkarni, Veena Nair, Yamini Singh, and Yatin Karyekar.

Vivek Bali and Armaann Tahil lent their support to this heartwarming film that explores themes of family, love, and acceptance.

"Kuch Sapne Apne" is a poignant and uplifting film that delves into the complexities of relationships and the importance of embracing one's true self. The film features a talented ensemble cast and boasts an impressive musical lineup, including Shaan, Vishal Bhardwaj, Rekha Bhardwaj, Shashwat Singh, and Sushant Divgikar.

The film is written and directed by Sridhar Ran

gayan and Sagar Gupta, and produced by Mohd. Shaikh Husain, Pragyesh Singh, Sridhar Rangayan, and Sagar Gupta.

Vivek Bali's presence at the premiere underscores his commitment to promoting arts and culture. As a respected politician, his support for inclusive and thought-provoking storytelling is a testament to his dedication to social causes.

Armaann Tahil, known for his impressive performances in film and television, praised the film's nuanced portrayal of relationships and its impactful storytelling.

GDC Neeli Nallah celebrates 75 years of Adoption of Constitution of India



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UDHAMPUR, Feb 22: To commemorate the celebration regarding 75 years of Adoption of Constitution of India and 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur organized a series of activities under the able guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Seema Arora, Principal of the College.

The activities included Preamble recitation (Pledge), Awareness Lecture regarding Fundamental rights and Duties and Interactive Panel Discussion on understanding the Preamble.

The event started with pledge taking ceremony, the students and the staff took pledge with great zeal and enthusiasm. This emphasized the importance of the Constitution as a symbol of national pride and identity.

Dr. Seema Arora, Principal of the college highlighted the need for a balanced approach to rights and duties, emphasizing that every citizen should be aware and responsible for the country's progress. She focused that the celebration of 75 years of adoption of the Constitution of India is a momentous occasion, marking a magnificent milestone in the country's history.

The celebration was a testament to India's commitment to democratic values and its Constitution, which has been the cornerstone of its governance and development over the past 75 years.

In awareness lecture, Dr. Mohd Mubariq Mahire delivered a lecture on Fundamental Rights and Duties of the citizens. He stressed that the Constitution of India guarantees certain fundamental rights to its citizens which are enshrined in Part III of the Constitution. These rights are essential for the development and well-being of individuals and are protected by the Constitution.

This was followed by an interactive panel discussion in which more than 20 students and staff members participated. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sunil Tanoch made aware the students about the role of Dr. B.R Ambedkar in framing Constitution of India.

He further said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also played a pivotal role in shaping India's Constitution. He was instrumental in drafting the Constitution, particularly in the early stages. The program ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Akhter Hussain.

In the end the Principal praised the students for taking part in the activities as well as staff too for organizing such events.

The programme is organized by Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Department of Sociology. The convener of the event was Dr. Sunil Tanoch. Dr. Mohd Mubariq Mahire acted as co-convener and Dr. Akhter as organizer of the events.

Border Area Youth Exchange Programme: Students from five States visit Tangdhar, Teetwal

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KARNAH, Feb 22: In a significant step toward fostering national integration and cultural exchange, 25 students from five different states visited Tangdhar and Tithwal under the Border Area Youth Exchange Programme, organized by Nehru Yuva Kalyan Sansthan, Kupwara. The initiative aimed to provide students with firsthand exposure to the region's rich heritage, military history, and the unwavering spirit of its people.

The students explored the Azmat-e-Hind Memorial, a tribute to India's military legacy, where they learned about the heroic sacrific-

es of the Armed Forces in various wars.

They also visited the revered Sharda Devi Temple, an enduring symbol of cultural and spiritual heritage. The visit helped them understand the deep-rooted traditions and historical significance of Karnah, a region known for its resilience and unity.

At the Shakti Vijay Brigade Headquarters, the students were introduced to the Indian Army's initiatives in improving educational infrastructure and empowering the youth of border areas. They witnessed the Army's dedication to fostering education, skill development, and community

welfare in the region.

Overwhelmed with enthusiasm, the students expressed their gratitude for this enriching experience. They emphasized how the visit broadened their understanding of border life and instilled a deep sense of patriotism and admiration for the resilience of the local communities.

The Border Area Youth Exchange Programme has once again proven to be a powerful initiative, strengthening the bonds between the youth and the nation's frontline regions. It continues to inspire young minds, fostering unity, awareness, and a shared vision of progress.

Cambridge hosts Sahodaya Inter-school Quiz Competition



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JAMMU, Feb 22: Cambridge International School, Purkhoo Camp, Domana, Jammu hosted the Inter-school General Knowledge quiz competition, Mindsphere: A Trivia Journey, for Grade 7 students under the patronage of Jammu Sahodaya School Complex.

The event was honoured by the presence of Dr. K.C.S. Mehta, Principal, IDPS Akhnoor, and mentor JSSC, as the Chief Guest. The occasion was also graced by Er. Renu Bangroo, Managing Director, Cambridge Interna-

tional School, Jammu, as Guest of Honor and Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Director, Institute of Management Sciences (IMS), as Special Guest.

Pooja Chib, Principal, and Rajni Malhotra, Vice Principal, extended welcome to all dignitaries, participants, and guests, underscoring the school's dedication to nurturing young talents.

After a fiercely contested battle of wits, IDPS Akhnoor clinched the first position, earning accolades for their outstanding performance. Cambridge International School, Jammu secured the second position,

making the home team proud with their commendable effort and resilience.

Army School BD Bari claimed the third position, showcasing an impressive depth of knowledge and determination. The winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates amidst thunderous applause, celebrating their hard-earned success.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the esteemed guests, dedicated teachers, and enthusiastic participants who made Mindsphere a resounding success. Mindsphere: A Trivia Journey stood as a testament to the power of knowledge, collaboration, and healthy competition, leaving every participant inspired and motivated to pursue greater academic heights.

Dr. K.C.S. Mehta lauded the efforts of the school for hosting such event and also congratulated the participating teams.

Vijaya Ekadashi Fast on Feb 24: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU, Feb 22: The Vijaya Ekadashi fast, an auspicious Hindu observance, will be held on Monday, February 24, 2025.

According to Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jyotishacharya and President of the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Vijaya Ekadashi falls on the Krishna Paksha Ekadashi of the Phalgun month.

This year, the tithi begins on February 23 at 1:56 PM and concludes on February 24 at 1:45 PM. Since February 24 is the Ekadashi sunrise day, devotees will observe the fast on this day.

Vijaya Ekadashi holds deep religious and historical significance. According to scriptures, Lord Shri Ram observed this fast and subsequently attained victory over Ravana. The observance of this fast



is believed to remove obstacles and bring success in one's efforts.

It provides greater spiritual merit than performing the Ashwamedha Yajna, penance, or pilgrimage. Encourages self-discipline by controlling the mind, senses, and actions; Helps individuals transcend materialistic desires and progress toward righteousness and moksha (liberation); Brings benefits for both men and women seeking spiritual growth and success.

Devotees are encouraged to donate food, clothes, gold, land, education, and cows to the needy and Brahmans, as such acts help

in eliminating sins and ensuring a prosperous future. Worship of Lord Shri Ganesh, Shri Lakshmi-Narayan, Lord Shri Ram, Lord Shri Krishna, and Lord Shiva is also considered auspicious. Devotees listen to the Lakshmi-Narayan Katha and perform Aarti for divine blessings.

Religious texts prohibit the consumption of rice and tamasic (impure) foods on Ekadashi. Alcohol and intoxicants should also be strictly avoided. A sattvic (pure) diet is recommended for maintaining physical and mental well-being while observing the fast.

The Ekadashi fast is not only a spiritual practice but also beneficial for overall health, promoting discipline and rejuvenating the body with positive energy. Devotees believe that through this observance, they can achieve success and spiritual upliftment.

Kishtwar Police, Civil Administration organize awareness program on New Criminal Laws at GDC Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, Feb 22: On the directions of the senior formations, J&K Police District Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Civil Administration Kishtwar, organized an awareness program on the implementation of new criminal laws at Government Degree College Kishtwar to educate students about the newly enacted legal provisions and other key issues.

The event was led by DySP Hqs Kishtwar, Dr. Ishan Gupta, assisted by PSI Moin Khan and PSI Ashish Sharma, who addressed the gathering and highlighted the salient features of the Bharatiya Nyaya San-

hita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA), 2023.

During the session, PSI Moin Khan presented a detailed presentation on trending cyber-crimes, including threats posed by digital arrest APK files and other malicious software. The session also covered women's safety, drug abuse prevention, and other critical issues, ensuring that the youth are well-informed about their rights and responsibilities under the updated legal framework. Special emphasis was laid on the use of digital tools to facilitate transparent investigations and speedy justice

delivery. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 200 students and faculty members, alongside officials from the Civil Administration, who engaged in thought-provoking discussions and raised pertinent queries regarding the new laws and their practical implications.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the college administration, lauding the efforts of J&K Police District Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Civil Administration Kishtwar, for promoting legal awareness and community engagement through such informative initiatives.

In Chandigarh, former supermodel Marc Robinson says diversity isn't going to be the mainstay for long, but AI is in for a long haul

He practises what he preaches; 35 years strong in the modelling and fashion industry, one of India's first male supermodels, Marc Robinson kept his yearly date with the City Beautiful! In Chandigarh for Pepe Jeans Fashion Designer Awards 2025 Student Edition, as he addressed the budding designers at INIFD Chandigarh, the enthusiasm and excitement was palpable, especially since the last year's award winner Arbaz Khan was from the same institute!

Marc has been living his passion—to scout and hone talent from small places and take them to the world stage—for years now. Arbaz has since moved on and is now working with a leading fashion designer Arjun Khanna in Mumbai. Very proud of another feat, he shares, "This is what keeps me enthused even after decades in the industry. To meet these young talented boys and girls, shy and introvert, without any passport, finding it difficult to converse in English, and then to break every barrier that is and shine on the global stage, is wonderful."

Marc recalls when he launched Elite Model Look India, he had to intervene for ensuring visas for the models. "Now those very people are living and working in Paris and Milan, opening shows for big names like Versace," says Marc, rocking his blond look.



Sticking to the basics

With Artificial Intelligence and diversity being the buzzwords, driving every field, including beauty and fashion, the rules remain basic and simple. "We may run with it, but diversity isn't going to be the mainstay for long, as we saw lately with beauty pageants," says Marc. Courtesy Donald Trump, who proclaimed 'the US government will recognise only two sexes, male and female', Marc points out, "When the President of America says so, it's hard to overlook." Marc recalls meeting Trump in Russia for Mrs Universe contest. "He was Mrs Universe licensee then and has influenced the beauty pageant scene for a significant amount of time."

As for AI, Marc points out, "It's going to be in for a long haul. But we need to be cautious. As Elon Musk says 'we are summoning the demon'." But he doesn't worry about the competition. "AI would still need human input. One can go as diverse or not when using AI, but be it Kashmiri Kani or Punjabi Phulkari, handwork is going to stay, coexistence being the key here."

Make education your mainstay For the newcomers trying to make a mark in the glamour world, he repeats his own formula. "Make education your mainstay, be a model as a hobby, go to your job till you have so much work that you cannot give time to your job." Interestingly, this is the path he took too. Work-

ing with KLM Airlines in Delhi in sales and marketing, he kept his 9 to 5 job till he got so many modelling and fashion show assignment that he couldn't get to work. "I remember flying in and out of Bombay, at times 26 days a month."

And this is the mantra he gives to his youngest daughter Sienna, who wants to pursue in his footsteps. While his elder daughter Chanel is in the veterinary field, his son interested in finance, he is happy the genes have taken the effect in Sienna, who is interested in modelling and fashion. "But I tell her to make academics a priority first."

As for choosing an agency to represent, he advises, "Do thorough research. See who all the agency is representing, and if it signs you, can it fetch you work? If any agency is asking money from you, it might not be right."

Marc loves coming to Chandigarh! While his team flies from Mumbai, Marc ties his Chandigarh assignments to the ones in Delhi, so that he can take a car ride and stop at the dhabas to sip kulhad tea. Any changes that he has noticed? "Food has only gotten better and now the dhabas have stepped up to become Instagram worthy." And before he heads back, he ensures to stock up on gajar ka halwa, mathri and namakparas, "I am big on winter savouries and ensure to take them back to Mumbai with me."

Actor Adarsh Gourav has a passion for filmmaking too



Adarsh Gourav, known for his dynamic performances, has revealed his eventual aspiration is to step behind the camera and direct films. While he has already made a mark as an actor, Adarsh's passion for filmmaking extends

beyond just being in front of the lens. His latest role in Superboys of Malegaon, where he portrays a character inspired by real-life filmmaker Nasir Shaikh, has further fuelled his desire to explore all aspects of the craft in the future,

when the time is right for the actor.

About his filmmaking ambitions and his experience portraying Nasir Shaikh, Adarsh shared, "Storytelling has always fascinated me, not just as an actor but as a creative force in its entirety. I've always been drawn to the world behind the camera—the process of building a narrative, shaping characters, and visually bringing emotions to life. My desire has always been to explore all aspects of creative arts, and directing is a natural step in that journey. I want to explore all avenues of acting first and direction I feel will be a natural course".

Adarsh added, "Working on Superboys of Malegaon has been an eye-opening experience. Nasir Shaikh's story is one of sheer passion—he creates cinema with minimal resources but maximum heart. Watching how he navigates filmmaking, with limited budgets, local actors and raw talent, has been incredibly inspiring. It reminded me that cinema is not just about grand sets and massive productions, but at its core, it's about storytelling and the emotions it evokes."

Leonardo DiCaprio to produce Martin Scorsese's crime movie

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio will once again team up with filmmaker Martin Scorsese on a crime movie, based on the original idea by Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt.

The three actors will feature in the movie, which is said to be in the same vein as Scorsese's critically-acclaimed crime thrillers "Goodfellas" (1990) and "The Departed" (2006). Set in Hawaii, the untitled drama will be written by author and journalist Nick Bilton, known for his 2021 HBO documentary "Fake Famous".

The story will focus on a turbulent time on the island paradise when an aspiring mob boss battled rival crime factions to wrest control of



the underworld of the Hawaiian islands in the 1960s -1970s.

Scorsese and DiCaprio, who have worked together on films such as "Gangs of New York", "The Aviator", "The Departed", "Shutter Island", "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "Killers of the Flower Moon", will produce the project along with Johnson, Blunt, Bilton, Dany Garcia, Lisa Frechette

and Rick Yorn.

The duo are also working on "The Devil in the White City", the long-gestating feature adaptation of Erik Larson's 2003 true-crime nonfiction book.

The project will also reunite Johnson and Blunt, who co-starred in the Disney movie "Jungle Cruise" and will next appear in Benny Safdie's drama "The Smashing Machine".

Uramado by Julie Stephen Chheng, a Paris-based artist's innovative augmented reality art installation, impresses

In the quiet campus of Alliance Française, Chandigarh, a curious installation has transformed the premises into a treasure hunt. Artworks come to life, fantastical animals whisper questions and figures move, surrounding the onlookers with mystical creatures, invisible to the naked eye.

With a simple scan of your phone, a fluorescent cat appears, watching you with glowing eyes or a fox before you, asking an unexpected question. This is the magic of Uramado by Julie Stephen Chheng, a Paris-based artist whose innovative augmented reality (AR) art installation is full of spirit animals guiding visitors through an interactive journey of self-discovery.

The artist effectively blends digital storytelling with traditional paper-based art to create the exhibition, inviting visitors



to explore hidden AR artworks scattered across the campus courtyard and library. Using a special app called Uramado AR, each scan reveals a beautifully designed Tanuki, mythical raccoons with the ability to shape shift—ranging from majestic lion to tranquil owl, each representing different personality traits

and emotions.

But there's more, each animal poses a thought-provoking question to the visitor, encouraging reflection on personal growth, natural elements and the spirit world. As quiz players progress, they collect digital spirit animals within the app. By the end of the experience,

their responses unfold into the shape of a personalised result, revealing their own custom spirit animal and the symbolism like if the individual is connected more to the day or the night! Eva Saini, a visitor, says, "According to the app, I have l'esprit du Chat! and I do agree with the nocturnal symbolism of cats."

The installation combines art, psychology, and 'gamification' to create a deeply immersive experience—one that resonates with the visitors. Fanny, the institution's librarian, says, "The exhibition has something to offer to both the young and adults, while developing language skills."

The installation wonderfully merges ancient traditions of animal symbolism with cutting-edge technology, ensuring that journeys are unique to each visitor while exploring the digital and surrounding landscapes.

Pranali Rathod, Akshay Dev Bindra to play leads in Kumkum Bhagya after the leap

As Kumkum Bhagya is all set for a generational leap, fresh faces, Pranali Rathod and Akshay Dev Bindra, are all set to play leads in the show. Pranali said, "The year 2025 is truly special since I am going to be part of an iconic show Kumkum Bhagya. Prarthana is a new and different character for me, and I'm excited to bring her to life."

She said that the show is popular for its storytelling. "The show has always been known for its heartfelt storytelling and strong relationships, and stepping into this world is a wonderful experience. Kumkum Bhagya has been loved by audiences for years, and I look forward to them embracing this new chapter with the same warmth and enthusiasm," added the actress.

At the centre of this leap is Prarthana, played by Pranali, the daughter of Rajvansh and Poorvi. Raised by a humble pandit and his wife, she is soft-spoken, hard-working, and devoted to her family. Despite her simple upbringing, she shares a deep friendship with Raunak, essayed by Akshay Dev Bindra, a charming and flamboyant



young man from an affluent family. Though childhood friends, Prar-

thana and Raunak come from completely different worlds!

Diljit Dosanjh professes his love for coffee

Diljit took to his Instagram, where he shared a video of himself sitting in a cafe and enjoying some breakfast. The video starts with Diljit first gorging on a smoothie bowl and then having some mashed potatoes with scrambled eggs and bread. The video then shows the singer-actor enjoying a hot cup of coffee.

For the background score, Diljit chose his song "Water" and captioned the post: "Lokaan ne Ki Kehna? P.S - I am in LOVE With The Coffee."

Earlier this month, Diljit revealed how he keeps his bad mood at bay especially when he is surrounded by good people. The actor posted his stylish photos where he was seen dressed in a black outfit paired with a matching black turban



and sunglasses.

On the professional front, Diljit is gearing up for the release upcoming movie "Punjab 95." A few days ago, he treated fans to his first look from the film and captioned, "I Challenge the Dark-

ness. Punjab 95."

The film is inspired by the life of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, who served as the director of a bank in Amritsar, Punjab, during the turbulent period of militancy in the state. In

the aftermath of Operation Blue Star, the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and the 1984 Anti-Sikh Riots, the police were given sweeping powers to detain individuals, often labeling them as suspected terrorists.

Apart from this, the singer also has the Sunny Deol-starrer war drama "Border 2" in the pipeline.

Announcing Diljit's involvement in the film, the makers shared a motion poster in September and wrote, "The battlefield grows mightier with Diljit Dosanjh stepping in alongside Sunny Deol and Varun Dhawan on the frontline of Bhushan Kumar and JP Dutta's Border 2 for the Anurag Singh directorial! #Border2 hits the theatres on January 23, 2026."

VP Dhankar visits Ellora Caves, temple in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR, Feb 22 (Agencies): Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar offered prayers at Ghrishneshwar Temple and visited the Ellora Caves in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on Saturday.



Dhankar is on a one-day visit to the city, during which he will participate in events at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University and Saraswati Bhuwan College.

The vice president offered prayers at the Ghrishneshwar

Temple, one of the 12 jyotirlingas, and visited the Kailash temple (cave number 16) at Ellora Caves, a UNESCO world heritage site, a senior official from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) said. "The vice president

keenly observed sculptures in the cave and also went to see the Ramayana panel in the Kailash cave during his visit that lasted 20 to 25 minutes," the official said.

He said Dhankar was also gifted a guidebook on Ellora.

Rekha Gupta meets PM Modi; Delhi ministers inspect road repairs, projects

NEW DELHI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence on Saturday even as her Cabinet ministers hit the road and started reviewing repairs of potholed roads and pending projects across the city.

During the meeting with PM Modi, Ms Gupta thanked him for giving a "daughter of Delhi" a chance to serve the people as Chief Minister, said one of her aides.

Before leaving for the PM's residence, Ms Gupta greeted her well-wishers from the first-floor balcony of her home in Shalimar Bagh in the morning.

Using a public address system, Ms Gupta announced that on meeting PM Modi she would convey, on behalf of all women and daughters of the city, gratitude for selecting a "Daughter of Delhi" to serve



the city. "On the first day in office, we approved the Ayushman Bharat scheme of PM Modi in the first Cabinet meeting," she said, promising not to waste even a single day and continue serving the people.

"Our mission is to achieve Viksit Delhi as mandated by PM Modi," she said.

"Viksit Delhi's journey has to be covered by all of us together," she said, ending her public address with chants of "Jai Shri Ram" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai".

Later, the Chief Minister held a meeting with the officials of the PWD department to improve infrastructure and discussed issues related to the dug-up roads, damaged roads and traffic in Delhi and gave directions for improvement.

PWD Minister Parvesh Verma inspected the Barapullah Phase-

3 project and assured speedy payment and environment clearance that have alleged delayed progress in work.

Speaking to media persons near Sarai Kale Khan in South East Delhi, Verma said he had also issued strict instructions for the removal of encroachment across Delhi roads. "We want road contractors to guarantee 10-year life for roads so that they do not need frequent re-carpeting," he said.

During another field visit at Khajuri Khas crossing in North East Delhi, Law and Labour Minister Kapil Mishra said, "Arvind Kejriwal's govt made the condition of roads in Delhi worse. Everywhere, the roads are either broken or dusty, there are potholes and waterlogging and under the new work culture all Cabinet ministers and officials will have to work 24 hours and repair the roads immediately."

Double-engine govt will boost spiritual, eco-tourism in UP: Adityanath

LAKHIMPURKHERI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday declared that the double-engine government will drive development in spiritual and eco-tourism, creating ample employment opportunities.

He made the statement while inaugurating and laying the foundation for 373 development projects worth Rs 1,622 crores at Rajendra Giri Memorial Stadium in Gola Gokarnath, Lakhimpur Kheri including Gola Gokarnath Shiva Temple Corridor.

As per a press statement, Adityanath while addressing the gather-

ing emphasised, "Lakhimpur Kheri is no longer a backward district. The fertile land here is like gold." He highlighted the district's transformation from its past, noting that when the country gained independence, Lakhimpur Kheri lagged in development.

Malaria was a major issue, and Dudhwa National Park lacked proper access. However, now, even an airport is being developed in Palia.

The chief minister also outlined steps for addressing the region's flood challenges, including measures to implement flood prevention and river channelization,



without any hindrances from the NGT or other authorities.

Adityanath said, "The double-engine government will increase the development of spiritual and eco-tourism, and ensure that there is no shortage of employment." He also men-

tioned that Lakhimpur Kheri's fertile land is a major asset and highlighted the inauguration of projects worth Rs 4,500 crores in the district, including the Gola Gokarnath temple corridor and India's first PLA (bioplastic manufacturing) plant by Balrampur

Sugar Mill Limited. He also referred to the Rs 2,850 crore plastic plant being set up in Kumbhi.

In addition, he announced the inauguration of Dudhwa National Park and the commencement of a medical college in the district. He praised Prime Minister Modi for promoting products from the Tharu tribe that preserve their culture and noted that public representatives are committed to supporting development efforts.

The event was attended by Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh, Excise Minister Nitin Agarwal, and Gola MLA Aman Giri.

5 labourers killed after truck unloads sand on shed in Jalna



JALNA, Feb 22 (Agencies): Five labourers, including a minor, were killed when a tipper truck unloaded sand on their temporary shed at a construction site on Saturday, the police said.

The incident occurred in the wee hours of the day at the site of a bridge project at Paso-

di-Chandol in Jafrabad tehsil, an official said. He said the labourers were sleeping in their makeshift shed at the site when a sand-laden tipper arrived, and the truck driver, unaware of their presence, unloaded the contents on the shed, burying them.

Sources said the shed collapsed under the weight of the sand, and the truck driver fled the scene. The official said a girl and a woman were rescued from the debris. He said a case had been registered, and efforts were under way to trace the driver.

The deceased have been identified as Ganesh Dhanwai (60) and his son Bhushan Dhanwai (16), both residents of Golegaon in Sillod tehsil, and Sunil Sapkal (20), a resident of Padmavati in Jafrabad tehsil.

He said the identity of the other two victims was yet to be ascertained.

AI-based surveillance to boost safety of pilgrims at Kumbh Mela, say officials

PRAYAGRAJ, Feb 22 (Agencies): A unique application of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based surveillance system at the Maha Kumbh, implemented for the first time by the Yogi Adityanath administration on a mammoth scale, would help avert congregation accidents in the years ahead and avoid repetition of a tragedy like this year, Mela authorities said.

At least 30 people were killed and over 90 others were injured in a stampede on January 29 at the ongoing Maha Kumbh congregation at Prayagraj, which has already witnessed a footfall of record 60 crore pilgrims.

Some 2,750 close-circuit cameras monitoring the 4000-acre Mela ground, about 250 of which are AI-enabled, feeding information to the Integrated Control and Command Center (ICCC) of the Mela have empowered the authorities with unique and real-time insights into crowd density per metre square at the bathing ghats, people flow into the Mela premises per minute, parking status of vehicles, crowd accumulation at key junctions and the need to issue alerts based on pre-set danger thresholds, officials said.

"We will analyse the data of the Mela provided by the AI system once the congregation gets over. We will hopefully be able to revise those thresholds for more effective organisation of events of such a scale next time onwards and be better equipped to avert a repetition of a tragedy like this time," said Amit Kumar, SP and in-charge of ICCC.

Officials said that four units of the ICCC, two of which are temporary set-ups at the Mela premises, operated as the central hub for traffic management, crowd control, security and emergency response, sanitation, healthcare and public communication during the Kumbh Mela.

A sneak peek into the command centre headquarters revealed multiple teams of policemen, comprising nearly 400 personnel, monitoring round-the-clock the CCTV feed from all 25 sectors of the giant mela ground.

There are giant screens sharing real-time information based on preset algorithms, flash colour-coded data and graphical charts that are interpreted and passed on to parallel operating radio teams spread over 13 grids. They, in turn, pass on

the interpreted information to ground teams for necessary action, Kumar explained.

"We expected the crowd to be big, but never expected to be this big," the IPS officer said, "the heightened level of religious fervour among pilgrims this year led to them breaching barriers on that fateful night. We were able to contain the situation in quick time but some damage had been done."

Officials confirmed that the standard operation procedures (SOP) were revamped following the stampede, and have, so far, paid off in controlling the swelling crowd at what is arguably the world's largest religious congregation.

"The applications of the SOPs are now being done more carefully. The frequency of announcements through our public address system has now been increased. Our announcement pitch is now stronger and more appealing than before," Kumar said.

The 2025 edition of the Maha Kumbh will officially draw to a close on February 26 following the holy dip at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati rivers on the auspicious hours of Maha Shivratri.

4 Arrested for assaulting bus conductor for not speaking in Marathi in Belagavi

BELAGAVI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Four people have been arrested for allegedly assaulting a conductor of the state-owned transport corporation bus for not replying to a passenger in Marathi, police said on Saturday.

The incident occurred on Friday on the outskirts of the district headquarters town of Belagavi bordering Maharashtra, they said. The conductor has also been booked under the POCSO Act, police said.

With tears in his eyes, the 51-year-old conduc-



tor Mahadevappa Mallappa Hukkeri on Friday told reporters that a female who boarded the bus with her male companion at Sulebhavi village spoke in Marathi. Hukkeri said he told her that he did not know Marathi and asked her

to speak in Kannada. "When I said I don't know Marathi, the girl abused me saying that I must learn Marathi. Suddenly a large number of people gathered and assaulted me on my head and all over the body," the conductor

said. The injured bus conductor was admitted to the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, police said adding he got minor injuries and is out of danger.

"A case was registered and we have arrested four people in connection with the assault on the conductor and based on a counter complaint lodged by a 14-year-old girl, a case was registered against the conductor under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act for allegedly using derogatory

remarks against her," a senior police officer said.

"No arrest has been made yet in connection with the POCSO Act case. We need to investigate, and look into the allegations and accordingly further action will be taken," he said.

Belagavi has a substantial Marathi-speaking population and a section among them have been demanding the merger of the district with Maharashtra, which is stoutly opposed by the state as well as the Kannada populace residing there.

6 workers feared trapped as section of tunnel collapses in Telangana

HYDERABAD, Feb 22 (Agencies): At least six workers were feared trapped when a section of a roof collapsed in the under-construction stretch of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) in Nagarkurnool district of Telangana on Saturday, police said.

The construction company's team has gone inside for assessment and it is verifying, they said.

Six to eight workers are feared trapped as per information given by the company engaged in the work, a senior police official told agency.

"The incident occurred when some workers



had gone inside as part of the work when roof collapsed at 12-13 kms inside the tunnel," the official said.

However, a press

release from the Chief Minister's office, without putting a number, indicated that some persons suffered injuries.

Chief Minister A

Revanth Reddy directed the district Collector, Superintendent of Police and other officials to reach the place of accident to carry out relief

measures, it said.

As per the directives of Chief Minister, state Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, government adviser on irrigation Adityanath Das and other irrigation officials left for the spot in a special helicopter, it said.

Expressing concern over the accident, Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy enquired about the reasons for it and asked officials to bring out those feared trapped to safety.

He also told the officials to provide treatment to the injured (if any), a release from his office said.

“President Putin, Zelenskyy have to get together to stop the war”: Donald Trump

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Trump said, “President Putin and President Zelenskyy have to get together because we want to stop the war and stop killing millions of people. I want to see a ceasefire, and I want to get the deal done. It doesn’t affect the US very much since it is on the other side of the ocean; it does affect Europe.”

Trump further expressed concern over the financial burden on the United States, which has contributed USD 300 billion to the conflict, compared to Europe’s USD 100 billion and criticised former President Joe Biden for involving the US in the war.

He added, “We have put in much more money. We are in for USD 300 billion, and they (Europe) are in for USD 100 billion. Biden just gave them money, there was no loan or security. We have to sign a deal to get security. We are spending



our treasure on a country that is very far away. We have to be treated the same way Europe is being treated. Biden should have never gotten us into this mess...”

Trump had accused Zelenskyy of persuading the United States to invest billions of dollars in a war he believed could not be won, questioning the allocation of resources and Europe’s lack of equal financial contribution. Trump also called Zelenskyy a dictator without elections.

Sharing a post on the social media platform Truth Social, Trump wrote, “Think of it, a modestly successful comedian,

Volodymyr Zelenskyy, talked the United States of America into spending \$350 billion dollars, to go into a war that couldn’t be won, that never had to start, but a war that he, without the US and “TRUMP,” will never be able to settle.”

The post added, “The United States has spent \$200 billion dollars more than Europe, and Europe’s money is guaranteed, while the United States will get nothing back. Why didn’t sleepy Joe Biden demand equalization, in that this war is far more important to Europe than it is to us -- We have a big, beautiful ocean as separation. On top

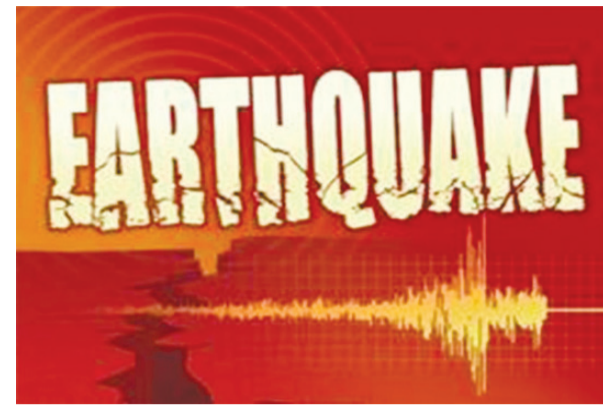
of this, Zelenskyy admits that half of the money we sent him is “MISSING.” He refuses to have elections, is very low in Ukrainian polls, and the only thing he was good at was playing Biden “like a fiddle.” A Dictator without Elections, Zelenskyy better move fast or he is not going to have a country left.”

Trump further asserted that only his administration could have successfully negotiated an end to the war with Russia. While expressing his support for Ukraine, Trump emphasised that Zelenskyy’s poor management has led to a “shattered” country and millions of unnecessary deaths.

Trump added, “In the meantime, we are successfully negotiating an end to the war with Russia, something all admit only “TRUMP,” and the Trump Administration, can do. Biden never tried, Europe has failed to bring Peace, and Zelenskyy probably wants to keep the “gray train” going. I love Ukraine, but Zelenskyy has done a terrible job, his country is shattered, and millions have unnecessarily died - And so it continues.”

Afghanistan jolted by two back to back earthquakes

Two earthquakes of magnitude 4.2 and 4.5 hit Afghanistan in the early hours of Saturday.



KABUL, Feb 22 (Agencies): Two earthquakes of magnitude 4.2 and 4.5 hit Afghanistan in the early hours of Saturday.

As per the National Centre for Seismology (NCS), the first earthquake occurred at 4:20 AM Indian Standard Time (IST).

It was recorded at latitude 36.21 N and longitude 71.22 E.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 100 kilometres.

In a post on X, NCS said, “EQ of M: 4.5, On: 22/02/2025 04:20:01 IST, Lat: 36.21 N, Long: 71.22 E, Depth: 100 Km, Location: Afghanistan.”

The second earthquake took place in a span of less than fifteen minutes.

As per the NCS, the earthquake was recorded at magnitude 4.2 on the Richter scale.

It took place at 4:33 AM (IST) and was recorded at latitude 36.44 North and 70.90 E at a depth of 150 kilometres.

The NCS also shared its details on X.

“EQ of M: 4.2, On: 22/02/2025 04:33:34 IST, Lat: 36.44 N, Long: 70.90 E, Depth: 150 Km, Location: Afghanistan.”

Earlier, an earthquake of magnitude 4.3 on the Richter Scale jolted Afghanistan in the early hours of Tuesday.

As per the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Afghanistan remains highly vulnerable to natural disasters, including seasonal flooding, landslides and earthquakes.

These frequent earthquakes in Afghanistan cause damage to vulnerable communities, which are already grappling with decades of conflict and under-development and have left them with little resilience to cope with multiple simultaneous shocks, UNOCHA noted.

Afghanistan has a history of powerful earthquakes, and the Hindu Kush Mountain range is a geologically active area where quakes occur every year, according to the Red Cross.

Afghanistan sits on numerous fault lines between the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates, with a fault line also running directly through Herat.

Taiwan records 8 Chinese aircraft, 7 vessels, 2 ships around its territory

TAIPEI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defense (MND) detected 8 sorties of People’s Liberation Army (PLA) aircraft and 7 People’s Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) vessels operating around Taiwan as of 6 am (UTC+8) on Saturday.

The MND further noted that 3 of these sorties crossed the median line, entering Taiwan’s northern and southwestern Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ).

Additionally, Taiwan also recorded 3 Chinese balloons during this time period.

In a post on X, Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defence said, “8 sorties of PLA aircraft, 7 PLAN vessels and 2 official ships operating around Taiwan were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 3 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan’s north-

ern and southwestern ADIZ. 3 PRC balloons were detected during this timeframe.”

The Taiwan-China issue is a complex and longstanding geopolitical conflict centred on Taiwan’s sovereignty. Taiwan, officially known as the Republic of China (ROC), operates its own government, military, and economy, functioning as a de facto independent state. However, China considers Taiwan a breakaway province and insists on the “One China” policy, which asserts that there is only one China, with Beijing as its capital.

China has consistently expressed its goal of reunification with Taiwan, using diplomatic, economic, and military pressure to isolate Taiwan internationally. Meanwhile, Taiwan, supported by a significant portion of its population, continues to maintain its indepen-

dence.

On February 17, Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defence (MND) strongly asserted that the Taiwan Strait is not under China’s sovereignty, emphasising that the freedom of navigation exercised by like-minded countries proves its legal status.

The MND criticised China’s military actions against Taiwan and its neighbouring countries, saying that these actions only highlight China’s role as the greatest threat to regional peace and stability.

Sharing a post on X on Monday, MND said, “The Taiwan Strait is by no means under PRC sovereignty! Like-minded countries’ freedom of navigation proves its legal status. #PLA military actions against #Taiwan and its neighbours only reaffirm that the PRC is the greatest threat to regional peace and stability.”

India assumes chairmanship of Bay of Bengal Inter-Governmental Organisation

MALE (MALDIVES), Feb 22 (Agencies): India has assumed the chairmanship of the Bay of Bengal Inter-Governmental Organisation at the 13th Governing Council Meeting in Male, Maldives.

India assumed the chairmanship in the presence of senior government representatives from Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy said in a press release.

The event was part of the high-level conference ‘Policy Guidance for Mainstreaming Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) in Small-Scale Fisheries’, hosted by the Ministry of Fisheries & Ocean Resources of the Maldives government, in collaboration with the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), that has been successfully convened from February 20 to 22, 2025, in Lankanfinolhu, Maldives.

As per the Ministry, the Indian delegation was led by Abhilaksh Likh, Secretary, Department of Fisheries. He highlighted that India is committed to upholding and building upon the achievements of the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental



Organisation (BOBP-IGO) as the leadership transitions from Bangladesh to India. He also assured that the Department of Fisheries (GoI) would diligently work towards elevating the success of BOBP-IGO to newer heights and will be forthcoming in providing definitive guidance for all future endeavours for the development of the fisheries sector across all member countries.

Abhilaksh Likh underscored the importance of regional collaboration, and the crucial role India and other countries are playing in advancing the interests of the developing nations.

According to the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy, key areas of focus for increased regional cooperation include marine resource man-

agement, training & capacity building programs, research & policy advocacy, addressing Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and resolving regional issues amongst others.

“As India remains optimistic about receiving continued support and collaboration from Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and other relevant organizations, Secretary, Department of Fisheries (GoI) urged all member nations to enhance and foster mutual support through exchange of knowledge, technology, experiences, data and best practices. The collaborations are expected to strengthen region’s blue

economy, harmonize economic development along with protection of marine ecosystem and help in poverty alleviation,” the Ministry stated.

During the meeting, Secretary, Department of Fisheries (GoI) highlighted India’s developmental policies aimed at improving the well-being of small-scale fisheries and the sustainability measures being implemented under its various schemes and programs.

With the successful culmination of this important event and India assuming Chair of the BoBP-IGO, it will be the endeavour of the Department of Fisheries, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy to not only lead the member nations in the most effective and efficient manner through collaborative efforts but also ensure that significant progress is made in the development of Small-scale fisheries (SSF) in the region.

This achievement not only bestows international leadership and responsibilities on India, it is also expected to bring in multifaceted advancements for achieving the national goal of ‘Viksit Bharat 2047’, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairy noted.

Iran’s “raze Tel Aviv to the ground” threat, Israel’s “we are ready” reply

Earlier this month, the Washington Post, citing multiple US intelligence reports, said that Israel could launch a preemptive strike on Iran’s nuclear program “by midyear”.

TEHRAN, Feb 22 (Agencies): A series of threats exchanged between senior military and political officials of Iran and Israel has threatened to destabilise the Middle East further. The latest warning came from Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) general Ebrahim Jabbari, who declared that Iran would destroy Israel as part of Operation True Promise 3.

Major General Jbbari warned that “Operation True Promise 3 will be carried out at the right time, with precision, and on a scale sufficient to destroy Israel and raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the

ground.”

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar responded, saying, “If the Jewish people have learned anything from history, it is this: if your enemy says his goal is to annihilate you - believe him. We are ready.”

Jabbari’s comments mark the third such threat in a week from high-ranking IRGC officials. Brigadier General Ali Fadavi, deputy commander of the IRGC, and Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the IRGC’s Aerospace Force, have also issued similar statements vowing to destroy Israel as part of Opera-

tion True Promise 3, the planned third attack against Israel following Iranian strikes in April and October 2024.

The heightened rhetoric has reportedly coincided with an increase in IRGC missile production. Iran recently received a 1,000-ton shipment of rocket fuel precursor chemicals from China, claimed a report. Additionally, the IRGC unveiled a new underground “missile city”, an underground missile base “designed to target destroyers in strategic southern waters”.

The Jerusalem Post in a report citing a “soon-



to-be-published article in Middle East Quarterly” quotes Colin Winston, a

30-year CIA veteran and former head of research at the American-Israeli

Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) who argues that now is the optimal time for a joint US-Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear facilities.

“Hezbollah and Hamas no longer pose a threat to Israel,” The Jerusalem Post quotes Mr Winston. “The Islamic Republic of Iran’s ‘axis of resistance’ lies in ruin. Both Iran’s and Syria’s air defence systems have been destroyed, and Iran’s missile capabilities decimated.”

Mr Winston claims that Iran is on the verge of producing enough weapons-grade uranium to build multiple nuclear bombs.

He argues that relying on intelligence to detect an Iranian “breakout” is no longer a viable strategy and that “now is the time for Jerusalem and Washington to take decisive military action against Iran’s nuclear program.”

The Jerusalem Post report, citing Mr Winston’s article, says Iran has been enriching uranium to 60 per cent, drastically shortening the timeline for a nuclear weapon. According to International Atomic Energy Agency estimates, Iran could produce weapons-grade uranium within weeks, the report says.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi had warned in January that any Israeli or American attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities would lead to an “all-out war” in the region. Speaking to Al Jazeera during a visit to Qatar, Mr Araghchi said, “Launching a military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities would be one of the biggest historical mistakes the US could make.”

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Dr. Jitendra inaugurates “National Startup Festival” at Jammu

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JAMMU, Feb 22: Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy & Space and Vice President of CSIR inaugurated the two-day “National Startup Festival” today at the Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, which is being organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu.

During his inaugural address, Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated CSIR-IIIM for organization of events focused on promotion of startups ecosystem in the region and said that such events motivate the youth to take their innovations forward. He mentioned how we have progressed just a few hundred startups in 2014 to several thousand now, with many success stories and unicorns. He said that some of these companies with humble beginnings now provide employment to hundreds of people and sell their products and services not only in India but abroad as well.

Dr. Jitendra emphasized the rapid growth of the startup ecosystem in Jammu & Kashmir, which has expanded the number of startups

more than tenfold, in the past five years, particularly after the abrogation of Article 370. He mentioned India's rise in the Global Innovation Index from 81 to 40, recognizing the youth's potential, unlocked through policies introduced under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership since 2014. These policies are helping our country to become “Atma Nirbhar” and will be critical to achieve the target of Viksit Bharat 2047. Towards this end the Modi Government 3.0 has brought the BioE3 policy and allocated Rs. 1,000 crores for startups and Rs. 2,600 crores for industrial hubs.

Satish Sharma, J&K UT Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, and ARI & training departments and Padma Shri Prof. Vinod K. Singh, Chairperson, Recruitment & Assessment Board (RAB), CSIR and Institute Chair Professor of Chemistry at IIT Kanpur, were the Guests of Honour at the Inaugural function. Satish Sharma said that his government of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir is committed to provide all the support to youth who wish to setup their own companies.

Prof. Vinod K. Singh appreciated the efforts

of CSIR-IIIM and ascertained the importance of such events in fostering the startup culture and self-employment. Dr. Prabodh Kumar Trivedi, Director, CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow, Dr. Ajit Kumar Shasany, Director CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow, Dr. Sudesh Kumar Yadav, Director, CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, Dr. Manoj Singh Gour, Director, IIT-Jammu, Dr. Jatinder Kumar, Managing Director, DBT-BIRAC and Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed, Director General, CCRUM were among the other dignitaries present at the Inaugural function.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM, informed the press that during the program an important Memorandum of Understanding was signed between CSIR-IIIM and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), under which the Institutions will work together towards scientific validation of traditional system of medicine which would help in better global acceptance. A Grant Letter Agreement was signed between Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), Deptt. of Biotechnology and CSIR-IIIM, under which DBT-BIRAC would provide support for establishing a startup incubator at the Industrial Biotech

Park, Ghatti, Kathua. During the event, six new startups: Vipragen Biosciences Pvt Ltd, JMD Herbal Pharmaceuticals, Avtar Health Cares, The Unati Agri-Allied and Marketing Multistate Cooperative Society Ltd. Jammu, The Jammu and Kashmir Dairy Cooperative Federation Ltd., Kaushal Jammu Farm Producer Organizations Jammu, have been registered at the BIRAC Incubator at Industrial Biotech Park, Ghatti, Kathua. Further, three new products by startup Hapico Industries Pvt Ltd, IGC Lasipooora Pulwama registered with the Incubators at CSIR-IIIM, were also launched at the event. These three products are: CalPo-Mag, to address the common deficiencies of Calcium, Magnesium and Potassium; Hapifert is a broad spectrum bioorganic fertiliser; and GlinTea Kehwa, made from Saffron, Cardamom, Cinnamon, Green Tea, Ginger, Almonds, flower petals and organic sweetener.

Dr. Ahmed further informed that 50 startups had participated in the event, from all over the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, UT of Ladakh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and others. These startups showcased their innovations and

technologies, including Agri-based, Healthcare, Nutraceutical, Tech-based, Service-based, and Consumer products. He added that the key focus of this event was to empower local youth, students, women, and farmers from the Jammu region, including districts such as Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Poonch, Kathua, and Samba.

On the first day of this two-day National Startup Festival, more than 700 participants from Academia, Scientific fraternity, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Industries, Policy makers and members of the Civil Society, attended the event.

The event was organized with the patronage of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, under overall supervision of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu, assisted by his team of HoDs and Scientists, including Er. Abdul Rahim, Dr. Asha Chaudhary, Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, Dr. Shank Singh, Dr. Sumit Gandhi, Dr. Naveed Qazi, Dr. Suphla Gupta, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Dr. Raj Kishore, Vikram Singh, Sr. COA, Ajay Kumar, CoFA, Dilip Gehlot, SPO, Rajesh Gupta, AO and Er. Ashwani Chopra.

“World Thinking Day” celebrated at JKSSBG, Gandhi Nagar



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JAMMU Feb 22: The J&K Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) celebrated World Thinking Day at the State Headquarters, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in a befitting, vibrant, and harmonious manner. This year's theme, “Our Story,” emphasized introspection—assessing achievements and identifying future goals to strengthen the movement in the state.

The event commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by a welcome address from R.P. Kotwal (STC), who highlighted the commendable contributions of J&K BS&G and underscored the significance of Thinking Day. He reiterated the vision of Baden-Powell, urging Scouts and Guides to

reflect on their pledge and commitment.

The Chief Guest appreciated the noble efforts of BS&G in nurturing values like commitment, character, courtesy, and cheerfulness among youth. He lauded the movement's role in shaping responsible citizens and assured full support in expanding its reach across schools. He particularly praised the role of Guides as guardians of idealism and moral values.

R.P. Kotwal (STC-S) emphasized that Scouts and Guides symbolize sacrifice, embodying selflessness and service. He conveyed the challenges faced by the movement, urging the Chief Guest for generous support to ensure its growth. He further elaborated on how train-

ing camps foster adaptability, teamwork, camaraderie, and a cheerful spirit, helping Scouts and Guides become responsible members of their homes, communities, and nation.

Other dignitaries also addressed the gathering, reinforcing the importance of “Our Story.” They stressed the need to develop leadership qualities among young Scouts and Guides, empowering them to contribute to peace, harmony, and national well-being through selfless service.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Nasreen Khan (State Secretary cum Administrative Officer, J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides). The Celebrations became more graceful with the presence of Ashok Sharma (IC SHQs), P L Dubey (ASOC), K L Sharma HQs Commr., Madan Lal (State Trainer), M B Shawal, (District Secretary), Krishna, Deepika, Rita Sharma were the Guests on this occasion. Haroon Malik, presented the vote of thanks.

India’s strategic diplomacy elevates nation’s stature at global affairs: Gaurav

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JAMMU, Feb 22: In an era of shifting global power dynamics, India has emerged as a formidable player on the world stage, thanks to the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the stable and visionary government at the Centre, India is no longer just a participant in global affairs but a decisive force shaping the future of international diplomacy, economic growth, and strategic partnerships.

Addressing media persons at the BJP headquarters, Jammu, BJP Spokesperson Gaurav Gupta, along with Spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan and senior leader Rajinder Singh Chib, highlighted India's growing global stature under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stated that today, every country seeks to maintain strong bilateral relations with India, recognizing its strategic importance and leadership in global affairs.

Gaurav Gupta pointed out that after several years, air flights between India and China are resuming, a development that underscores the importance of diplomatic engagement between the two nations. He emphasized that even China now acknowledges the significance of maintaining stable and constructive relations with India.

Referring to recent high-level diplomatic engagements, he stated that during the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa, bilateral talks were conducted between India's External Affairs



Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, and his Chinese counterpart. The discussions, lasting nearly 30 minutes, resulted in key decisions, including the resumption of air flights between India and China, maintaining peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and the possible revival of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, a pilgrimage of great spiritual importance to millions of Indians.

The BJP Spokesperson further reminded that during the 16th BRICS Summit in Russia in October 2024, India and China held crucial talks aimed at rebuilding bilateral relations and held discussions on Galwan Valley situation, the LAC standoff, and the resumption of flights and the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. This diplomatic momentum continued during the BRICS Summit in Brazil in November 2024, when discussions on strengthening ties were held between the Indian Foreign Minister and the Chinese Prime Minister. Additionally, in December 2024, National Security Advisor

Ajit Doval engaged with Chinese counterparts, focusing on the aforesaid pressing issues. The dialogue was further extended in January 2025, when India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited China to continue deliberations on these critical matters.

Highlighting India's increasing influence on the world stage, Gaurav Gupta cited Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to France, where discussions co-chaired by both nations focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and defense cooperation, including the successful negotiations over the Pinaka missile deal. In a remarkable shift, France is now looking to procure this advanced missile system from India, a testament to India's emergence as a global defense leader.

He underscored that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, India has positioned itself as a formidable force in the global arena, with nations across the world seeking stronger alliances with New Delhi. Even U.S. President Donald Trump, recognizing India's rising prominence, echoed a sentiment of mutual prosperity by aligning his slogan “Make America Great Again” with “Make India Great Again.”

The crux of all these developments, he emphasized that India's global stature has been significantly bolstered under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India is no longer just a participant in global affairs but a decisive force shaping the future of international diplomacy, economic growth, and strategic partnerships.

RMMC organises Free Health camp



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JAMMU, Feb 22: The Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre (RMMC) in Udhewala, Jammu, organized a one-day free health camp on Saturday.

The camp featured Dr. Nikhil Mahajan, a very renowned cardiologist of Jammu and specialists from the Government Ayurvedic Medical College (GAMC), Akhnor.

Dr. Sudesh Gupta, an expert in Kshar Sutra treatment, providing consultations for conditions like piles, fistula, and other related ailments.

Dr. Twinkle Gupta in treating chronic conditions such as diabetes, joint pain, stress, and anxiety, was also available for consultations.

The health camp provided a comprehensive range of free medical services, including consultations with Cardiologist, Orthopaedist, Gynaecologist, Dental Surgeons, Ophthalmologist, Allopathy Physicians, Ayurvedic Physicians, Physiotherapist. Refreshments were also provided for all attendees.

In addition to the free consultations, the camp offered check-ups for blood sugar, HbA1c, and blood pressure at no cost. A Full Body Check-up covering 66 parameters, including CBC, LFT, KFT, Lipid profile, BSF, Urine tests, and

thyroid function tests (T3, T4, TSH), Vitamin D was available for a nominal fee of Rs. 1200, a substantial discount from the usual price of Rs. 2300.

A total 350 of patients benefited from the expertise of 14 doctors at this camp. Total 60 fibro scan, and 22 Spirometry tests were done free of cost.

This camp was a part of Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre's ongoing commitment to serving the community and providing accessible healthcare services to all.

Distinguished guests including Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament of Jammu praised the Mission's commendable work and encouraged local citizens to make the most of these medical services.

Swami Yajnadharananda, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu, highlighted the organization's commitment to the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada, and Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing service to humanity as a form of divine worship.

For other information contact us on number 9596984032. Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu provides cultural, educational and medical services following the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna Dev, Maa Sarada and Swami Vivekananda.

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Omar Abdullah inaugurates vital Akhal bridge in Kangan

campaign that the bridge would soon be operational. The reopening of the bridge has been met with immense joy and relief by the local population.

Residents expressed their happiness: “It is great movement for us that this bridge has finally reopened. We had prayed to see this day, as we have been waiting for it for the past 15 years” a local told agency.

Soldier injured in landmine blast in Poonch

which sometimes get washed away by rains resulting in such

types of accidents, the officials said.

Officials said that the army troops found a rusted mortal shell in Faza-labad village in the Surankote area during the area domination patrol late this afternoon.

The area was immediately cordoned off and the shell was safely defused, the officials said.

40 JKAS officers to attend capacity building program in Mussoorie

Capacity Building Program In Mussoorie.

PDP launches signature campaign to garner

support for complete ban on liquor

are not here to do any untoward incident, we do not want to create law and order (issue)”. “We are just here to appeal to the people to say no to drugs and no to alcohol. I appeal to the people to come here and support this signature campaign and lend their support. Alcohol is a serious issue here and it needs to be prohibited. I seek a complete ban on selling and consumption of alcohol and drugs,” she said.

Mufti appealed to the UT and the Central governments to make J-K an alcohol-free region.

“The way Bihar, Gujarat, and Nagaland have been made alcohol-free states and it has nothing to do with tourism, similarly, we advocate to make J-K an alcohol-free state,” she added.

Army Officer Chairs Multi-Agency security review meeting in Jammu

J&K Police, and CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force). “The aim was to maintain peace and tranquility in the region with operational synergy,” Army's White Knight Corps, also known as XVI Corps, said in a post on X.

People Of PoJK Want To Be Part Of India: BJP J&K President, Sat Sharma

said, “The funds allocated by the

centre should reach the people here. We have told our MLAs that we should attend the budget session constructively and positively. The government here should prepare a balanced budget.”

Security Forces launch search operations at multiple places across Jammu

exercise in other places. No contact has been established with the terrorists so far, officials said.

Operations were going on in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, higher reaches of Udhampur-Kathua belt, mountainous Doda and Kishtwar and the forests near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu district when the

last reports of suspicious activities were received.

According to officials, a search operation was started at Maidaan Mohalla in Sangiote area of Gursai in Poonch district after two suspected foreign terrorists were found roaming under the cover of darkness late Friday night.

Security forces also launched a cordon and search operation in Mohalla Qasba, Allapir and Jaalian in Mandi and Mankote in Poonch and Dera Ki Gali and adjoining areas besides parts of Sunderbani and Nowsheera sectors in nearby Rajouri district.

A search is underway at 13 places in Poonch-Rajouri and 18 places in the higher reaches of Udhampur, Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar and Doda districts with a focus on Khaderan forest.

There is also a search operation going on in Kerri, Bhattal and adjoining areas in Akhnor sector of Jammu district, they said.

Army conducts interactive sessions with teachers on Educational Initiatives at Dehri Raylote

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RAJOURI, Feb 22: In a significant outreach initiative, the Indian Army conducted interactive sessions with teachers of the Higher Secondary School at Lower Dehri Raylote, Middle School Upper Galuthi and Middle School Upper Dehri Raylote to raise awareness about various educational programs and policies, including the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The session focused on scholarships, promoting more admissions in the upcoming academic year, to maintain regularity in attending classes in remote areas of Rajouri district.

Teachers actively participated, discuss-



ing challenges faced in the education sector and exploring ways to enhance learning outcomes using available resources, highlighting key aspects of the NEP 2020, which emphasizes holistic education, vocational training, digital learning, and multi-lingual instruction to make education more inclusive and skill-oriented.

A key discussion point was the role of technology in education, with the Army encouraging schools to leverage online learning platforms and government-backed initiatives such as SATHEE and SWAYAM portals.

The importance of critical thinking, experiential learning, and reducing the burden of

rote memorization, as advocated by the NEP, was also emphasized.

Teachers appreciated the Indian Army's efforts in fostering awareness about these initiatives and expressed their willingness to work towards implementing the recommendations of NEP 2020 for better student engagement and career readiness.

The Army reiterated its commitment to supporting rural education through continued collaboration with schools, providing mentorship, and facilitating access to various government schemes.

Such interactions not only strengthen the bond between the armed forces and local communities but also ensure that students, regardless of their geographical location, receive quality education and career opportunities.

The initiative aligns with the vision of a self-reliant and educated India, reinforcing the Indian Army's role in nation-building beyond its primary duty of national security.

Army organises screening of motivational movie «Amaran» at Keri



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RAJOURI, Feb 22: In an effort to inspire and motivate the youth, Indian Army has organised a special screening of the motivational movie "Amaran" for school children of Tender Feet School, Keri.

The event instilled values of courage, patriotism, and leadership in young minds through the extraordinary story of Major Mukund Varadarajan, an Indian Army Officer

who lost his life during a counter-terrorism operation; making the core narrative of the film real.

This initiative by the Indian Army underscores its commitment to foster a sense of National pride and responsibility among school students, by showcasing the heroic journey of Major Mukund Varadarajan who played a pivotal role in India's military history with his exemplary leadership skills and dedication to the

nation. The screening was attended by 72 students and 05 teachers, which was followed by an interactive session, allowing students to engage with army personnel and gain insights into the life and values of Major Mukund Varadarajan. This dialogue aims to inspire students to emulate his virtues in their personal and academic endeavours.

Students and teachers expressed their enthusiasm towards Indian Army for the event, stating, "Major Mukund Varadarajan story is a beacon of inspiration".

Teachers also stated that this motivational screening will motivate young generation to strive for excellence and cultivate a deep sense of duty towards our nation."

Army holds interaction with Gujjars and Bakkarwals at Chamrer

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RAJOURI, Feb 22: Keeping in view of Indian Army's core objective of maintaining cordial relations with local citizens Indian Army conducted an interaction cum Awareness for Gujjars and Bakkarwals at Chamrer.

The aim of the interaction was to interact & educate Gujjar Bakkarwals on Forest Right Act (FRA), Dera Migration procedures and to facilitate mitigation of any hardship being faced by them.

Interaction assisted in developing a deep understanding of each other's customs and beliefs, leading to a harmonious coexistence. Pamphlets prepared for spreading awareness related to FRA were also distributed.

A total strength of 35 including (25 Gujjar & Bakkarwals and ten Ladies) were present during the interaction. This gesture and effort by Indian Army



was highly appreciated by Awam.

This endeavour by Indian Army to reach out to the population residing in remote areas, where civil administration has limited accessibility, will go a long way in developing and strengthening trust between Jawan and Awam.

The event also served as a platform to strengthen the bond between Indian Army and the people of this region. It showcased Indian Army's commitment towards service to the nation.

DSW Kathua distributes Baby Care Kits, raises awareness on BBBP in Bandhore, Sallan



Top News Report

KATHUA, Feb 22: Under the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer Varun Kumar Choudhary, Kathua SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of

Women conducted a special program to support the well-being of new mothers and raise awareness about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.

The event took place across two villages: Bandhore and Sallan, where baby care kits were distributed to lactating mothers, and valuable information about the BBBP scheme was shared.

The event aimed at supporting the health of infants and promoting safe motherhood, as well as educating the community about the importance of empowering the girl child.

International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Plant Systematics and Biodiversity Conservation concludes at CUJ

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: The five-day International Workshop on the Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Plant Systematics and Biodiversity Conservation successfully concluded at the Department of Botany, Central University of Jammu (CUJ).

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than hundred researchers, academicians, and students from various institutions, fostering discussions on the transformative role of AI and ML in plant sciences and biodiversity conservation.

The workshop was organized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, CU Jammu. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Prof. Vinay Kumar, Dean, School of Basic Sciences, CUJ, as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Prof. Vinay Kumar highlighted the growing significance of AI and ML in scientific research, emphasizing their role in biodiversity conser-



vation and ecological studies.

He commended the workshop for fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and providing a platform for knowledge exchange between plant scientists and AI experts.

Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Head, Department of Botany, CU Jammu, reflected on the workshop's key discussions, including AI-driven species identification, climate change analysis, ecological monitoring, and precision agriculture. He also emphasized that AI should be seen as a complementary tool rather than a replacement for traditional taxonomic and ecological expertise.

Prof. B.S. Bhau, Department of Botany, CU Jammu, extended his gratitude to all the

speakers and participants, emphasizing the importance of integrating AI with traditional plant taxonomy and conservation strategies.

The workshop featured insightful talks from renowned experts, including Prof. Pradeep Kumar (Central University of Himachal Pradesh), Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Shah (University of Kashmir), Prof. Susheel Verma (University of Jammu), Prof. Mahesh Kulharia (Central University of Himachal Pradesh), Dr. A.S. Soodan (Retd., GNDU, Amritsar), Sh. O.P. Sharma Vidhyarthi, IFS (Retd.), Prof. Yashwant Singh (CUJ), Dr. R.K. Choudhary (Agharkar Research Institute, Pune), Dr. A.A. Wani (University of Kashmir), Dr. L.A. Peer (University of Kashmir), Dr. B.N.

Subudhi (IIT Jammu), Dr. Arvind Selwal (CUJ), and Dr. Mudassir Ahmad Ganaie (IIT Ropar). These experts highlighted the potential of AI in large-scale biodiversity monitoring, habitat assessment, and sustainable agricultural practices. While AI offers advantages such as speed, accuracy, and scalability, discussions also addressed its challenges, including data dependency, ethical concerns, and the need for scientific validation.

A highlight of the valedictory session was the positive feedback shared by participants on stage. Several attendees expressed their appreciation for the interactive sessions, hands-on demonstrations, and expert-led discussions. They acknowledged the work-

shop's role in expanding their knowledge of AI applications in plant sciences and biodiversity conservation, with many expressing keen interest in applying these technologies in their future research.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ashok Kumar, Organizing Secretary of the workshop, who expressed his heartfelt appreciation to all the dignitaries, speakers, participants, and sponsors for their invaluable contributions in making the event a success. Certificates were distributed to all participants in recognition of their active engagement throughout the five-day program.

The workshop was financially supported by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Govt. of India. With the successful completion of this workshop, Central University of Jammu reaffirms its commitment to promoting interdisciplinary research and technological innovations in plant systematics and biodiversity conservation.

Department of MSCM organises Professional Development Programme on Entrepreneurship Development

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management, Central University of Jammu conducted Professional Development Programme on "Entrepreneurship Development" under the mentorship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu. The event marked the gracious presence of distinguished resource persons from Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) and faculty members from Department of MSCM including Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dr. Naresh Kumar, Dr Anju Thapa, Dr Arun Yadav and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq.

The programme was formally inaugurated by

Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dean School of Business Studies and Dr. Neelika Arora, Head, Department of MSCM. Prof. Bhasin in her opening address appreciated the efforts of the Department of MSCM under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain in carrying out the Professional Development Programme on Entrepreneurship Development in collaboration with JKEDI.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Bhasin discussed managing innovations through linking education & entrepreneurship. She impressed upon the participants to take the maximum benefits from the distinguished speakers of the day having vast experience in facilitating the learners to have more clarity about entrepreneurship

and start-up ecosystem. Dr. Neelika Arora, Head, Department of Marketing & SCM welcomed the participants and introduced the Resource Persons of the day.

She highlighted that Resource Person's have significant experience of nurturing entrepreneurs and incubating business ideas. Introducing the resource persons, she pointed that this event promises to be a great learning opportunity for all those who are interested in expanding their knowledge to unlock entrepreneurial opportunities. She informed the gathering that this PDP is aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Vinod Kumar, Head, Centre for New Enterprise Creation, JKEDI during his session introduced JKEDI



and its initiatives for promoting entrepreneurship. His session focused on the role of JKEDI in facilitating entrepreneurs of the region to start sustainable and scalable businesses. He shared valuable insights with participants about how to think and generate ideas for start-ups.

He highlighted that JKEDI is actively involving youth under J&K Start-up Policy and highlighted the success

stories of incubatees who took entrepreneurship as a career option.

Zahid Ali Dar, Incharge Centre for Innovation, Incubation, and Business Modelling, JKEDI during his session spoke about generating ideas that would be viable as businesses and encouraged students to think about uniqueness, feasibility and competition as well.

Zahid Ali Dar guided participants through various exercises

and group activities designed to stimulate their creative thinking and idea generation skills.

The PDP aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship saw an enthusiastic participation from students of the MBA (Marketing Management) 2nd & 4th Semester students. Some students shared their ideas and a professional discussion over the steps to take an idea to a business took place

over the same.

Dr. Shahid Mushtaq, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing and SCM in his address apprised the audience about the Professional Development Programmes initiated by the Department for the benefit of the participants to enrich their orientation about the innovation entrepreneurship ecosystem.

He pointed out that in the fast-changing technological world entrepreneurship is the need of the hour to create a pool of job creators rather than job seekers and also elaborated the concept of Kaushal Bharat - Kushal Bharat. It is pertinent to mention here that more than 50 participants registered for this event. While sharing feedback some of the participants

said that it was a great learning experience for us and an exciting experience for everybody present here.

The PDP aimed to provide a platform for students to explore their entrepreneurial potential and develop innovative solutions to real world problems. The sessions were well received by participants followed by enthusiastic question and answer session.

The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. Shahid Mushtaq under the overall supervision of Dr. Neelika Arora. Dr. Naresh Kumar conducted the proceedings of the Programme and Dr. Shahid Mushtaq proposed a formal vote of thanks expressing gratitude to all the contributors and supporters of this initiative.

CT 2025: Two arch-rivals face off in Dubai tomorrow; India aim to avenge 2017 final, Pakistan seeks to keep title defence alive

India is set to lock horns with arch-rivals and host Pakistan in the highly anticipated Champions Trophy clash at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday

DUBAI, Feb 22 (Agencies): India is set to lock horns with arch-rivals and host Pakistan in the highly anticipated Champions Trophy clash at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday. The game is a high-stakes battle for both teams, as while Pakistan will try to keep their title defence alive, India will aim to almost confirm its berth in the semis.

The game is also being touted as an opportunity for India to avenge the loss of the 2017 Champions Trophy Final when Virat Kohli's men were deprived of putting their hands on the ICC trophy.

Unlike the 50-over and T20 World Cups, Pakistan holds a 3-2 advantage over India in the Champions Trophy. The most notable encounter remains the 180-run triumph in the 2017 Champions Trophy final, which makes Sunday's game even more exciting for fans from both sides of the border.

It is pertinent to note that Pakistan's win in 2017 came during the peak of star India batter and former India captain Virat Kohli, at a time when no target was considered too much for the team. Virat, who holds a great record against Pakistan, will look forward to returning to his old colours in the all-important game.

Pakistan will fly to Dubai after conceding a 60-run defeat



against New Zealand in the tournament opener in their backyard.

There were plenty of issues visible on the 'Men in Green' side. From ace pacers, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah struggling to pick up wickets in powerplay and the bowlers failing to restrict runs in the death overs, to the batters failing to build partnerships and some big names like Babar Azam, skipper Rizwan struggling for form. Pakistani side's problems have further been compounded by Fakhar Zaman -- hero of the 2017 CT final -- being ruled out of the tournament due to injury.

On the other hand, Team India will come riding high on confidence after a convincing 6-wicket win against Bangladesh in their campaign opener.

The 'Men In Blue', however, will have to be in its top form

heading into the match. While India was able to inflict a strong top-order collapse restricting Bangladesh to 35/5, it allowed the opponents to escape a 154-run stand between Jaker Ali and Towhid Hridoy took Bangladesh to a respectable total of 228 runs.

Also during the run-chase, India struggled against Rishad Hossain's spin and was reduced to 144/4 during the run-chase, from where the game could have gone either way. Virat Kohli in particular struggled against spin, taking 10 balls to open his account and scored only a sluggish 22 off 38 balls, before perishing to spin.

While stars have aligned more often than not for India's top stars against Pakistan in recent years, they will have to find a way to deal with the fiery pace of Shaheen Shah Afridi,

Haris Rauf and Naseem Shah and the crafty spin bowling of Abrar Ahmed and Salman Agha and a rock-solid batting line-up headlined by Babar Azam and Mohammed Rizwan.

Also, the absence of Jasprit Bumrah will give Pakistan an added motivation to go hard against India, who have an inexperienced fast-bowling line-up headlined by Mohammed Shami, the veteran who has just made a return from an injury that sidelined him for more than a year, and young Harshit Rana.

Sunday's game might effectively decide the fate of the semi-finals of the Champions Trophy, and fans will be looking forward to a nail-biting encounter between the two arch-rivals.

Squads:

India: Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohd. Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Varun Chakaravathy.

Pakistan: Mohammad Rizwan (c), Babar Azam, Imam-ul-Haq, Kamran Gulam, Saud Shakeel, Tayyab Tahir, Faheem Ashraf, Khushdil Shah, Salman Ali Agha, Usman Khan, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Mohammad Hasnain, Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Former captain Sarfaraz recalls 2017 CT glory; backs Pakistan to "successfully" defend crown



DUBAI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Sarfaraz Ahmed took a trip down memory lane and reminisced about Pakistan's historic Champions Trophy triumph in 2017. The former skipper backed the current Pakistan side to successfully defend the title on their home turf in the ongoing edition of the marquee event, reported Geo News.

After nearly three decades, a global cricket event returned to Pakistani soil, and Sarfaraz is upbeat about Pakistan's chances of defending the title.

"We hope Pakistan will successfully defend their crown on home soil," Sarfaraz said in a video posted by the ICC

on Instagram.

Pakistan's title defence began with the high-profile clash against New Zealand in the tournament opener in Karachi. When the situation demanded a fearless approach from Pakistan's premier batters, their policy to adopt a defensive route saw the hosts surrender to a 60-run defeat in front of their home crowd.

After the hosts and the home fans savoured the bitter taste of defeat, Pakistan will need to up the ante and fight to keep their campaign alive against their most fierce rival, India, on Sunday in Dubai.

If the Men in Green maintain their sham-bolic run against India,

they will need plenty of permutations and combinations to work in their favour and keep their campaign alive.

"Any India vs Pakistan game is always a pressure encounter. The hype surrounding that match is always greater than any other fixture," Sarfaraz said ahead of Sunday's blockbuster clash.

Notably, during Pakistan's successful run in 2017, they started their campaign with a defeat but went on to win four games on the trot to return home with the coveted trophy in hand. Sarfaraz recalled their special victory over India in the final and said that memory would stay safe with him.

"I had just requested the boys to let me lift the Champions Trophy for a moment, and then everyone can join in. It's a great moment, and these moments are safe in my memory bank. Whenever the date of 18th June comes, these cherished memories are recalled," he said.

"When we all got together for a while back, we were just reminiscing and wondering how time has flown by so quickly after winning the ICC Champions Trophy for Pakistan," he added.

India interested to host 2030 Commonwealth Games

NEW DELHI, Feb 22 (Agencies): The Sports Ministry has hinted that the country may bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games. They are also willing to hold those sports disciplines that have been axed from the sports programme for the 2026 edition, which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) president Chris Jenkins had already announced that the 2026 edition of the Games would be truncated because Glasgow volunteered to host at the last moment. During an interaction with The Tribune last year, Jenkins had made it very clear that the sports programme would be curtailed.

"We have also said that the number of sports, 22, is probably far too many. It should be probably around 15-17. It is widely reported (that in Glasgow) there will be 10 sports disciplines because it is only 18 months for the Games and it limits what you can put up in 18 months. But looking at 2030, that number will be back up to normal, which is 15-17," he had said in September of last year.

However, the organisers left many Indian athletes hurt as they dropped boxing, wrestling, hockey, cricket, badminton, shooting, sports where Indians have excelled in the past.

Other than showing an interest in hosting the 2030 edition, the

ministry is mulling over holding all the sports in India next year. It is understood that the discussion has been held informally on both counts.

"We are interested in hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games. The discussions have been opened informally, and once it is settled, we will send a letter of intent to make our intentions clear to everyone," said a source in the ministry.

"We are also interested in holding a few disciplines that have been dropped for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. But we have to first get an all-clear from the organisers of the Glasgow Games as they are the host. Once we hear from them and only if they are willing, we will officially move to

organise it here in India," the source added.

This is not the first time that India has raised hopes of organising disciplines that are not part of the Commonwealth Games. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) led by then president Naninder Batra had announced that India would host Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships for the 2022 Games as they were dropped from the sports programme.

They were also confident that the medals won in these two sports would be added to the main tally. However, first, the CGF communicated to the IOA that the medals would not be added, and then later on ultimately dropped the idea, and these competitions were not held.

SA thrash Afghanistan by 107 runs to begin CT campaign on rousing note



KARACHI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Opening batter Ryan Rickelton struck a flawless maiden century before a clinical display by the bowlers as South Africa began their Champions Trophy campaign with a comprehensive 107-run win over Afghanistan here.

Rickelton smashed 103 off 106 balls with the help of seven fours and one six while captain Temba Bavuma (58 off 76 balls), Rassie van der Dussen (52 off 46 balls) and Aiden Markram (52 not out off 36 balls) scored half centuries as South Africa posted 315 for 6 after opting to bat.

Rickelton's ton was the tournament's fifth in three day's time and the third at the National Stadium here.

Chasing a big target of 316, Afghanistan couldn't repeat their series-winning performance of late last year against South Africa when they won the series 2-1 in Sharjah.

They were bowled out for 208 in 43.3 overs with South Africa pacers Kagiso Rabada (3/36), Lungi Ngidi (2/56), Wiaan Mulder (2/36) and Marco Jansen (1/32) sharing eight wickets among them as they never allowed Afghanistan to get going in the first 15 overs.

The Afghans slipped

to 50 for 4 and then to 89 for 5 in the 23rd over. They never recovered from there.

Rahmat Shah played a lone hand with a 92-ball 90 while Rashid Khan (18) and Azmatullah Omarzai (18) were the second highest scorers for Afghanistan who were never in the game after conceding a big total.

Ngidi set the pace when he got rid of danger man Rehmanullah Gurbaz in the fourth over for 10 when the batsman couldn't play down a short ball which got big on him and Maharaj took a fine catch at short leg.

After five overs, Rabada, bowling with fire on a batting track, clean-bowled Ibrahim Zadran with a beauty.

To make matters worse, Afghanistan lost Sediqullah Atal (16) to a run out in the 14th over while trying a suicidal single and the next over, captain Hashmatullah Shahidi (0) pulled Mulder straight to his opposite number Bavuma at wide mid-on to derail the innings.

Rabada and Jansen went through Azmatullah Omarzai (18) and Muhammad Nabi (8) to make it 120 for 6 and more or less settle the matter even though Rehmat Shah stood out with his fighting 90 from

92 balls before he was the last man out, edging Rabada to the keeper.

Even though Tristan Stubbs was dropped and Heinrich Klassen was ruled out with an elbow tissue injury, South Africa had enough firepower to subdue the Afghans whose deadly three pronged spin attack was nullified on a flat pitch.

There was a period when South Africa struggled to get boundaries with seven overs going without a four at one stage in their innings, overall their batting performance was clinical.

South Africa, after winning the inaugural Champions Trophy event in 1998 (held in knockout format), have never been able to win an ICC title held in proper league group format.

South Africa came close to breaking their jinx when they lost in the final of the World T20 Cup last year to India while they have already qualified for the final of the ICC World Test Championship to be held in June in England.

The South African innings was spear-headed by Rickelton who played a flawless innings to reach his maiden hundred before he found himself run out in unfortunate circumstances.

The southpaw led a disciplined batting display for South Africa with Bavuma, Van Der Dussen and Markram also scoring half centuries to set up the big total.

Rickelton, who hit seven fours and a six, was run out in the 36th over when he flicked back to Rashid Khan whose throw was picked up by the wicketkeeper before whipping off the balls. The batter dived full length but found his bat in the air when the balls came off.

Rickelton displayed great footwork against spinners Rashid and Muhammad Nabi and chinaman Noor Ahmed, not allowing them to dictate terms on him as he was also very strong off his back foot with his cuts and pulls.

The left-hander shared a strong second wicket partnership of 129 runs with Bavuma who batted smoothly for his 58 off 76 balls.

Once the two were separated with Bavuma holing out into the deep, Rickelton found another able partner in van der Dussen who helped himself to a 52 from 46 balls.

Van Dussen made sure South Africa didn't feel the absence of Heinrich Klassen who was out of the match with an elbow soft tissue injury and the dropped Tristan Stubbs as he batted very well against pace and spin.

Markram then smashed a quick-fire 52 from 36 balls with six fours and a six but even then South Africa just got 70 in their final 10 overs.

His 52 not out from 36 balls is the fastest by a South African in the tournament.

Kohli getting out to same type of bowling is a concern, says Gavaskar

NEW DELHI, Feb 22 (Agencies): Kohli, 36, was dismissed for 22 in India's opening match against Bangladesh, marking his sixth consecutive ODI dismissal against spin. This follows a tough tour of Australia, where he struggled against fast bowlers in the off-side corridor. "It is to a great extent due to the bat face opening up, whether against spin or pace," Gavaskar told news agency. "That gets him into trouble, and he'll have to watch out for it."

"A couple of times before he got out, he reached for Rishad, the ball turned, the bat face opened, and luckily the bat face opened, and so there was no nick. So



that is something that he'll have to tighten up on now," Gavaskar said. "But yes, I guess if you're getting out to the same kind of bowling, then you know, there is a bit of concern," he added.

Kohli, who was a top performer in the 2023 ODI World Cup with 765 runs in 11 matches, has struggled this year, averaging just 22.83 in ODIs. His Test form has also been inconsistent, scoring only 440 runs in

11 matches since 2024. With a crucial Champions Trophy clash against Pakistan on Sunday in Dubai, India will hope for a turnaround in Kohli's form as they aim to reclaim the trophy after 12 years.

Kashmir issue already settled, no need for foreign mediation: Kavinder

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: Kavinder Gupta, Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, has strongly condemned the recent statement by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who called for a "resolution of the Kashmir issue" through dialogue between India and Pakistan while taking into account the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

Slamming Erdogan's remarks as "unwarranted interference," the senior BJP leader asserted that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, and no foreign power has the right to dictate terms on India's internal affairs. He emphasized that such statements disregard the historical and constitutional realities of J&K and amount to an attack on India's sovereignty.



guard the historical and constitutional realities of J&K and amount to an attack on India's sovereignty.

"India has always maintained that Jammu and Kashmir is an inalienable part of the country, and any attempt to internationalize the matter is futile. The world must recognize that the abrogation of

Article 370 in 2019 has ushered in a new era of peace, development, and integration in the region," he stated.

The former Deputy Chief Minister further added that Turkey should focus on its own internal issues rather than meddling in India's affairs. He pointed out that India has a robust democratic framework,

and its policies concerning J&K are aimed at ensuring stability, economic growth, and the well-being of its citizens.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has brought unprecedented development to Jammu and Kashmir. The people of the region have rejected separatist narratives and embraced the vision of

a progressive and inclusive India. Any attempt to question India's sovereignty over J&K is unacceptable and will not be tolerated," he asserted.

Later, Kavinder Gupta participated in a crucial meeting chaired by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma at the party headquarters in Jammu. The meeting focused on organizational matters, upcoming party programs, and strategies to strengthen BJP's outreach at the grassroots level.

Kavinder reiterated BJP's commitment to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that the vision of a 'Naya J&K' under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi continues to shape the region's destiny.

Yoga Session on Exam Stress Management held at APS Kaluchak

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: In a bid to support students during the stressful exam season, Non-Governmental Organization 'THE - SARA' under 'Mission Mental Health Support' organized a Yoga session focused on Exam Stress Management at Army Public School Kaluchak Jammu. The event was designed to introduce students to mindful practices and simple yoga techniques to ease tension, improve concentration, and help them maintain emotional balance.

The yoga session, led by field volunteer at 'THE - SARA' Anita Solanki, a certified Yoga teacher and evaluator, mental health wellness instructor from the Ministry of Ayush, involved deep breathing exercises, mindfulness meditation, and yoga poses that were specifically tai



lored to reduce anxiety and boost mental clarity. Students actively participated in the exercises and were encouraged to make yoga a part of their daily routine for enhanced stress management.

The session was well-received by both students and faculty. Many students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn stress-relief techniques and reported feeling more confident and relaxed after the ses

sion. Teachers also acknowledged the positive impact of yoga on students' mental health and the importance of providing such initiatives to help students thrive academically and emotionally.

It is pertinent to mention that the Yoga session was part of The-SARA'S ongoing commitment to promoting mental health awareness and providing practical wellness tools to students, particularly during high-stress periods like exams.

Raman Suri slams NC-Govt over growing negligence in hospitals, seeks action

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) executive member, Raman Suri, today expressed grave concern over the rising number of negligence cases reported in government hospitals across Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued here, Suri highlighted the growing number of incidents that have been tarnishing the reputation of medical professionals and eroding the trust patients have in government-run healthcare institutions.

"It is a matter of concern that cases of negligence against doctors are coming up every day in government hospitals," Suri remarked. "This will not only tarnish the image of doctors but will also reduce the trust of patients in government hospitals, which

are meant to provide quality healthcare."

The latest case of alleged negligence was reported from Rajouri Medical College, where a pregnant woman tragically lost her life. Her relatives staged protests, alleging negligence in her treatment. This incident marks the fourth case of medical negligence reported in the last 15 days, with the previous three cases originating from hospitals in Kashmir. The families of the affected patients have called for justice, with some action already taken against the accused doctors and investigation committees being formed to look into the cases.

Suri pointed out that while the GMC administration in Rajouri acted quickly by forming an investigation committee to address the situation, the root

cause of these incidents needs serious attention. "The question remains: Why is such negligence occurring repeatedly?" he asked. "Some hospitals are overwhelmed with a large number of patients, and managing so many individuals can be a challenge for doctors and staff. Furthermore, there are instances where doctors do not provide clear and accurate information regarding the condition of patients to their families, which is a serious concern."

The BJP leader also criticized the National Conference (NC) government's handling of the health sector, despite its repeated claims of making healthcare a priority. "If healthcare truly is a priority for the government, then it must take immediate action to address the shortage of doctors and healthcare professionals in

all health institutions," Suri said.

In light of the ongoing negligence cases, Suri urged the government to expedite investigations into all such incidents and ensure timely action against those responsible. He emphasized that restoring patients' confidence in government healthcare systems is paramount and that the government should work diligently to resolve these issues to improve the overall quality of healthcare in the region.

Suri said, "The NC government supported by Congress must not only focus on forming committees but should actively work towards better healthcare infrastructure, increased staffing, and transparency. Only then can we ensure that patients receive the care they deserve and rebuild public trust in our healthcare system."

NSS Unit of GDC Khour visit GPS Naryana

Top News Report

KHOUR, Feb 22: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Government Degree College Khour visited Govt. Primary School, Nai Basti, Naryana on the 5th Day of the ongoing 07 Days NSS Special Winter Camp.

The motive behind the visit was to interact with the Primary School children and to make them aware regarding

various good habits like maintaining personal hygiene, moral values, kindness, modesty, honesty etc.

The visit was conducted under the leadership of Prof. (Dr) T. K. Sharma, Principal and under the supervision of Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme Officer.

About 42 NSS volunteers of the College actively interacted and

indulged the children into various co-curricular activities like singing, dancing, playing games etc. Volunteers also inspired them with motivational lectures.

Various stationary items (viz. pencils, erasers, color kits etc.), sweets and fruits were distributed among children. They felt very happy with the visit of NSS team and urged volunteers to visit school in future also.

Special Concessions to J&K in financial matters is need of hour: PHDCCI

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI), Jammu Region Chapter Chairman Rakesh Wazir, while speaking in a meeting held here with Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India incharge UT of J&K and Ladakh Chandrashekar Azad, advocated for special concessions to the business units of J&K.

Wazir emphasized the unique challenges of Jammu & Kashmir, given its fragile situation and remote topography. He highlighted the logistical difficulties of

Industrial units wherein raw materials must be transported from other parts of India and finished goods must be shipped back, increasing costs for businesses.

He urged the RBI to consider liberal financing options for business units in J&K and asked for introduction of special packages for those that became NPAs due to continuous turmoil in the region, including the abrogation of Article 370 and militancy-related disruptions. He also stressed that the use of the SARFAESI Act, which allows for the forcible seizure and auctioning of distressed units,

should be minimized and should be used only when no other option is left.

Furthermore, he called for enhanced facilitation and support for MSMEs to the UTs of J&K & Ladakh and for that even if some special policy is required to be made it should be recommended so that more and more people may invest over here leading to the sustainable growth for the business.

Azad attentively listened to the concerns raised and assured Wazir that each & every issue raised in the meeting would be given sympathetic consideration.

Jammu Sanskriti School shines at two-day Science Exhibition – Pragyaa

Top News Report

JAMMU, Feb 22: Jammu Sanskriti School made a remarkable impact at Pragyaa, an esteemed science exhibition celebrating innovation and creativity.

The school's students showcased a futuristic Transportation System project, highlighting smart technologies, eco-friendly vehicles, and efficient infrastructure. Their interactive models and in-depth research captivated both visitors and judges.

Students Diya, Keshavi, Atharv, Daksh, Suhani and Aniket, mentored by Reetu Raina (PGT Chemistry) and guided by Vishal Gupta (H.O.D Sciences), presented how transportation can support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Additionally, students




from Grades 8 and 9, accompanied by Avneet Kour (TGT Science) and Amardeep Singh (PGT-PHE), explored cutting-edge advancements in AI, robotics, and sustainable energy through specialized exhibitions and demonstrations.

Expressing her pride, Rohini Aima, Principal-Cum-Vice Chairperson, applauded the students and faculty for their innovative spirit and dedication. She emphasized the school's commitment to fostering cre

ativity, critical thinking, and hands-on learning. A key highlight of Pragyaa was the presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, whose inspiring address encouraged students to contribute to India's technological growth.

As the exhibition concluded, Jammu Sanskriti School students left with valuable insights, fresh perspectives, and a heightened passion for scientific exploration—a testament to their dedication, intellect, and vision for a sustainable future.



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