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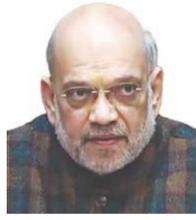
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BSF opens fire on suspected movement along IB in Samba

JAMMU, Mar 11: The Border Security Force (BSF) troops opened fire on suspected movement along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district late last night. The incident took place in the Ghagwal area, where multiple rounds were fired by BSF troops.

According to official sources, at approximately 1 AM, a sentry of BSF, under the jurisdiction of Ghagwal Police Station, observed suspicious movement near the border. In response, the sentry fired multiple rounds towards the suspected direction.

Following the incident, a search operation has been launched in the area to ensure there is no security breach. Senior BSF officials, including DIG BSF, have reached the area to assess the situation.

Wet weather brings more rains in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Mar 11 (Agencies): Wet weather continued in the Kashmir Valley with fresh snowfall covering several higher reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, while intermittent rains lashed the plains over the past 24 hours.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar forecast wet weather is likely to affect Jammu and Kashmir till the weekend. Jammu tourism

Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley lashed by intermittent rains leading to drop in the temperature and disrupting the normal activities.

Some higher reaches in Kashmir valley including the ski resort of Gulmarg received light snowfall during the past 24 hours. In the Union Territory of Ladakh, Leh, Kargil, Drass, Padum, Stakna, Tangste, Khalite and Chuchot also received light snowfall during the period.

Giving parameters of rainfall, the MeT office said that the highest precipitation was recorded at Kupwara 12.0mm of rainfall, followed by Pahalgam 11.8mm, Koker-nag 10.4mm, Gulmarg 10.2mm, Srinagar 7.8mm and Qazigund 6.8mm during the past 24 hours.

The Met office said the weather is likely to remain cloudy today with the possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain or snow at isolated to scattered places, while another spell of light to moderate rain and snow at many places during March 12 and 14. Intermittent light to moderate rain/Snow at many places during

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India has made rapid strides in healthcare in past 10 years: LG Sinha

JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the Shri Birendra Rai Hospital at Areraj, Motihari, Bihar.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated and extended his felicitations to the family members of Late Shri Birendra Rai and everyone associated with the hospital which will offer services in specialities, using latest cutting-edge healthcare technology.

"Shri Birendra Rai Ji's family has steered this esteemed institution for public service and care. I convey my good wishes to Shri Rajeev Kumar, Dr Sanjeev Kumar and his



family for the dedicated service that they are doing," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor spoke on the rapid strides made by India in healthcare, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in the past

10 years.

The Lieutenant Governor said, "Our innovations in technologies and treatment are rated amongst the best and our healthcare professionals have demonstrated excellence and they are competing with leading health institutions of developed coun-

tries.

The high standard of our care practices, along with equitable, integrated and people-centered, comparative cost advantages and efficient services have made India a favourite destination for medical treatment".

In view of the emerging challenges in health sector, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised on paying special attention to developing specialised human resource, and extending quality and affordable medical care to all through a close collaboration between the public and private sectors.

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Omar Abdullah announces committee for regularisation of daily wagers in J&K



JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday announced the formation of a committee to address the issue of regularisation of daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir and said that a roadmap will be pre-

pared for its presentation in the next budget session before the House.

This announcement was made by the chief minister while replying to the motion of thanks on the budget address in the Assembly.

"We want to reassure

the daily-rated workers, ad hoc, and casual workers that we have not forgotten them. I am announcing the committee in front of the Assembly, headed by the Chief Secretary, and will be issuing the official order today after my budget speech," Abdullah told the House.

He said that it will have the Additional Chief Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office, along with the Secretaries of the Planning, GAD and Law Departments as members, and it will be the responsibility of the chief secretary.

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BJP MLAs walkout from J&K Assembly following ruckus over action against protesting daily wagers



JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): BJP members staged a walkout from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Tuesday after a war of words with NC MLAs over the detention and baton charge of protesting daily wage employees of the Jal Shakti department.

Scores of Jal Shakti (PHE) department workers and daily wagers were baton-charged and detained on Monday during dem-

onstrations in Srinagar and Jammu as they marched towards the Assembly and the chief minister's residence demanding release of their wages and regularisation. Their march was foiled by police authorities. Intervening in the House, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said it was a humanitarian issue and that members should wait for the government's response on the issue of fulfilment of their demands. "As

far as the cane charge is concerned, the police are neither under your control nor ours, and such an incident should not have taken place," he said.

MLA Vikram Randhawa, supported by BJP members, blamed the government for forcing daily wagers to take to the streets, arguing that despite promises made by the National Conference, the budget had nothing for them.

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No control over Police, Says J&K CM as oppn walks out from house flagging lathi charge on protesters

JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): Asserting that the lathi charge on the protesting daily wage employees of the Jal Shakti department should not have happened, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said he does not hold control over the police. Jammu tourism

As the House assembled for the day, opposition members highlighted the massive protests by the daily wagers

demanding release of wages and regularisation of jobs, and criticised the lathi charge on them.

The BJP members staged a walkout as a ruckus erupted, when the BJP and National Conference members engaged in a verbal duel over the matter.

Intervening, Abdullah said, "You (BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa) have asked a question, please wait for the answer." "As far as the

police's treatment of the protesters is concerned, I would like to remind Randhawa Sahab, who is making a noise about this issue, that unfortunately, neither you nor I have control over the police," he said.

The Chief Minister further said that instead of creating a ruckus inside the House, it would have been better if the opposition raised the matter a few kilometres from there (referring to the

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Four killed, 8 injured as tempo vehicle falls into gorge in Reasi

JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): At least four people were killed and eight others injured early Tuesday when a tempo vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the

road and rolled down into a deep gorge in Reasi district, officials said.

A police official said that the tempo vehicle from Jammu to Bagankote

fell into a very deep gorge, apparently after the driver lost control over it. Four people died on the spot and eight others were injured in the accident, the official said. The injured were

immediately shifted to hospital by local volunteers, police and allied field agencies. However, the official said, that the health condition of the injured was not immediately known.

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KRIYA/RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Smt. Krishna Devi** W/o Sh. Madan Singh and Mother of Kr. Naryan Singh (EX president Shri Amar Kshatriya (Rajput) Sabha and senior BJP leader) who left us for heavenly abode on 27th March.
KRIYA will be performed at 32 Fattu Chowgan Patel Bazar Jammu on 11 March (Tuesday) at 12 pm.
Rasam Pagri/UTHALA will be performed at Brahman Sabha Prade Jammu on 12 March (Wednesday) from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Madan Singh Jammwal- Husband
Brothers and Bhabis
Late Sh. Gurdial Singh and Smt. Satya Devi
Sh. Bachan Singh Jammwal and Smt. Kamla Devi
Son & Daughter-in-Law
Kr. Naryan Singh Jammwal & Smt. Nisha Jammwal
Daughters & Son-in-Law
Smt. Chandar Kanta & Sh. Balbir Singh
Smt. Neeru Bandral & Late Sh. Ramesh Singh Bandral
Smt. Sushma Devi & Sh. Surinder Singh Slathia
Smt. Susheela Manhas & Sh. Naryan Singh Manhas
Mr. Bhavishyat Jammwal- Grandson
Granddaughters and Grand Son in law
Dr. Natasha Jammwal & Mr. Kanav Balloria
Mrs. Yashvi Jammwal & Mr. Aditya Rana
Mob.: 9419193937



Smt. Krishna Devi

OBITUARY/TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Sh Chaman Lal Pandita** S/o Late Prem Nath Pandita erstwhile resident of Turigam Devbug, Kulgam Kashmir, presently residing at H No. 875, Lane No. 6, Bhawani Nagar (Bhagwati Nagar), Tallab Tillo, Jammu.
The 10th Day Kriya will be performed on Sunday (16th) of March, 2025, 7 am at Thalwal, Jammu. **The Assembly** will be held at our residence at 10:30 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN :
Puran Devi (Wife) 8-492055436
Sh Prithvoo Nath Pandita (Brother)
Smt and Sh Vinod Pandita (Niece in law and Nephew)
Smt and Sh Munish Pandita (-do-)
Smt and Sh Sunil Pandita (-do-)
Smt and Sh Karwal Pandita (-do-)
Sh Anil Pandita (Nephew)
Smt and Sh Bansil Lal Pandita (Sister & Brother in law)
7006091692
Smt and Sh Krishan Kumar Dhar (-do- 9412053234)
Smt and Sh Kewal Krishan Ganjoo (-do- 9419207244)
and
SAMAST PANDITA PARIVAR OF TURIGAM



SH CHAMAN LAL PANDITA

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **Sh. A. K. Jalali** S/o Lt. Sh. Nand Lal Jalali resident of Budgair Alikadal Srinagar A/p 100-A Old Gurah Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 17-03-2025 (Monday) at Akhnoor Ghat and Mourning Assembly will be held at our residence H.No. 100-A, Old Gurah Bakshi Nagar at 11.30 am.
Grief Stricken
Sons & Daughter-in-Laws
Dr. Rakesh Jalali & Dr. Beenu Jalali
Dr. Arvind Jalali & Mrs. Seema Jalali
Smt. Jaya Dhar- Sister
Smt. Kunti Raina- Sister
Grand Children: Rakshan, Ritwik, Saksham & Harshita
Jalali's, Warikoo's, Dhar's, Trissal's, Raina's, Moza's & Pandita's
Contact: 9717808508, 9419706771, 9419802090



Sh. Avtar Krishan Jalali

TENTH DAY KRIYA
27th January 1943 - 3rd March 2025
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Sh. P.L. Razdan Ji**, affectionately known as Bajana Ji by one and all on 3rd March 2025, originally from 25 - Batyar Alikadal, Srinagar. He leaves behind a legacy of Sewa Bhav, compassion, love and humour
10th Day Kriya will be performed on Wednesday 12th March, 2025 at 7.30 am, at Chota Haridwar Upper Ganga Muradnagar UP.
Fondly Remembered By:
Samast Razdan, Wali, Wafa, Chaman, Handoo, Bhatt Parivar
102, Gyatri Apartments Plot No Gh 06 Sector 45 Faridabad
9990466505, 9810994556, 9871200058



Sh. Peary Lal Razdan

TENTH DAY KRIYA
We are observing the **Tenth Day Kriya** of our respected and beloved **Shri Pran Nath Pandita** S/o Janki Nath Pandita of Watterkhani, Kupwara Kashmir, at present 121-E Wazir Bagh, (near Nath Jewellers) Anand Nagar, Bhoori Jammu, on March 12, 2025 at Akhnoor, on the banks of Chenab River at 7 am.
This will be followed by gathering at Muthi Ghat, Near Directorate of School Education at 11am the same day.
Venue of gathering: Muthi Ghat
Date: 12/03/2025
Time: 11am
Samast Pandita/Darvesh and Koul (Kutlari) Parivaar.
094193 20661, 098718 66063



Shri Pran Nath Pandita

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of **Sh. Moti Lal Raina** son of Shri Som Nath Raina originally from Village Zainapora Shopian. He departed for his heavenly abode on 05-03-2025 at his residence Dina Nagar Sector-2, Lane No.2, Barnal, Jammu.
The Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on Friday 14th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. **The Assembly** will be held at our residence Dina Nagar, Sec-2, Lane No.2, Barnal, Jammu at 9.00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Shri Som Nath Raina - Father
Smt. Babi Raina - Wife
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Shri Rohit Raina & Smt. Jyoti Raina
Shri Anil Raina & Smt. Stipa Raina
Brothers & Bhabis
Shri M.K. Raina & Smt. Veena Raina
Shri Deepak Raina & Smt. Sugeena Raina
Shri Vimal Raina & Smt. Nirdosh Raina
Sister & Brother-in-law
Smt. Kalpana Koul & Shri Ashish Koul
Grand Children: Ihta Raina, Pearl Raina, Uddeshya Raina
Mob.No: 7889853125, 9149762924, 8551842204, 8600790948



SH. MOTI LAL RAINA

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of **Late Sh. Vidya Sagar Dutta** S/o Late. Sh. Anant Ram Dutta R/o 402 Julaka Mohalla Jammu.
10th Day will be performed on 8 March (Saturday) 2025 at 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at Bahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu.
Kriya will be performed on 9 March (Sunday) 2025 at 12:00 Noon at residence 402 Julaka Mohalla Jammu Tawi.
Uthala will be performed on 15 March (Saturday) 2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Bahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Sons & Daughter-in-law
Sh. Sanjay Dutta & Smt. Preeti Dutta
Sh. Raman Dutta & Smt. Nimal Dutta
Sh. Deepak Dutta
Grand Children : Inder Dutta, Aadhya Dutta
Mobile No. : 8803620241, 7889799323, 9419129730



Late Sh. Vidya Sagar Dutta
(D.O.D. 27-02-2025)

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Nancy Dhar** W/o Sh. Deepak Dhar R/o Chattabal, Srinagar A/P H.No. 161/3, Vivek Vihar, Paloura.
The 10TH DAY will be performed on 12-03-2025 (Wednesday) at Thalwal (Bhaderkali), Jammu and **ASSEMBLY** will be held at Muthi Ghat (Near Education office, Jammu) at 11 A.M Sharp.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Jai Kishori Dhar/Prabhjigi (Mother- in-law)
Deepak Dhar (Husband)
Daughters and Son-in- laws
Neha Dhar Sharma and Anuj Sharma
Sapna Dhar Bhat and Rahul Bhat
Samast Parivaar Dhar, Safaya, Mattoo, Pandita, Koul, Bakshi, Sharma and Bhat Families.
MOB. NO: 9796407446, 8867861675, 9103171700



SMT. NANCY DHAR

10TH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Karamyogi father **Sh. Dina Nath Saproo** - Originally resident of Krandigam, Bijbehara, at present B-28 Vasant Vihar Talab Tillo Jammu.
10th Day Kriya will be performed on 12th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director of School Education at 10 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Phoola Saproo - Bhabhi
Girija Koul and BN Koul (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Sarfa Koul and BL Koul (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Dulari Dhar and Vijay Kumar Dhar (Daughter and Son-in-Law)
Ram Krishan Saproo and Basanti Shah (Son and Daughter-in-Law)
Mobile - 9419123299, 9419207067



Sh. Dina Nath Saproo

TENTH DAY
With profound grief and sorrow, we hereby inform about the sudden demise of **Mr. Manoj Dhar** S/o Late Prof. Kashi Nath Dhar and Smt. Rattan Rani Dhar resident of 305, Bhagwanti Apartment, Sector 56, Gurugram on 8th March 2025.
The TENTH DAY will be performed on 16.03.2025 at Kashmiri Shiv Mandir, Sector 109, Gurugram.
DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY:
Dhars, Dembis, Kitroos, Handoos, Trikhas, Bhans, Thusoos, Wanchoos.
MOB: 9501734411, 9418085940



Mr. Manoj Dhar

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow we deeply regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother **SMT PRABHAWATI BHAT** W/o Late Sh. Bal Ji Bhat originally resident of Chinad (Khushal Pura) Baramulla at present TRT Q.No. B24 Muthi Camp Phase 2 (Exta Bhawan Hall).
Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 15 March 2025 at Akhnoor Ghat. **Assembly** will be held at Muthi Ghat (Near Directorate of Education) Muthi Jammu at 11 am.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Pyari Bhat
Son and Daughter in law
Smt. Madhu and Sh. Chuni Lal Bhat
Son and Daughter in law
Smt. Suman and Sh. Rajender Kumar Bhat
Veena Bhat (Daughter)
SAMAST BHAT PARIVAR OF CHINAD BARAMULLA



SMT PRABHAWATI BHAT

MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved (Jija Ji) **Sh Jawahar Lal Koul** H/o Smt Veena Koul D/o Late Sh Janki Nath Bhat, R/o Chattibandi Aragam, Bandipora Kashmir at present R/o House No. 113, Shiv Lane, Muthi, Jammu on 04-03-2025.
MOURNING FROM MALUN SIDE is at House No. 48-A Lane No. 4-A, Sub Lane No. 2, Lakmi Vihar, Tomal, Anand Nagar, Bohri, Jammu.
The 10TH DAY will be performed on 13-03-2025 (Thursday) at Akhnoor and **ASSEMBLY** will be held at Muthi Ghat (Near Education Office Jammu) at 11:30 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN (IN LAW'S)
Roshan Lal Bhat & Bhabli Bhat
Amit Bhat & Rakhi Bhat
Ashish Bhat & Sarika Bhat
Rahul Bhat & Kajal Bhat
Karan Bhat
D.N.Koul & Manmohani Koul
A.K.Bhat & Doora Bhat
C.L.Bhat & Chandra Bhat
Nana Ji Raina & Kaki Raina
Contact No :- 9622433894, 9622030545
Bhat's, Raina's, Koul's.



Sh Jawahar Lal Koul (Jija Ji)

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Sandeep Bakshi** S/o Late Sh. Gian Parkash Bakshi R/o H.No. 48, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu.
10th Day on 10-03-2025 at 10 AM at our residence. **Kriya** will be performed on 11-03-2025 (Tuesday) at 11 AM at our residence.
Uthala will be held on 13-03-2025 at Shiv Temple, Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu from 4 PM to 5 PM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Sushma Bakshi - Wife
Sirmant Bakshi - Son
Smt. Kamlesh Bakshi - Mother
Smt. Shakuntla Bai - Mother-in-law
Smt. Kirti & Sh. Jogeet Bakshi - Brother & Bhabhi
Smt. Ekta Bakshi - Bhabhi
Smt. Sangeeta & Sh. Naresh Sharma - Sister & Jija Ji
Smt. Sakshi & Sh. Vikas Sharma - Sister & Jija Ji
Smt. Minakshi Dutta - Sister
Smt. & Sh. Pawan Bali
Smt. Priyanka & Sh. Rakesh Bali - Brother-in-law & Sister-in-law
Smt. Anju & Sanjay Sharma - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. Renu & Sh. Varinder Bakshi - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. Kiran & Sh. Rajesh Sharma - Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law
Smt. & Sh. Naresh Bakshi - Chacha Ji
Smt. & Sh. Kapil Bakshi - Chacha Ji
Smt. Promila Dutta - Bhus Ji
Smt. Rani & R.K. Dutta - Bhus Ji
Smt. & Sh. R.K. Dutta - Mama Ji & Mami Ji
Mob: 6006322557



SH. SANDEEP BAKSHI

BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS
With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform that our beloved **Late S. Ishar Singh Ji (Goraly)** S/o Late S. Amir Singh Ji R/o 71, B.C. Road, Rehari left for his heavenly abode on 9th March, 2025.
The Antim Ardas will be performed as per the below given programme:
14th March 2025 (Friday)
Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence - 10 AM.
16th March 2025 (Sunday)
Bhog Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence - 10 AM.
Kirtan & Ardas at our residence - 10 AM to 11.30 AM.
Antim Ardas at Gurdwara Kalghar Sahib, Rehari - 4 PM to 5.30 PM.
GRIEF STRICKENS
S. Swam Singh & Sdn. Manjeet Kour - Son & Daughter-in-law (Rangli Travel)
S. Rangli Singh - Son
Sdn. Gurcharan Kour W/o Late Dr. Kuldeep Singh (AVM) Retd. - Daughter
Sdn. Darshan Kour & Dr. Kulwant Singh - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sdm. Daljit Kour & S. Surinder Singh - Daughter & Son-in-law
Sdn. Swam Kour W/o Late S. Indrajit Singh - Bhabhi
Sdn. Supreet Kour & S. Jasmal Singh (USA) - Grand Daughter & Son-in-law
S. Rajpreet Singh & Sdn. Gurnajin Kour - Grand Son & Daughter-in-law
Jagmeet Singh - Grand Son
Jasraj Kour & Rajan Kour - Great Grand Daughters
Jasraj Singh & Jalegh Singh - Great Grand Sons
Mobile: 9419142101, 9419184403



Late S. Ishar Singh Ji (Goraly)

10TH DAY/KRIYA
With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Behari Lal** S/o Paras Ram R/o Ward No.1, Near Hotel M.L. Palace Jammu Road Katra.
10TH DAY will be performed on dated 11-03-2025 at Shiv Temple Tea Garden Katra at 11.00am
KRIYA will be performed on dated 14 -03-2025 at our residence near Hotel M.L. Palace Jammu Road Katra
GRIEF STRICKEN
CHANYAIL FAMILY
PH. NO. 9797327596



BEHARI LAL

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Harmesh Lal (Shastri Ji)** R/o H.No. 106/2A, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu on 28-02-2025.
10TH DAY will be performed on 9th March, 2025 (Sunday) 10 AM at residence H.No. 106/2A, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu.
KRIYA will be performed on 10th March, 2025 (Monday) 11 AM at residence.
UTHALA will be performed on 14th March, 2025 (Friday) from 3 PM to 5 PM at Shiv Mandir, Sector 3, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Anju Raina - Wife
Daughter & Son-in-law
Smt. Sakshi Raina & Sh. Sidharth Sharma
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Shubam Raina & Driiti Chandan
Abhishek Raina & Anjali Sharma
Ashutosh Raina
Grand Children: Richi, Sidhi, Chiku, Gopi & Shubh.
Mob: 9176270005, 7006392040, 8899130285



Sh. Harmesh Lal (Shastri Ji)

TENTH DAY KRIYA
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you the sad demise of **Sh. Roshan Lal Bhat**, Son of Late Shri Kanth Bhat, Originally from Village Chamed, Basma. He departed for his heavenly abode on 28th February 2025 at his residence House No. 15, Lane No. 2, Sharda Vihar, Sangrta Bagh, Jammu.
The TENTH DAY KRIYA will be performed on Sunday, 9th March 2025, at Akhnoor Ghat, Thalwal. **The assembly** will take place at House No. 15, Sharda Vihar, Sangrta Bagh, Jammu at 11:00 AM.
GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Basant Bhat and Shri Chaman Lal Bhat (Bhaya and Bhabhi)
SON AND DAUGHTER IN LAW
Smt. Jyoti Bhat and Shri. Rakesh Bhat
Smt. Rakhi Bhat and Shri. Rishi Bhat
Smt. Meenakshi Bhat and Shri. Anil Kumar Bhat
DAUGHTER AND SON IN LAW
Smt. Sakshi Prind and Shri. Anil Prind
GRAND CHILDREN: Hita, Kishu, Anu, Anu, Anu, Mani, Parthvi
MOBILE NO: 7006316895, 9419129622, 923154614, 9819207143



SH. ROSHAN LAL BHAT

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Viksit Yuva Samelan- Y20 Summit held Shri Ram School



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JAMMU, Mar 11: The Shri Ram Universal School, in collaboration with the Nations Development Association (NDA), affiliated with MYBharat-NYK under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, successfully organized the 'Viksit Yuva Samelan' under the Y20 Summit with the theme "Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance."

The event aimed to empower young minds by fostering discussions on democracy, governance, and leadership, providing a platform for youth to engage with experts, policymakers, and industry leaders.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome note presented by the Principal of The Shri Ram Universal School, Sonika Mahajan.

The event was graced by Sunaina Mehta, Principal, Revenue Training Institute, as the Chief Guest. Shilpa Dubey, DDC Member Vijaypur, attended as the Special Guest.

The panel of experts included Aijaz Qaiser (Joint Director, Tourism), Anissa Nabi (Senior Project Manager, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission), Ekshu Sharma (District Information Officer), Dr. Akshay Parihar (BDO Khellani), Maansi Gupta (Director, MG Design), Jasleen Kour (Founder & CEO, Branding Elves), Abheet Sangotra (Youth Advisory Council Member), and Apurv Gupta (Director, JKMS).

Prominent speakers such as Heena Mahajan (Writer and Co-Convenor of Duggar Baradari- Team Jammu), Sannak Shrivats (State Secretary, ABVP), Ananya Manyal (Production Strategy Head, The Unheard Mehfil Podcast), Dheeraj Sharma (Social Activist), Sunita (Assistant Professor), Dr. Swati Mahajan (Medical Officer, RBSK), Sahil Bharti (Advocate), and Tabassum Nabi (BSc Nursing) shared their invaluable insights on the role of youth in democratic governance.

Throughout their speeches,

speakers and panelists highlighted the significance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing their relevance in governance, leadership, and youth engagement.

The event was further enriched by the presence of esteemed delegates, including Preeti Choudhary, Gudia Gupta, Tarun Uppal, Rahul Kumar, and Rakshant Balotra and Sahaj Sabharwal, who contributed to the meaningful discussions on youth-led development.

Adding to the grandeur of the occasion, the Chairman of The Shri Ram Universal School, Sanjeev Mahajan, and Director, Rajni Gupta, graced the event with their presence.

The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation, with around 200 young individuals attending as an engaged audience.

The event concluded on a high note with a vote of thanks delivered by the Headmistress, Shivani Vaid, and the Chief Functionary of the NDA, Sushil

Singh Charak. Their words of gratitude acknowledged the collective efforts of all dignitaries, panelists, speakers, and the young attendees in making the event a resounding success.

The 'Viksit Yuva Samelan' stood as a testament to the power of youth in shaping a participatory and inclusive democracy.

Through insightful discussions and knowledge-sharing, the event inspired young leaders to take an active role in governance and policy-making, fostering a brighter future for all.

The initiative aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, which emphasizes the promotion of inclusive and participatory governance.

By engaging youth in democratic processes, the event reinforced the importance of accountable institutions and active citizenship, paving the way for a more just and sustainable society.

Kavinder credits Modi Govt for revival of tourism in Border areas

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, has lauded the Narendra Modi-led central government for the significant revival of tourism in the border and International Border (IB) areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He attributed this positive development to the government's robust policies and the empowerment of security forces, which have effectively curtailed ceasefire violations along the Jammu borders.

Kavinder Gupta made these remarks during a meeting at the BJP Party Headquarters in Jammu, where he discussed the current scenario of border tourism.

The meeting was attended by prominent party members, including Vice President Aseem Gupta, Chander Mohan Sharma, Sanjita Dogra, Rajiv Charak, Vinay Gupta, Perdesuman Singh, Balbir Ram, Vikas Bhatti, and Harbhajan Singh Pamma.

Reflecting on the period before 2014, Kavinder Gupta noted that the Jammu region witnessed numerous ceasefire violations, which not only endangered the lives of residents but also hampered economic activities, particularly tourism,



in the border areas. He emphasized that the frequent disturbances deterred tourists from visiting these regions, leading to economic setbacks for local communities.

"The scenario has markedly changed since the Modi government assumed office in 2014. The strong and decisive policies of Modi government, coupled with granting a free hand to our security forces, have resulted in a significant reduction in ceasefire violations along the Jammu borders. This newfound peace and stability have paved the way for the revival of tourism in our border and IB areas," he added.

Kavinder highlighted that the decrease in cross-border tensions has restored confidence among tourists particularly after the abrogation of Article 370, leading to an increase in visitor numbers to the picturesque border regions of Jammu and Kashmir. He also pointed out that the

government's focus on infrastructure development and promotional initiatives has further bolstered tourism prospects in these areas.

"The resurgence of tourism has not only rejuvenated the local economy but has also fostered a sense of normalcy and optimism among the residents of border areas. This positive trend underscores the efficacy of the Modi government's policies in ensuring the safety and prosperity of our border regions," he added.

The former Deputy Chief Minister also lauded the security forces for their unwavering dedication and service, acknowledging their pivotal role in maintaining peace and security in the region. He reiterated the BJP's commitment to the continued development and welfare of Jammu and Kashmir, with a special focus on harnessing the tourism potential of its border areas.

GLTF secures immediate salary release, Director pledges action on key demands



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: In a major development for the teaching community of Jammu and Kashmir, the General Line Teachers Forum (J&K) successfully secured the immediate release of pending salaries for newly promoted Masters following a productive meeting with Director School Education, Naseem Javid Choudhary.

Led by President Neeraj Sharma, the delegation submitted a

comprehensive memorandum outlining six critical demands aimed at improving the working conditions of teachers and strengthening the education system.

The demands include immediate release of salaries for newly promoted Masters, re-evaluation of promotion criteria for Master Grade, implementation of a transparent transfer policy, regularization of In-Charge (I/C) teachers, conducting Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings for MTS

to Junior Assistant promotions, and addressing overcrowded classrooms in Higher Secondary Schools.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Director Choudhary promptly instructed the release of pending salaries, bringing much-needed financial relief to affected educators.

He assured the delegation that all remaining issues would be addressed with utmost priority, emphasizing the department's commitment to teacher welfare and the overall enhancement of the education system.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Neeraj Sharma expressed gratitude for the swift action taken by the Director and described the meeting as a significant step towards

systemic reforms that will benefit both teachers and students across Jammu & Kashmir.

The delegation included esteemed members such as Tajinder Singh (Advisor), Digvijay Singh (Vice President), Rameesh Khajuria (Secretary), Himmat Sharma (Media Secretary), Amit Dabgotra (District President Jammu), Sanjeev Rakwal (District Secretary), Madan Mohan (Chairman Zone Bhalwal), Surinder Singh (President Zone Bhalwal), Dr. Sudesh (District Vice President Jammu), Amit (Zonal President Jammu), Waseem Chaudhary (Zonal President Dansal), Bodh Raj, Neeraj Gupta, Ashwani, Rakesh, Avinash (President Udhampur), Joshil Sharma, Anil, Ajay Dogra, Harish, and others.

DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma meets families of missing boys in Kathua

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11 (Agencies): DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma (IPS) visited Rajbagh and Marheer to meet the families of two missing boys, Deenu (15) and Rehmat Ali (12), and assured them that every possible effort would be made to trace them.

The boys have gone

missing just days after three locals were found dead in a deep gorge in the Billawar area.

Accompanied by DySP Border Dheeraj Katoch and SHO Rajbagh Ajay Chib, the DIG assured the families that police teams were actively working on the case.

The boys, Deenu, son of Swaru, and Rehmat Ali, son of Makhn Din,

had gone for cattle grazing near Bhamberwan Goat Farm on February 27, 2025, at around 11:00 AM, but never returned home. Their families reported the matter to Police Station Rajbagh, submitting a written application in Hindi.

Following the complaint, a case (FIR No. 51/2025 U/S 137(2) BNS) was registered, and an investiga-

tion was launched.

DIG Sharma directed the SHO and DySP to coordinate with other districts and relatives in Punjab, Jammu, and Udhampur to gather leads. He also instructed the formation of special teams and the circulation of photographs of the missing boys to aid in their search.

GCOE Jammu commemorates International Women's Day with week-long awareness events

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: The SPARSH Committee of Government College of Education (GCOE), Jammu, in collaboration with the Psychological Counselling Cell, organized a series of events from March 7th to 11th to commemorate International Women's Day under the patronage of Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar. The events aimed to raise awareness on women's empowerment, cybercrime against women, and social issues, with students actively participating in all activities with great enthusiasm.

Dr. Davinder Kour, Convenor of the SPARSH Committee, delivered a lecture on "What is SPARSH?", explaining its full form, objectives, and functions. Dr. Ambica organized a symposium on the impact of sexual harassment on mental health, where students actively participated in discussions. The partici-



pants in the symposium included Priya Balaria, Bablu Sharma, Priyanka Khajuria, Sonia Devi, Meenakshi Devi, and Riya Vaid, who presented their views on the issue, contributing to an insightful and engaging session.

Dr. Sonam conducted a poster-making competition focused on sexual harassment against women and its legal consequences, where students displayed creative and thought-provoking ideas.

The competition concluded with the selection of winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions adjudged by Prof. Sunanda Rani, Dr. Davinder Kour and Dr. Shalini

Rana. The winners include 1st Position-Arti Kumari, 2nd Position-Ankita, and 3rd Position-Raksha Gurung. Additionally, a consolation prize was awarded to Preeti Verma for her commendable efforts.

Dr. Deepali Kundal screened a short film, "Astitva", emphasizing women's empowerment, which was well received by the students. Dr. Davinder Kour also attended a one-day seminar at GGM Science College, organized by Chairperson Dr. Vandana Khajuria, further strengthening inter-institutional learning and dialogue on gender issues.

The closing event com-

menced with a welcome address by Dr. Davinder Kour, followed by event proceedings conducted by Dr. Sonam Gandotra. Prof. Deepali Kundal delivered an insightful talk on preventing cybercrime against women and children, discussing concepts, case studies, and preventive measures. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Kiran Thapa.

Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students and commended the efforts of the SPARSH Committee and Psychological Counselling Cell for successfully organizing these events, which played a crucial role in promoting awareness, empowerment, and safety among students.

Student members of the SPARSH Committee who were also present Gaurav Khajuria, Bhagya Lakshmi, Razia Sultana and Jaspreet Kour.



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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 56 of 2024-25 Dated 07-03-2025

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (₹ in lacs)	Cost of work (₹ in ₹)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor
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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	08-03-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-03-2025 to 15-03-2025, 1600 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	08-03-2025
5	Bid Submission End Date	15-03-2025 up to 1600 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17-03-2025 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Reasi.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

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Position of Funds: - **Demanded**

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EDITORIAL

PM-DAKSH
YOJANA

The Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampam Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana is a flagship scheme launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Government of India. This initiative aims to enhance the skill set of marginalized and underprivileged sections of society, including Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), Denotified Tribes (DNTs), and Sanitation Workers. The scheme provides free skill development training to help beneficiaries gain employment or start their own businesses, promoting financial independence and economic upliftment.

The PM-DAKSH Yojana has been designed with multiple objectives to benefit marginalized communities. One of the primary goals is to enhance employability by equipping individuals with industry-relevant skills, making them competent for various job roles. The scheme also promotes entrepreneurship, encouraging beneficiaries to establish their own businesses by providing training in financial management, marketing, and other essential aspects of business operations.

Another crucial objective is to reduce unemployment by addressing the skill gap and ensuring that trained individuals find meaningful employment. Moreover, the scheme aims to promote social inclusion by empowering historically disadvantaged communities, thus bridging the gap between privileged and underprivileged sections of society. The initiative also focuses on capacity building, helping beneficiaries develop both technical and soft skills that enhance their overall confidence and productivity.

The PM-DAKSH Yojana is specifically designed for individuals from marginalized backgrounds, including Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), Denotified Tribes (DNTs), and sanitation workers such as waste pickers, manual scavengers, and safai karamcharis. By focusing on these groups, the scheme aims to uplift them economically and provide them with opportunities for a better future.

The scheme offers four types of skill training programs, catering to different levels of expertise and employment needs.

Up-skilling/Reskilling Programs: These are designed for individuals already engaged in a trade who require additional skills to enhance productivity and income. The training includes technical knowledge, digital literacy, and financial management.

Short-Term Training Programs: Focused on unemployed youth, these programs provide hands-on training in various industries such as IT, healthcare, retail, and manufacturing.

Long-Term Training Programs: These programs last between six months and one year and offer certifications in professional fields like fashion designing, electrical work, plumbing, and hospitality.

Entrepreneurship Development Programs: Aimed at individuals interested in starting their own businesses, these programs cover essential aspects like business planning, financial management, and marketing strategies.

One of the most significant advantages of the PM-DAKSH Yojana is that it provides completely free training to all beneficiaries. The government covers training fees, study materials, lodging and boarding (if required), toolkits for self-employment, and certification costs. Additionally, to support individuals financially during their training, the scheme provides a stipend to eligible candidates based on their attendance and performance.

Upon completing their training, beneficiaries receive placement assistance through job fairs, industry collaborations, and tie-ups with private and government organizations. For those interested in self-employment, the scheme provides guidance in availing financial support from government programs like MUDRA loans, along with mentorship on business development and management.

To ensure accessibility and convenience, PM-DAKSH Yojana offers both online and offline training through various government-recognized training centers and digital platforms. The PM-DAKSH Portal and Mobile App have been introduced to help beneficiaries register, track their training progress, and access study materials from anywhere.

The PM-DAKSH Yojana has had a significant impact on marginalized communities, empowering them through skill development and employment opportunities. By offering vocational training and financial support, the scheme has helped individuals enhance their earning potential and achieve financial independence.

Another key impact is the bridging of the skill gap, ensuring that beneficiaries receive training in sectors where there is a high demand for skilled workers. Additionally, the scheme promotes social equity, ensuring that historically disadvantaged groups get equal opportunities for employment and self-employment.

Interested individuals can apply for training programs under PM-DAKSH Yojana through a simple online registration process:

Visit the Official PM-DAKSH Portal: <https://pmdaksh.dosje.gov.in> Register Online: Create an account and provide necessary personal details. Choose a Training Program: Select a preferred course based on interest and eligibility. Submit the Application: Upload required documents and complete the form. Verification & Enrollment: After verification, eligible candidates are enrolled in the training program.

Sanatan Culture's Environmental Wisdom Inspiring the World

By: Prof. Mahesh
Chand Gupta

There is an age-old relationship between Indian Sanatan culture and environment. It is only Sanatan culture in which nature is not only considered the basis of existence but is also considered worship-worthy. The environmental balance that is advocated in modern science has been maintained in Sanatan traditions for centuries. In Sanatan culture, every natural element is considered divine. For us, the sun, water, air and vegetation are all like gods. The humility to ask permission of trees before cutting them in times of need and to apologize politely while plucking Tulsi leaves is only found in our culture. We do not pluck flowers and leaves after sunset because at that time they are in a state of rest. Not only in India, but the Hindu community settled abroad is also fulfilling its responsibility towards environmental protection. This thing is now being accepted in foreign countries as well and people are taking inspiration from it. This conclusion has come out in a recent study conducted by Britain's Institute for the Impact of Faith in Life (IIFL).

The study report mentions that the Hindu community in Britain is the most active in comparison to other communities on the issue of environmental protection. Most Hindus are doing something or the other for the environment. The belief in the presence of God in every particle is their source of inspiration. 64 percent Hindus are involved in 'rewilding' i.e. giving new life to the eco-system. 78 percent Hindus change their habits so that the damage to the environment is reduced. 44 percent Hindus are associated with environmental organizations.

The study has analyzed the environmental attitudes and activities of Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities. The report shows that 82 percent of Christians in Britain associate religion with environmental protection but their protection-related work is the least. 31 percent Christians deny climate change, which is the highest among any reli-

gious group. 92 percent Muslims and 82 percent Christians believe that their religion gives them the responsibility to take care of the environment, but their thinking does not translate into practice. If Hindus are active for environmental protection, then the main reason for this is that the feeling of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' is inherent in Hinduism, which teaches to see the entire creation as one family. This feeling develops a sense of unity towards nature in us. Today, when the whole world is grappling with the challenge of climate change, then this thinking and behavior of Sanatan culture can become an inspiration for humanity.

This study is very important in view of the environmental crisis and the dangers of climate change. This study not only reveals the relationship between Sanatan culture and environment, but it also proves that Hindus who settled abroad for work decades ago have still imbibed their culture. In Hindu Sanatan Dharma, environment is not limited only to spirituality or worship, but it is imbued with a deep awareness and sense of respect towards the entire creation. In our culture, emphasis has been laid on the conservation of nature and animals, considering them worshipful. Hence, environmental conservation in Hinduism is not only a moral duty but also an integral part of religious faith and daily life.

How much our ancestors loved the environment is known from the beliefs established by them. In Sanatan Dharma, it is believed that the entire universe is made up of five elements, earth, water, fire, air and sky. Keeping these five elements balanced is the basic objective of life. That is why maintaining the purity and balance of the environment is an important part of Hindu philosophy. In Sanatan culture, measures have been taken to protect the environment at every step. The tradition of earth worship on the pretext of Bhoomi Pujan and Govardhan Puja has not been formed by chance. The intention behind worshipping rivers as goddesses is to maintain the purity of all rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Narmada, Krishna etc. The feeling of purifying the environment lies behind using natural

herbs in havan and yagya.

Our ancestors have explained the importance of clean air through yoga and pranayam in such a scientific way. The ancestors considered the sky to be the source of infinite energy and gave the message of maintaining its balance through meditation and sadhana, and the reason behind this is also the reverence for nature. The reason behind worshipping trees and plants by considering them as gods is the feeling of their protection. Our ancestors started the tradition of planting Tulsi in every house centuries ago considering it to be the form of Goddess Lakshmi, and even today scientists accept its medicinal properties. In our country, planting forests in the ashrams of sages was given priority in ancient times and even today tree plantation is being followed in temples and ashrams as a sacred work.

In our country, environmental protection has been a part of our education system since ancient times. Our sages used to perform havan-yagya to keep the environment pure. This helped in keeping the environment clean and in timely rain. There are examples even in modern times when rain has been seen after havan-yagya. In the present times, there is a greater need to follow ancient traditions because the water of rivers is getting less and polluted. Glaciers are melting. The sea level is rising and there is a fear of many coastal cities of the world getting submerged. In ancient Gurukul, emphasis was laid on environmental conservation, and in the present times too, research and study on environmental conservation, planting more and more trees and clean environment for environmental friendliness are being given priority in colleges and universities. We believe that Lakshmi resides in a pure and clean environment and this brings prosperity, this idea of ours has been adopted in foreign countries. The large, open campuses of universities in various countries and the dense greenery there are proof of this.

In Sanatan culture, while cow has been given the status of mother to maintain biodiversity, their importance has also been accepted by worshipping snakes on Nag Panchami. The message of

maintaining water purity has been given through festivals like Ganga Dussehra and Kartik Snan. In Ardh Kumbh, Kumbh and Maha Kumbh, emphasis has been laid on the cleanliness of rivers and their importance.

The study report says that Hinduism is based on karma. It believes that what we do in this life affects our next life. Good deeds erase bad deeds and the next life is better. That is why there is a sense of responsibility towards the environment. Our youth are at the forefront in this. 46 percent of religious youth aged 18-24 years see God as an environmentalist.

Today the whole world is grappling with the problems of climate change, pollution and ecological imbalance. The solution to these problems can be found in Indian Sanatan culture. Our great traditions can become important guides for environmental protection in the entire world. The tradition of reusing old clothes and items in Hinduism is nothing but an ancient form of recycling and waste management. Vegetarianism was promoted here because our ancestors knew that promoting vegetarianism reduces carbon emissions and maintains environmental balance. In our culture, the importance of water and sun in Chhath Puja, sesame and jaggery in Sankranti and natural colours in Holi are indicative of the conservation of biodiversity.

Hindu Sanatan Dharma and the spirit of environmental protection are deeply interconnected. This connection is not limited to following religious rules but is a complete lifestyle that gives priority to gratitude, respect and conservation towards nature. If the whole world adopts these principles today, not only can the environmental crisis be reduced but challenges like climate change can also be dealt with. Protecting nature is not only our religion but also our moral responsibility.

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Champions Again, Emphatic win for India

By: Omkar Dattatray

Indian cricket team has again clicked ICC champions trophy and boosted the pride and stature of the country and its 150 crore Indians with its assertive and categorical win against New Zealand in the final match of ICC trophy. It is really a momentous time and prideful event for India. Indian cricket eleven and its Captain Rohit Sharma and all its players deserve a pat at their back for this emphatic win which has enhanced the stature of India at the international level. It is a matter of pride and satisfaction for India, Indian team and all Indians that our team has brought laurels to nation by becoming champions again. The fact is that India cricket eleven has won for the third time. Bravo Indian team, but its players should not become complacent but play in future with great vigor, enthusiasm and in the spirit of real sportsmanship and continue to win matches in future as well. An "emphatic win" for India in sports, usually referring to cricket, means a decisive and dominant victory where the Indian team outperformed their opponents by a large margin, showcasing superior skills and strategy, often with a significant score difference and leaving little room for doubt about the outcome, essentially, a clear and convincing win. Same happened yesterday on 9th of March when Indian team won the ICC champions trophy third time boosting India's stature in the international sports. India beat New Zealand in the final of the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. India defeated New Zealand by five wickets to secure their third Champions Trophy title. India chased down a target of 252 runs, with Rohit Sharma leading from the front with a blistering half-century to set the tone for their successful chase. In fact India

beat New Zealand by 4 wickets and won decisively the ICC Champions Trophy final 2025 against NeMaatw Zealand. The Kiwis, who were missing leading bowler Matt Henry due to injury, posted 251-7 batting first, but Rohit Sharma lead the chase with a half-century. The trophy was clicked by India in Dubai after India refused to travel to host nation Pakistan. India went undefeated in the tournament and was the only side to beat New Zealand in their group-stage fixture. Both teams have won the tournament previously, India in 2002 and 2013 and New Zealand in 2000. India have won the trophy after surviving a nery chase to see off a determined New Zealand side. In fact victory wraps up a brilliant tournament that saw them winning all their matches in Dubai. Indian captain Rohit Sharma ended all speculations about his potential retirement from one-day internationals in the post-match news conference. Rohit and Virat Kohli both announced their retirements from T20 internationals upon winning the T20 World cup last year. It led to rumors that something similar may happen in Dubai on Sunday. "One thing is clear," Rohit said at the end of the news conference, "I am not going to retire from the format just to make sure that no rumors are spread moving forward." As team India clinched the ICC Champions Trophy by defeating New Zealand by four wickets in a thrilling final on Sunday, March 9, Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon shared her excitement about the win as the entire nation celebrates this monumental victory. Speaking to the media at the ongoing IIFA 2025 awards in Jaipur, Kriti recalled the moment when she first heard the "shouting about hooting." "When I heard all the shouting and hooting, I thought, 'who has entered? And then of course, I realized it was a double celebration! I am extremely

proud and so happy. Tonight, we are not only celebrating 25 years of IIFA but also India's victory," she said. "Celebrating IIFA's 25th anniversary in India, among our own people, makes it even more special. And now, with India's win, it is truly a double celebration," Kriti added. Team India delivered an exceptional all-round performance to secure the ICC Champions Trophy title in Dubai. Captain Rohit Sharma led from the front with a crucial half-century, while Shreyas Iyer's solid knock and impressive bowling from spinner Varun Chakravarty and Kuldeep Yadav sealed the win. This also marks India's third ICC Champions Trophy victory. The Indian team first won in 2002, sharing the title with Sri Lanka, and later lifted the Trophy under MS Doni's captaincy in 2013. Team India star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja said that he bats at a position in one-day cricket where he gets a chance to become either a hero or a zero after Men in Blue's emphatic win over New Zealand on Sunday. India thumped the Kiwis by four wickets in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final at Dubai International Cricket Stadium to lift their second ICC trophy in as many years. India also won the T20 World Cup 2024 in the USA and the West Indies and this cup is India's first ODI major trophy in the last 12 years after the 2013 Champions Trophy win. Luckily, Hardik and KL batted really well in the last 10 overs and stitched a crucial partnership. It was not easy to score runs in the middle but credit goes to both of them as they took a lot of pressure from us," said Jadeja to broadcasters after the win. We can say India sealed an unprecedented third Champions Trophy triumph with an unblemished record as Rohit Sharma combined his inherent freedom, cricketering skill with steely resolve to inspire his side to a four-wicket win in a closely-fought final against

New Zealand on Sunday. It is worth noting that India won the trophy without losing a match, reflecting their dominance in the tournament which they won back in 2002 and 2013. No other team of the world has won the event thrice and it is a big feather in the cap of Indian team and India as well. Prime minister Narendra Modi hailed the Indian Cricket team for winning the ICC Champions Trophy and said they have played wonderfully through the tournament. Modi wrote on X "An exceptional game and an exceptional result! Proud of our cricket team for bringing home the ICC Champions Trophy. "When Jadeja was asked what this title means to him, he responded, "this is a massive moment for me. It takes a lot of pride to win a big tournament for India. Luckily, we have won two back to back ICC Trophies and we are really happy with it. "Chasing 251, India got off a strong start but New Zealand fought back valiantly, taking the contest deep. It was the combined effort from the middle order consisting of Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Hardik Pandya, which helped India close the game. Jadeja hit winning runs as India lifted their third Champions Trophy. To conclude, it can be said that this win is extraordinary, assertive, decisive and emphatic add any number of adjectives as you like as this win deserves it. Indian team should excel in the future as well and there should be no complacency.

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International Women's Day celebrated at GGM Science College

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Women Empowerment and Development Cell of Govt. Gandhi Memorial Science College celebrated International Women's Day under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal, and the guidance of Prof. Yasmeen Mughal, Convener of the Cell.

The event, centered on this year's theme "Accelerate Action," aimed to highlight the significance of women's empowerment and the need for progressive change in society.

Sapna Kotwal, Secretary, J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People (Now PEG) was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The programme commenced with a formal welcome address by Prof. Yasmeen Mughal, who emphasized the role of education in empowering women.

Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta also addressed the



gathering and appreciated the efforts of the committee in organizing the event. He encouraged students to actively participate in initiatives promoting gender equality and recognized the importance of creating an inclusive environment for women.

The highlight of the event was a Symposium in which ten speakers across semesters expressed their views on the theme in Dogri, English, Hindi, and Urdu, showcasing not only their progressive thoughts but also their linguistic and intellectual diversity.

The symposium provided a platform for young minds to engage in meaningful discussions on women's empowerment.

An Art Exhibition was also organized by the Cell displaying a range of artworks, posters, collages made by talented students Mohd. Zaigham Salaria and Ishit Kaur. Postgraduate students from the Department of English also contributed their creative expressions to the exhibition, which was widely appreciated.

Following the symposium and exhibition, a Felicitation Ceremony

was held to recognize the achievements of meritorious students in various fields.

For excellence in literary and cultural domains, Manmeet Kour, Sumeet Kumar, Chakshu Sharma, Maithly, and Mohd. Ayoub Jan were presented mementos and certificates of appreciation.

For excellence in Fine Arts, Mohd. Zaigham Salaria and Ishit Kaur were also felicitated and their artwork on display was much appreciated by all. Certificates of Participation were presented to speakers Innayat Kour, Sanchu

Devi, Rahul Kumar and Tanisha Sharma.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Sapna Kotwal shared her inspiring journey, highlighting the challenges and triumphs of women in leadership roles. She encouraged students to break barriers and work towards a more inclusive and equitable society.

Her speech resonated deeply with the audience, reinforcing the importance of taking concrete steps towards women's empowerment.

The success of the programme was ensured by the efforts of the organizing committee members, including Dr. Mona Sethi, Dr. Revika Arora, Dr. Neha Mahajan, Prof. Akanksha Parihar, Prof. Reetika Rani, Dr. Nisha, Dr. Preeti Verma, Dr. Rohit Bhardwaj, and Dr. Varun Arya.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Revika Arora while the proceedings were managed by Mohd Ayoub Jan and Maithly, students of semester VI.

Dimple condemns Lathicharge on daily wagers, demands justice, regularization

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, has strongly condemned the lathicharge on peacefully protesting PHE daily wagers and demanded an immediate inquiry into the incident.

Addressing a press conference, Dimple questioned who ordered the use of force, as Chief Minister Omar Abdullah denied issuing any such directive. He called for accountability and sought justice for the daily wagers who were allegedly attacked without provocation.

While welcoming the announcement by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary that daily wagers would be permanently recruited within five years, Dimple stressed that immediate action was needed. He demanded salary enhancements, permanent appointments, and parity with Ladakh UT wages for all contractual and daily wage workers across various sectors.

Dimple highlighted the

plight of several categories of workers, including vocational trainers, cluster resource coordinators, Kissan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) workers, SPOs, Rehbar-e-Khel, physical teachers, Rehbar-e-Taleem, Sehat workers, National Youth Corps members, seasonal teachers, SRO-43 employees, CPWs, land donors, Anganwadi workers, and Ayushman Gold Card Mitras.

He insisted that all striking daily wagers and paramedical staff be regularized immediately to provide them with job security and fair wages.

Raising concerns over salary discrimination, Dimple alleged that the LG administration in Ladakh had increased the salaries of daily wagers to Rs 29,000 - Rs 45,000 per month, while no such step was taken for workers in Jammu & Kashmir UT.

He accused the Home Ministry of unfair treatment, claiming this wage disparity was a clear indication of discrimination against J&K youth.

Dimple also criticized the Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) for failing to regularize a single daily wager in the last ten years, despite promising justice and employment reforms after the abrogation of Article 370. He accused the J&K administration, LG Manoj Sinha, and the Home Ministry of neglecting the welfare of thousands of struggling workers.

Calling for immediate action, Dimple demanded a debate in the assembly to address the rising unemployment crisis in J&K, which he claimed had reached 42%, the highest in India. He urged the government to fill all vacant posts in various departments and immediately advertise pending JKSSB vacancies to provide employment opportunities to youth.

Dimple warned of continued protests if the demands were not met. He reiterated that Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir would keep fighting against joblessness, salary disparities, and the neglect of daily wagers until justice was served.

Balbir advises street vendors to register for E-Shram Card



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JAMMU, Mar 11: Jammu and Kashmir BJP Spokesperson and former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, has urged street vendors to register themselves for the E-Shram Card, emphasizing its numerous benefits.

Balbir Ram Rattan, while speaking to a group of rehri-fadi vendors in Jammu city, explained how this initiative, launched by the Government of India, aims to provide social security and financial benefits to unorganized sector workers.

Balbir highlighted that street vendors, hawkers, daily wage labourers, construction workers, domestic workers, and other unorganized workers are eligible for this scheme. He encouraged all those who qualify to register to take full advantage of the government scheme's benefits.

Balbir explained that the E-Shram Card serves as a unique identification number (UAN) card that helps in tracking and supporting unorganized workers.

Elaborating on it, he told that registered workers get ₹2 lakh insurance coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) in case of accidental death or total disability. In case of partial disability, ₹1 lakh is provided.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that the individuals will be linked to various social security schemes, including pension plans, maternity benefits, and skill development programmes.

Through this scheme, the database created will help the government design better policies and job opportunities for unorganized workers.

He further mentioned that the 12-digit UAN number provided after registration can be used across India to avail of government benefits without requiring multiple registrations.

He clarified that any worker in the unorganized sector between the ages of 16 to 59 years can apply for an E-Shram Card. However, they should not be an income tax payer.

He informed that workers can register for free at Common Service Centers (CSCs), E-Shram's official website (eshram.gov.in), or through local government offices. They need to provide their Aadhaar number, bank details, and mobile number linked to Aadhaar.

Balbir encouraged all eligible workers to take advantage of this initiative and secure their future with government-backed social security. "This is a golden opportunity for unorganized workers to get financial security and social benefits. Register today and ensure a better future for yourself and your family," he said.

Mahant Rohit Shastri presents 'Saral Sanskrit Bodh' to Dr. Karan Singh, discusses promotion of Sanskrit

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur Thathar, Bantlab, Jammu, and State Award recipient, paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Karan Singh, the esteemed head of the royal family. During the meeting, Mahant Rohit Shastri presented the book 'Saral Sanskrit Bodh' to Maharaj Dr. Karan Singh and engaged in a detailed discussion on the promotion and propagation of Devavani Sanskrit in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri emphasized the significance of Sanskrit as the root of Indian culture and the collective responsibility to preserve and promote this ancient language. He highlighted Maharaj Dr. Karan Singh's deep attachment to Sanskrit and Indian traditions, acknowledging his remarkable contributions in keeping the

cultural and linguistic heritage alive.

Mahant Rohit Shastri further stated that Sanskrit is not only a religious and cultural treasure but also a medium for preserving Vedic knowledge, philosophy, and Indian traditions. He stressed that the royal family has played a crucial role in spreading Sanskrit among the masses, ensuring its relevance in contemporary times.

During the meeting, discussions were held on organizing awareness programs on Sanskrit, establishing Sanskrit educational institutions, and encouraging youth to take up Sanskrit studies. The conversation focused on strategies to revive interest in Sanskrit and ensure its sustained growth in the region.

Rakesh Jamwal and Aditya Abhiraj Sharma were also present during the meeting, contributing to the discussion on promoting Sanskrit education and its cultural significance.

MIER College of Education organizes workshop on Mental Status Examination



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JAMMU, Mar 11: MIER College of Education (Autonomous) conducted an insightful workshop on Mental Status Examination for MA Psychology Semester I students. The session featured renowned psychiatrist Dr. Rajinder Kumar, MBBS, MD (Psychiatry), who has 17 years of experience across various psychiatric settings and currently practices at Pulse Hospital, Jammu. Dr. Kumar specializes in treating anxiety disorders, depression, psychosis, substance abuse disorders, and childhood behavioural disorders.

A total of 22 students participated in the workshop, which commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Priya Choudhary, Assistant Professor of Psychol

ogy. She extended a warm welcome to all faculty members and the resource person, Dr. Rajinder Kumar.

Dr. Kumar began the session by highlighting the importance of active listening, referencing Ian McWhinney's insights on patient care. He emphasized the significance of understanding a client's history by attentively listening to both patients and their attendants. Drawing from his extensive clinical experience, he discussed key stages for identifying warning signs in patients and outlined effective strategies for clinical intervention. He also utilized photographs depicting various facial expressions to teach participants how to interpret gestures and analyze behaviour.

The workshop was highly engaging, allow

ing students to actively participate in discussions and seek clarifications. A role-play exercise involved students from the MA Clinical and Counselling program taking on the roles of psychiatrists, while Dr. Kumar acted as a client. He guided them through effective interview techniques to ensure meaningful therapeutic outcomes.

Prof. Adit Gupta commended the faculty of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSSH) for their efforts in organizing the event and encouraged the continuation of such initiatives in the future.

The workshop concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Sonika Kumari, marking a successful and enriching learning experience that enhanced students' understanding of mental status examinations.

GDC Mahanpur organises symposium

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MAHANPUR, Mar 11: Department of Sociology and Economic in collaboration with Women Empowerment Committee of GDC Mahanpur organised symposium on "Gender Equality" on Tuesday in connection with Celebration of International Women's Day across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir from March 8 to 12, 2025.

It was organized by Dr. Sapna Devi (Convener, Women Empowerment Committee), Prof. Namita Department of

sociology, in collaboration with Department of Economic under the guidance of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College.

The main motive of the activity was to raise awareness about gender equality, a fundamental human right that's essential for a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world.

The staff members present in the programme were Dr. Mohinder Nath Sharma, Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Dr. Jobinder Singh Soodan, Prof. Rupalee Jasrotia,

Nisha, Dr. Anju Bala, Dr. Yograj, Dr. Nishu, Dr. Hila Bhut, Prof. Namita Trogia, Dr. Suhail Ahmed Dar, Prof. Sameeksha Sharma, Prof. Monika Devi, Prof. Anuradha, Prof. Pooja Sambyal, Prof. Shivani Panooch.

Students namely Ajay Sinduria 6th sem, Simaran 6th sem, Monika Sharma 4th sem, Ruchika 6th sem and Sheikha 6th sem participated in Symposium. The entire program was hosted by Dr. Sapna Devi and the formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Namita.

Over 300 beneficiaries screened in Cancer Awareness Drive in Panthal

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KATRA, Mar 11: In a remarkable initiative aimed at bridging the healthcare gap in rural communities, World Cancer Care (WCC) Charitable Society, in collaboration with NGO SUPPORT and the Maharaja Hari Singh Foundation, organized a free cancer awareness and screening camp in Panthal, Katra.

The campaign, led by Dr. Navneet Kaur, Founder and Chairperson of NGO SUPPORT, along with MD WCC Charitable Society, showcased the power of collective action in tackling public health challenges in



Jammu & Kashmir. The 6th mobile health campaign prioritized women's health, providing them with free mammography, Pap smears, oral screenings, bone density tests, and blood tests at their doorstep. More than

300 men and women availed themselves of the free screenings, reinforcing the importance of early detection in the fight against cancer.

Dr. Kaur emphasized the critical need for such outreach programs in

rural areas, where access to specialized healthcare services remains limited. She urged women to prioritize regular screenings and take proactive steps toward their well-being.

The event not only provided advanced screening techniques but also served as an awareness platform, educating people about cancer prevention, healthy lifestyle choices, and early detection strategies. The initiative received an overwhelmingly positive response, with many women expressing gratitude for the opportunity to undergo life-saving

screenings.

Coordinated by Dr. Kaur, Himanshu, and Amit, the camp stood as a testament to the impact of community-driven healthcare initiatives. Their relentless efforts in women's empowerment and public health advocacy inspired attendees to take charge of their health and well-being.

This campaign marks another milestone in the fight against cancer in rural India, reinforcing the need for continued awareness and medical outreach programs to ensure that no one is left behind in the battle against this life-threatening disease.

We're coming, this is going to be special: Guns N' Roses set to return to India after 12 years, to perform on May 17

The concept of a dedicated gigging season in India surely seems to have faded away in India, as music aficionados are being treated to back-to-back international acts. After Maroon 5, Coldplay, Alan Walker, Green Day and Shawn Mendes' recent gigs, the newest entrants in the concert scene are Guns N' Roses. The iconic American hard rock band is set to return to India after 12 years.

Titled the Guns N' Roses' India 2025 Tour, the do will see the outfit take the stage at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi Racecourse on May 17. Guns N' Roses are Axl Rose (vocals, piano), Duff McKagan (bass) and Slash (lead guitar). They will be belting out some of their most celebrated hits, including



Welcome to the Jungle (1987), Sweet Child o' Mine (1987), Shadow of Your Love (1987), November Rain (1991) and Madagascar (2008), among others.

The tickets for the same will go live on March 19. Taking to Instagram, Guns N' Roses posted, "We're coming to India. This is going

to be special. May 17, Mumbai."

"Guns N' Roses has been a huge part of so many people's musical journey. The band defined an era of rock that continues to inspire generations. Bringing these legends back to India is a proud moment for us. Their music has shattered barriers,

brought fans together across generations and left an unforgettable mark on rock history," says Anil Makhija, COO, Live Entertainment & Venues, BookMyShow.

Guns N' Roses endure as the most dynamic, dangerous, and definitive American rock band in history to this day. Embedded in popular

culture, their landmark diamond-selling 1987 opus, Appetite For Destruction, stands out as "the best-selling U.S. debut album ever" and "the 11th best-selling U.S. album of all time," while their Not In This Lifetime... Tour (2016-2019) ranked as the "fourth-highest grossing concert tour of all time." During 1991, Guns N' Roses shook the world with the one-two punch of the 7x-platinum Use Your Illusion I and Use Your Illusion II, clinching the top two spots of the Billboard 200 upon arrival. Not to mention, they are one of the most-streamed rock bands in the world with an average of 24 million monthly listeners on Spotify. Following the reunion of the century, they headlined Coachella.

Udit Narayan cracks joke on kissing at 'Pintu Ki Pappi' trailer launch



Almost a month after he was widely criticised over a viral video that showed Udit Narayan kissing a female fan at a concert, the popular singer joked about the controversy at the trailer launch of a film that is ironically titled "Pintu Ki Pappi".

Narayan attended the event in Mumbai on Monday night alongside film's actor, noted choreographer Ganesh Acharya. "It's a beautiful title, 'Pintu Ki Pappi'. It's not 'Udit Ki Pappi', right?" the singer said, eliciting roaring laughter from the audience and the team of the upcoming

film on stage. "This is also a coincidence that this had to release now, I mean the music (of this film)" he added.

At the trailer launch, Narayan, 69, also claimed the video that went viral last month was two years old and from an event in Australia.

In the viral clip, the popular singer was seen returning kisses to female fans as he sang his popular 1990s song "Tip Tip Barsa Paani" from action thriller "Mohra".

In one of the clips which was circulating on social media at the time, Narayan was seen asking the security personnel to let a selfie-seeking female admirer pass and come near the stage.

When the fan went closer to the singer to click the photo with him, she leaned in to kiss him on the cheek, following which Narayan was seen tilting his head and kissing her on the lips.

Many social media users demanded an apology from Narayan -- known for several chartbusters like "Main Khiladi Tu Anari", "Main Yahaan Hoon", and "Ae Ajabni" -- and called his action "inappropriate".

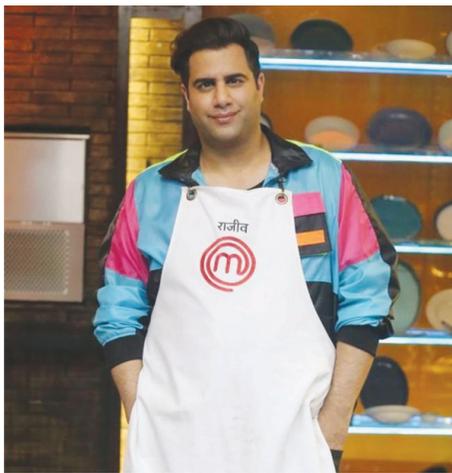
There were also some who defended the singer, saying it was the woman who initiated the kiss.

Narayan, also a Padma Bhushan recipient, had at the time refused to comment on the controversy.

Celebrity MasterChef continues to serve the perfect blend of flavours and drama

Sony Entertainment Television's reality show, Celebrity MasterChef, continues to serve the perfect blend of flavours, drama and high-stakes competition.

Hosted by Farah Khan, alongside celebrated chefs Vikas Khanna and Ranveer Brar, the culinary battlefield is only getting more intense. Every challenge is pushing the contestants to their limits and the kitchen is turning into a battleground where strategies are unfolding, alliances are being tested, and unexpected twists are keeping everyone on the edge. But before anyone can fully process the drama, the judges throw in a shocking twist—the Phool Aur Kaante challenge—one that promises to turn the game on its head.



Contestant Rajiv Adatia commented on the challenge, "Celebrity MasterChef challenges are already tough, but with so many talented chefs and celebs around, it just keeps getting harder! Phool Aur Kaante challenge was

no joke, but if there's one thing keeping us going, it's hope. We're all here because we've got something special. At the end of the day, it's about pushing through, staying creative and proving to ourselves that we belong here."

Would like to see classic studio romantic comedies come back: Simone Ashley

As someone who always loved romantic comedies, "Bridgerton" star Simone Ashley says she is happy to see the genre making a comeback.

The British actor of Indian origin currently stars in "Picture This", a romantic comedy streaming on Prime Video. "Picture This", also featuring "After" film franchise star Hero Tiffin Finnes, is set against the backdrop of a wedding in a British-Indian family.

"I've always loved rom-coms. All those classic '90s rom-coms I grew up watching. They are making a comeback. I'm starting to see more and more of them. I'd like to see those kinds of studio classics come back," Ashley told agency in a virtual interview.

Directed by Prarthana Mohan and written by Nikita Lalwani, "Picture This" follows Pia, a



struggling photographer who receives a prediction: true love and career success await her in the next five dates she goes on.

With her sister's wedding looming and family playing matchmaker, her ex Charlie reappears, throwing both her love and professional life into chaos, according to the film's official synopsis.

The 29-year-old actor, best known to Indian audiences as Kate Sharma from the hit Netflix period romantic drama series "Bridgerton", also listed her all-time favourite romantic comedy films.

"I love 'The Notebook', 'Bend It Like Beckham', 'How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days', 'My Best Friend's Wedding', 'Notting Hill'," she said.

In "Picture This", Ashley's character is depicted as a Bollywood fan who drops dialogue references from "Sholay",

dreams about Shashi Kapoor, and dances to the Madhuri Dixit-Prabhudeva chartbuster "Kay Sera Sera" with her sister at the wedding.

Asked what were her favourite Bollywood films growing up, the actor singled out "Lagaan", fronted by Aamir Khan.

"I would say 'Lagaan' was my favourite. I loved all the music, so catchy all of the songs. They are like eight minutes long, that is crazy. That was my favourite one," she said.

"Picture This" also stars Sindhu Vee, Luke Fetherston, Adil Ray, Anoushka Chadha, Even Figueiredo, Kulvinder Ghir, Asim Chaudhry, Nikesh Patel, and Phil Dunster.

Inspired by the Australian film "Five Blind Dates", the movie is presented by Amazon MGM Studios and Ingenious Media and backed by 42 Production.

I am planning a film with Khushi: producer Boney Kapoor

Producer Boney Kapoor says making a film with his daughter Khushi Kapoor is on the cards and it could be the sequel to late his wife and superstar Sridevi's movie "Mom".

Boney—whose upcoming production is "No Entry Mein Entry"—attended the 25th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards, which took place in Jaipur.

During his interaction with the reporters on the gala's green carpet, the 69-year-old producer said he has seen all of Khushi's three films, including the latest "Nadaanian".

"I have watched Khushi's all three films 'Archies', 'Loveyapa', and 'Nadaanian' and now I am planning a film with her too. Besides 'No Entry Mein Entry', there would be a film with Khushi, and it could be 'Mom 2'." "Mom" featured Sridevi, Sajal Ali, Akshaye Khanna and Nawazuddin Siddiqui. Directed by Ravi Udyar, the crime-thriller released in 2017.

Boney also praised his other "talented children"—actor Janhvi Kapoor, his elder daughter with Sridevi, and actor Arjun Kapoor and social media personality Anshula Kapoor from his former late wife and producer Mona Shourie Kapoor.



"Khushi is trying to follow in the footsteps of her mother. Her mother was a top star in all languages; she had worked in multiple languages.

Khushi and Janhvi have succeeded at the same level, and the perfection they have... My son Arjun has done a variety of roles - comedy, romantic, he was a villain in 'Singham Again'."

"Anshula has immense talent too, and she is doing well. It's only me who is struggling, so wish me luck that my struggles end. I get all the success that I am looking for. I

have been struggling for the past 50 years; I have been working for the past 52 years, so please pray for me and wish me luck." Boney also spoke about his next film production "No Entry Mein Entry", a sequel to his 2005 superhit romantic-comedy "No Entry".

The producer said the film is set to go on floors sometime between July and August.

The sequel will star Varun Dhawan, Arjun Kapoor, and Diljit Dosanjh. The leading ladies of "No Entry Mein Entry" will be announced soon.

'I'll no longer be a prop in Kannada cinema': Ramya on evolving as an actor

The Sandalwood Queen, as Kannada star Ramya is known, is back on the silver screen after a gap of nearly a decade. She has just signed a film with director Yogaraj Bhat with whom she worked with previously in Ranga SSLC starring Kichcha Sudeepa. The Sanju Weds Geetha actress was last seen on screen in the 2016 film Nagarahavu but turned producer with her Applebox Studios and made the award-winning film Swathi Mutthina Male Haniye in 2023.

Ramya opens up about her first film

Speaking at the Bengaluru International Film Festival on a panel on women in cinema, Ramya narrated how she was treated when she signed her film Abhi, starring Puneeth Rajkumar, in 2003. "When I did my first film, Abhi, the director didn't even give me a script. When I arrived on set, he simply asked me to run. I had



no idea who I was running to or why. By my second film, Excuse Me, I was given the script — at least until the interval. That felt like progress! From those early days to reaching a point where

directors began writing scripts with me in mind, I've come a long way."

Ramya on not wanting to be a prop

today, Ramya emphatically replied, "No, I'll no longer be a prop in Kannada cinema. Unfortunately, directors still come to me with roles which have a few scenes, some comedy and songs. I did this 20 years ago, and it's still the same now. Unfortunately, there are no strong roles written for women in Kannada cinema. Kannada cinema should learn from Malayalam cinema. That's not to say our industry hasn't evolved. Films like Gantumote, Sapta Sagaradaache Eello, and Aachar & Co have beautifully portrayed women. Yet, much of our films still revolve around machismo and the male star."

The Vaaranam Aayiram actress also pointed out that other south actresses like Nayanathara, Samantha and Trisha have become extremely successful and do female-oriented films that have a good market as well.

“Reducing distance between Northeast, rest of India BJP’s biggest achievement”: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday praised the BJP government and said that the biggest achievement of the ruling party is that it has reduced the distance between the Northeast and the rest of India.

Addressing the North-East Students’ and Youth Parliament organised by ABVP, Amit Shah said, “The biggest achievement of the BJP government is that it has reduced the distance between the Northeast and the rest of India. By 2027, every capital of the Northeast will be connected by train, plane and road.”

The Union Home Minister also highlighted the significant reduction in violence across the Northeast under the BJP government.

Shah stated the number of violent incidents has decreased by 70 per cent from 11,000 incidents between 2004 and 2014 to 3,428 between 2014 and 2024. Additionally, the number of security force fatalities has dropped by 70 per cent, while civilian deaths have reduced by 89 per cent over the past decade.

Shah emphasised the progress made through peace agreements, noting that his government has signed 12 major accords in the past 10 years with various armed groups across the region.

Addressing the gathering, Amut Shah said, “In just 10 years, the Northeast is experiencing complete peace



today, except for the violence in Manipur. There were a total of 11,000 incidents of violence from 2004 to 2014 and 3,428 incidents from 2014 to 2024, that is, a reduction of 70 per cent. The number of deaths of security forces has also come down by 70 per cent. The number of civilian deaths has come down by 89% in the last 10 years.”

“Our Northeast is experiencing peace today. Be it Meghalaya, Arunachal, Assam, Nagaland or Mizoram, we have signed agreements with all armed groups and more than 10,500 insurgents have laid down their arms and joined the mainstream. Our government has signed 12 important agreements in 10 years,” said Amit Shah.

Amit Shah praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his unparalleled focus on the development and peace of the Northeast.

Speaking at the gathering,

Shah emphasised that no state could achieve progress without peace, and under PM Modi’s leadership, the government has worked tirelessly to bring stability to the region.

Shah pointed out that the Prime Minister has allocated a significant budget for the Northeast’s development, treating the region as a priority.

Amit Shah also highlighted that, since India’s independence, only 21 visits were made by all Prime Ministers combined to the Northeast (excluding Assam), while Narendra Modi alone has made 78 visits, showcasing the level of importance the current government places on the region.

“There can be no development in a state where there is no peace and Narendra Modi’s government has worked to bring peace in the North East. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a huge budget for the development of the North East. In ten years, considering

the North East as his own, the Prime Minister has taken care of its development so much that he has decided that every month, one minister will stay overnight in some state of the North East. I want to tell you that the total number of visits of all the Prime Ministers to the North East since independence is 21, except Assam and the number of visits of Narendra Modi alone to the North East is 78, which shows how much importance has been given to the North East,” said Shah.

Shah addressed the North-East Students’ and Youth Parliament organized by ABVP, announcing a major development initiative for the region and revealed that a semiconductor plant worth Rs 2,700 crore is being set up in Assam, alongside a massive Rs 2.5 lakh crore investment in the Northeast.

He assured the youth that within the next 10 years, no child or youth from the region would need to leave for work elsewhere, as employment opportunities would be available within the Northeast.

“Today, a semiconductor plant worth Rs 2700 crore is coming up in Assam, which will be useful for you, and not only this, an investment of Rs 2.5 lakh crore is coming. The work of laying the foundation has been done in these 10 years. Within 10 years, not a single child or youth from the North East will have to go to other parts of the country for work. You will get employment in the North East itself,” Shah said.

Govt to open 200 day cancer care centres in country in 2025-26: Health Minister Nadda in RS



NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The government aims to open 200 day cancer care centres in the country in 2025-26 where basic facilities to patients would be provided and such centres would be established in all districts in the next three years. Health Minister J P Nadda said in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Replying to supplementary queries during Question Hour, the minister said the government is trying to make healthcare affordable, accessible and equitable by giving technical and financial

support to states. “As per the recent Lancet report, the Ayushman Bharat has made a big contribution and cancer treatment has started within 30 days of screening under this programme,” the health minister said, amid thumping of desks by treasury benches. Nadda said the Union Budget has announced the opening of day cancer care centres in every district.

“In 2025-26, we are going to open 200 day cancer care centres and will open such centres in all the districts of the country in the

next three years,” he said on the steps taken by the government in providing treatment to cancer patients.

The minister also announced that there are 22 AIIMS with full-fledged oncology departments and all central hospitals have oncology departments for the treatment of cancer.

“Our Hajjar AIIMS has the country’s biggest 700-bed cancer centre, where all treatments for cancer are available,” he said.

To another question, Nadda said the Gorakhpur All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is functioning and its OPD and IPD are operating in full swing.

The Union Health Ministry has signed an MoU with BHU to convert its medical college to AIIMS-like institution and their budgeting is also being done. “We will take it forward,” he said.

Delay in NEET-PG admissions ‘unacceptable’: Congress to govt

The opposition party questioned Union Health Minister JP Nadda over the issue

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Congress on Tuesday hit out at the government over admissions for NEET-PG having still not been completed despite results being declared in August last year, and said the delay was “unacceptable”.

The opposition party questioned Union Health Minister JP Nadda over the issue.

“Results of the NEET-PG exams were announced on August 23, 2024. Today is March 11, 2025 and admissions have still NOT been completed. 80,000 aspiring medical post-graduates are suffering.” Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

“This delay is unacceptable @JPNadda. Why is this happening?”



the Congress leader said.

The National Medical Council had previously announced that the NEET-PG 2025 exam would be held on June 16.

However, the counselling process for the 2024 postgraduate medical examination is still ongoing, leading to speculation that the exam date could be pushed back.

After the declaration of the NEET-PG 2024 results, the examination

became mired in legal complications.

In September 2024, a group of 19 candidates filed a petition with the Supreme Court challenging the use of the normalisation method for calculating results, following complaints about the lack of clarity in the scoring process.

The NEET-PG 2024 exam was conducted in two shifts, a decision that faced widespread criticism from postgraduate medical aspirants.

Govt ready to include farmers in PM Kisan Samman Nidhi who are not part of it yet: Agri minister

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The government is ready to provide Rs 6,000 annual cash benefit under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to all eligible farmers who are not part of it yet, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

He asked all state governments to cooperate with the Centre in identifying such farmers and ensuring their inclusion in the scheme.

“If anyone is left behind, please help us include all of them under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. We will ensure that such farmers also get the past instalments,” Chouhan said during the Question Hour.

All eligible beneficiaries must possess at least one piece of land, get eKYC done and register themselves at the PMKISAN portal, the minister said. He added that the fund is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000.

“We will ensure that all of these farmers get their dues without even a single day of delay,” he said while asserting that the Narendra Modi government is committed to the welfare of the farmers.

Replying to a question related to Tamil Nadu, he said the central government does not discriminate against any state.

“(As a union minister) I

have so far visited Tamil Nadu twice. Once for the work related to the agriculture ministry and the other for the works of the rural development ministry. In both occasions, neither the state agriculture minister nor the rural development minister came for the meeting,” he said.

Chouhan said he was ready to visit Tamil Nadu again to discuss farmers’ issues. “We are committed to serving the people of Tamil Nadu. We have deep respect for the people of Tamil Nadu,” he said.

PM Kisan is a central sector scheme with 100 per cent funding from the Government of India.

Operational since December 1, 2018, an annual income support



of Rs 6,000 in three equal instalments is provided to all land-holding farmer families under the scheme.

State governments and Union Territory administrations identify the farmer families that are eligible for the support as per scheme guidelines.

The last instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi was disbursed on February 24 when a total of Rs 22,000 crore was given through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system to the bank accounts of 9.8 crore farmers, including 2.41 crore women farmers, across the country.

Atishi jabs BJP over its promise to provide free LPG cylinders to women on Holi

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday questioned the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over its promise to provide free cooking gas cylinders to women in Delhi on the occasion of Holi, calling it a pre-election gimmick.

Addressing a press conference, senior AAP leader and former Delhi Chief Minister Atishi demanded that the BJP government fulfil its commitment.

“I want to ask the BJP government and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta if they will fulfil their poll promise of providing free cooking gas cylinders to women in Delhi on Holi, or will it prove to be another gimmick



like providing monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500 to women,” Atishi said.

In its manifesto for the February 5 Delhi Assembly elections, the BJP had pledged to provide subsidised cooking gas cylinders for Rs 500 to women from economically weaker sections, along with two refills on Holi and Diwali.

The BJP government has also approved

the Mahila Samridhi Yojana, which aims to provide Rs 2,500 per month to women from poor families in Delhi, allocating Rs 5.100 crore for the scheme. However, registration for the scheme is yet to begin.

AAP has been targeting the BJP, alleging that it has failed to deliver on its promises, particularly the financial assistance scheme for women.

Hyderabad horror: Crushed by debt, couple kills children, dies by suicide

Police, alerted by a call to the 100 emergency line, found the four bodies at their home in the city’s Habsiguda area on Monday night.

HYDERABAD, Mar 11 (Agencies): A Hyderabad couple died by suicide after killing their children - 13 and 10 years old.

In a note left behind, the couple wrote in Telugu, “I had no other option but to end my life. Please forgive me. I have been struggling in my career and suffering mentally and physically. I have been suffering from diabetes, nerve, and kidney-related issues.”

Sources told agency Chandrasekhar Reddy, 44, and his wife, Kavitha, 35, laboured through financial hardship brought on by Mr Reddy having been unemployed since 2023.

Mr Reddy, the police said, had earlier worked as a junior lecturer in a private college.

Now, tragically, left with little or no money and no hope apparent, Mr Reddy and Ms



Kavitha resorted to the cruelest of actions - killing their children and taking their own lives.

Police, alerted by a call to the 100 emergency line, found their bodies at their home in the city’s

Habsiguda area on Monday night.

Mr Reddy and Ms Kavitha were found in separate rooms, while their children were found in their respective bedrooms.

A preliminary inquiry suggests the couple strangled their son, 10-year-old Vishwan Reddy, and daughter, Shrita Reddy, before hanging themselves.

The boy was studying in Class V and the girl in Class IX.

Both Mr Reddy and Ms Kavitha were from Telangana’s Kalwakurthy, and both had family in Hyderabad. Their deaths, and that of their children, underline the fragile daily lives of the vast majority of India’s 1.44 billion-strong population - many of whom try desperately to make ends meet or, as in this case, deal with the physical and mental trauma of long-term unemployment.

The bodies have been stored at the city’s Gandhi Hospital and post-mortems have been ordered.

Russia shoots down 337 Ukrainian drones over 10 regions in overnight operation

This is said to be the "biggest" Ukrainian drone attack on Russia in three years, which took place hours before key Ukraine-US talks were to start on Tuesday

MOSCOW, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Russian military said its air defences had shot down 337 Ukrainian drones over 10 Russian regions overnight in what appears to be the biggest Ukrainian drone attack on Russia in three years, hours before key Ukraine-US talks were to start on Tuesday.

The attack, which killed one person and wounded several, came as a Ukrainian delegation was to meet with America's top diplomat in Saudi Arabia about ending the three-year war with Russia.

There was no immediate comment from Ukrainian officials on the attack.

The talks in Saudi Arabia reflect a new diplomatic push after an unprecedented argument erupted during President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's February 28 visit to the White House. Most of the drones — 126 of them — were shot down over the Kursk region across the border from Ukraine, parts of which Kyiv's forces control, and 91 were shot down over the Moscow region, according to a statement by Russia's Defence Ministry.

Other regions listed in the statement included Belgorod, Bryansk and Voronezh on the border with Ukraine and those deeper inside Russia, such as Kaluga, Lipetsk, Nizhny Novgorod, Oryol and Rязan.

Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin said over 70 drones targeted the Russian capital and were shot down as they were flying



toward it.

The governor of the Moscow region surrounding the capital, Andrei Vorobyov, said that one person was killed and nine were wounded in the attack, which also damaged several residential buildings and a number of cars.

Another person was wounded on a highway in the Lipetsk region, Gov. Igor Artamonov said.

Sobyenin said the roof of a building in Moscow also sustained damage, which he described as "insignificant".

Footage of the building, published by RIA Novosti, showed a charred spot on the facade of a multi-story residential building near the roof, with bits of the building's lining stripped off.

Flights have been temporarily restricted in and out of six air-

ports, including Domodedovo, Vnukovo, Sheremetyevo and Zhukovskiy just outside Moscow, and airports in the Yaroslavl and Nizhny Novgorod regions.

Train traffic through the Domodedovo railway station in the Moscow region has also been briefly halted, local officials reported.

Local authorities also reported downing drones in the Tula and Vladimir regions adjacent to the Moscow region. It wasn't immediately clear why those regions weren't mentioned in the Defence Ministry's statement.

In the Saudi city of Jeddah, there was no immediate US response to the drone barrage as Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his delegation, including national security adviser Mike Waltz, were preparing to

meet Zelenskyy's team.

Ukraine is expected to propose a ceasefire covering the Black Sea and long-range missile strikes, as well as the release of prisoners, according to two senior Ukrainian officials.

The officials also said Kyiv is ready to sign an agreement with the United States on access to Ukraine's rare earth minerals — a deal that US President Donald Trump is keen to secure.

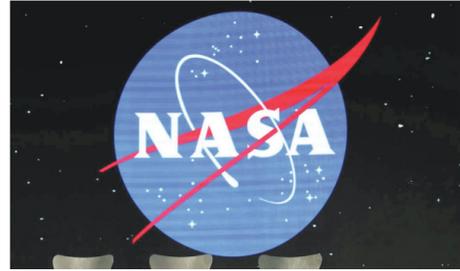
On his plane to Jeddah, Rubio said the US delegation would not be proposing any specific measures to secure an end to the three-year conflict but rather wanted to hear from Ukraine about what they would be willing to consider.

"I'm not going to set any conditions on what they have to or need to do," Rubio told reporters accompanying him. "I think we want to listen to see how far they're willing to go and then compare that to what the Russians want and see how far apart we truly are."

Rubio said the rare earths and critical minerals deal could be signed during the meeting but stressed it was not a precondition for the United States to move ahead with discussions with either Ukraine or the Russians.

He said it may, in fact, make more sense to take some time to negotiate the precise details of the agreement, which is now a broad memorandum of understanding that leaves out many specifics.

NASA begins workforce reduction, eliminates key offices under Executive Order



WASHINGTON, Mar 11 (Agencies): The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has initiated a workforce reduction, leading to the closure of several key offices, including the Office of the Chief Scientist and the Office of Technology, Policy, and Strategy.

The decision, outlined in an internal email viewed by ANI, aligns with an executive order issued by President Trump aimed at streamlining federal agencies. The agency's restructuring efforts are being carried out in coordination with the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

In an email sent to NASA employees, Acting Administrator Janet Petro acknowledged the challenging nature of these changes but described them as necessary to align with administration

priorities while maintaining operational efficiency.

She noted that all federal agencies had been directed to submit plans for reductions in force (RIF) and restructuring, with NASA actively working alongside OPM to ensure compliance. While recognising the difficulties ahead, Petro emphasised that the process would be approached thoughtfully, balancing statutory responsibilities with the goal of delivering an effective and efficient agency for the American public. As part of this phased reduction, NASA officially began implementing workforce adjustments today, ahead of the agency's broader reorganisation plan. The changes include the closure of the Office of Technology, Policy, and Strategy, the Office of the Chief Scientist, and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility branch within the Office of Diversity and Equal

Opportunity. These offices have played critical roles in shaping NASA's policies and scientific initiatives, and their elimination marks a significant shift in the agency's structure.

In the email, Petro acknowledged the contributions of the employees impacted by these closures, recognising their role in advancing NASA's goals in recent years. She expressed gratitude for their dedication and assured them that the agency remains committed to providing support during the transition. While details of the reorganisation are still being finalised, she reiterated NASA's intention to maintain transparency throughout the process. Employees affected by the reductions have been encouraged to utilise available resources, including the Employee Assistance Program, as they navigate the changes.

In her message, Petro recognised the uncertainty such a transition may bring, urging employees to remain resilient and support one another.

She reaffirmed NASA's dedication to its core mission and its workforce, emphasising that despite the challenges, the agency's strength lies in its shared commitment to exploration and innovation.

Earthquake of magnitude 4.1 jolts Tibet

TIBET, Mar 11 (Agencies): An earthquake of magnitude 4.1 jolted Tibet on Tuesday, a statement by the National Center for Seismology (NCS) said.

As per the NCS, the earthquake occurred at a depth of 10km, making it susceptible to aftershocks.

In a post on X, NCS said, "EQ of M: 4.1, On: 11/03/2025 12:39:06 IST, Lat: 28.52 N, Long: 87.40 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Tibet."

Shallow earthquakes like this one are more dangerous than deeper ones due to their greater energy release closer to the Earth's surface, causing stronger ground shaking and increased damage to structures and casualties, compared to deeper earthquakes, which lose energy as they travel to the surface.

A statement by the National Center for Seismology said that on Sunday, March 9, another earthquake of magnitude 4.0 on the Richter Scale jolted Tibet.

As per the NCS, the earthquake occurred at a depth of 10km, making it susceptible to aftershocks.

"EQ of M: 4.0, On: 09/03/2025 02:30:20 IST, Lat: 28.05 N, Long: 88.16 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Tibet," NCS stated in a post on X.

The Tibetan Plateau is known for its seismic activity due to tectonic plate collisions.

Tibet and Nepal lie on a major geological fault line where the Indian tectonic plate pushes up into the Eurasian plate, and earthquakes are a regular occurrence as a result of it. The region is seismically active, causing tectonic uplifts that can grow strong enough to change the heights of the Himalayas' peaks, noted Al Jazeera.

"Education about earthquakes and earthquake-resilient buildings combined with funding for retrofits and resilient structures can help protect people and buildings when strong earthquakes occur," Marianne Karplus, a seismologist and geophysicist, told Al Jazeera.

"The earth system is very complex, and we cannot predict earthquakes. However, we can conduct scientific studies to better understand what causes earthquakes in Tibet and to better understand the shaking and impacts resulting from earthquakes," Karplus, who is a professor of geological sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso, told Al Jazeera.

Former Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte arrested over ICC warrant for crimes against humanity

MANILA, Mar 11 (Agencies): Former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte was arrested on Tuesday in Manila on an International Criminal Court (ICC) warrant for alleged crimes against humanity related to his war on drugs, authorities said.

In a statement, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said the arrest warrant was received by the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) Manila from the ICC early today, as per the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

The media outlet said that Duterte arrived in the Philippines via Cathay Pacific flight CX 907 from Hong Kong at



9:20 am and the Prosecutor General presented the official ICC notification confirming the arrest warrant for Duterte.

Duterte had returned to Manila after delivering a fiery speech to the city's Filipino diaspora at a campaign rally on Sunday, agency report-

ed adding that the ex-leader had lashed out at the ICC probe.

The 79-year-old Duterte faces a charge of "the crime against humanity of murder," the ICC said, citing the deaths of tens of thousands of people killed by police and vigilantes

without proof they were involved in drugs.

Duterte's brutal anti-drugs crackdown, which occurred when he was president of Philippines from 2016 to 2022.

The so-called "war on drugs", deprived suspects of "due process under the law" and resulted in the deaths of thousands of people, including children, according to the complaint cited by news outlet Al Jazeera.

Duterte, however, questioned the legality of his arrest on Tuesday as reported by Al Jazeera.

"What is the law and what is the crime that I committed," Duterte said in a video uploaded on social media by

his daughter, Veronica Duterte.

"Explain to me now the legal basis for my being here as apparently I was brought here not of my own volition. It's somebody else's," he added.

Meanwhile as per the PNA report, the Philippine National Police officers who enforced the warrant on Tuesday were also equipped with body cameras to ensure transparency throughout the operation.

The Philippines government earlier said it would not cooperate with the ICC investigation against Duterte. However, it noted that the country will be obliged to act in its obligations to the Interpol.

Canada's PM-designate plans to strengthen ties with India

TORONTO, Mar 11 (Agencies): Canada's Prime Minister-designate Mark Carney said that Canada looked forward to strengthen India-Canada ties.

Carney said that Canada looked forward to strengthen ties with 'like-minded' countries, one of them being India.

"What Canada will be looking to do is to diversify our trading relationships with like-minded countries. And there are opportunities to rebuild the relationships with India- there needs to be a shared sense of values around that commercial relationship and if I am the Prime Minister, I look forward to the opportunity to build that," he said.

Canada's next leader is a relative political novice, coming instead from a decades-long career in finance where he steered governments through major global crises and periods of upheaval -- experience he's hoping to now leverage



as he prepares to take over from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, agency reported.

Carney was elected on Sunday to lead Canada's Liberal Party into the next federal elections later this year. While he has never run for elected office before, rumors have swirled for years about if -- and when -- he might foray into politics.

Carney stepped up in this role as Canada seeks to counter its loom-

ing trade war with US President Donald Trump.

In a post on X, he said, "Thank you. Now let's build a stronger Canada, together," adding, "We're strongest when we are united."

On Sunday (local time), Carney stood up to Trump and told a crowd of Liberal Party supporters that Canada will never be a part of the US, The Hill reported.

"The Americans want our resources, our water, our land, our country. Think about it: If they, if they succeeded, they would destroy our way of life," The Hill quoted Carney as saying.

"And Canada never, ever will be part of America in any way, shape or form," he added.

He defended the retaliatory tariffs Trudeau imposed on the US. Carney said he plans to keep the retaliatory tariffs in place until Canada is shown "respect," as per The Hill.

Karachi faces price hike during Ramadan, residents struggle to afford essentials

KARACHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Residents of Karachi are struggling with a sharp increase in the prices of essential goods as Ramadan begins, making it difficult for many to afford basic necessities, agency reported.

The cost of vegetables, oil, fruits, dry fruits, spices, and clothing has risen significantly since the start of the holy month, leaving citizens frustrated and burdened.

Ahsan, an elderly resident, voiced his concerns, saying, "People are afraid to protest against the government during Ramadan, fearing police retaliation. Just a week before Ramadan, the prices of daily essentials were much lower, but now everything is incredibly expensive."

He also attributed the price hikes to a lack of accountability in large markets, where sellers take advantage of the public's helplessness.

Another resident, Haji Muhammad Ali, blamed the authorities



for neglecting the issue. "The authorities are asleep, receiving their hefty salaries, while the ordinary people bear the brunt of this inflation. They do not care about the hardships faced by the common man," he said. His frustration reflects the widespread discontent among citizens who feel abandoned by the government.

Local shopkeepers are facing criticism for allegedly exploiting the situation, with prices of dry fruits, spices, and crockery soar-

ing beyond affordability, reported agency.

"It's all too expensive," a local resident complained, pointing out that middle- and lower-class families are the most affected. Another resident expressed concern about the lack of alternatives, stating, "What will people eat if they boycott these products? They are helpless."

Despite their anger, many citizens feel powerless to push back against the price surges, fearing government retaliation. As Ramadan continues, the public is demanding greater accountability from both market regulators and officials to ensure that basic necessities remain within reach, agency reported.

The steep rise in costs has sparked widespread frustration, with many questioning whether the authorities will take action to protect struggling communities during this sacred month.

Mid-Day Meal cooks, CPWs, other workers announce strike over unpaid wages, regularization demands

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JAMMU, Mar 11: In a strong show of protest, Mid-Day Meal Cooks, CPWs, Land Donors, ASHA Workers, and employees from multiple government departments including PHE, PDD, Revenue, Home Department, Irrigation & Flood Control, SRO 63, SRO 43, VDG, RDD, SPO, and Anganwadi Workers have announced a "No Pay, No Work" strike from March 31, 2025. The decision comes after years of neglect and unfulfilled promises by the authorities regarding their minimum wage implementation, regularization, and other financial entitlements.

These workers, who perform non-teaching tasks in schools such as cleaning, cooking, watch and ward duties, and maintaining hygiene, have accused the Education Department and Finance Department of exploiting their services without fair compensation. Despite



budget allocations for minimum wages, no salaries have been disbursed to them for over a decade, leaving thousands of families in financial distress.

They demanded immediate payment of pending wages as per Supreme Court guidelines, implementation of a regularization policy for all workers, compensation for land donors at present rates, a permanent job for at least one family member

of affected workers, retirement benefits and policies ensuring financial security, and no wage interruptions throughout the year.

Frustrated by false assurances from authorities, the workers' Union State Body has warned that if wages are not paid within a week of the strike, they will escalate their protest to include hunger strikes and broader demonstrations. Addi-

tionally, Union Representatives will mobilize land donors, and the strike may disrupt normal school operations.

The Union has also called upon the teacher community to extend their full support and cooperation to the movement.

The protesting workers have made it clear that any disruptions, security concerns, or operational failures in schools will be the sole responsibility of the apex authorities who have failed to address their grievances. If demands remain unmet within one month, the workers have vowed to take to the streets in mass protests, holding the government accountable for any escalations or hardships faced by students and institutions.

As the deadline approaches, the situation remains tense, with the potential for widespread disruption if authorities do not take urgent action to address the long-standing issues.

Ridima Bajpai of CLUJ creates history in 38th National Youth Festival



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Ridima Bajpai a student of Cluster University of Jammu clinches 1st prize in the 38th National Youth Festival organized by AIU, hosted by Amity University, Noida from 3rd to 7th of March 2025.

Ridima clinched 1st prize in the Indian Classical Vocal Solo Event representing Cluster University of Jammu. 147 Universities across India participated in the

Festival comprising all the zones and competing in the different events including, Music, Theatre, Fine Arts and Literary events.

Ridima is a student of GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu a constituent college of Cluster University of Jammu and a disciple of V.K Sambyal (Rangeeey Thakur). She was accompanied by Rahul Bhardwaj on Tabla and Vishal Pandita on Harmonium.

The contingent was accompanied by Asha Rani and Vishal Pandita

as Teacher In charges.

The Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Sr. Prof. K.S Chandrasekar complimented Ridima Bajpai for her achievement and also appreciated the efforts of Department of Students Welfare headed by Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, for promoting young talent in the cultural and other literary activities.

Ridima is the first student from Jammu and Kashmir to secure 1st position in the Classical Vocal Solo Category.

Vedaan organizes health & awareness camp at SCRC Trikuta Nagar

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: A Health Awareness & Medical Camp was successfully organized by Vedaan Health Care Unit in collaboration with Apollo Diagnostic Laboratory at Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre (SCRC), Trikuta Nagar. The camp aimed to provide essential free medical facilities, ensuring better healthcare access for senior citizens.

Under the expert guidance of Dr. Richa Sharma, Microbiologist, and her dedicated team, the camp conducted various medical tests, including Sugar, Uric Acid, and Blood Pressure screenings. A total of 45 patients benefited from expert medical consultations and treatments.

The event was presided over by K.S. Samyal, President, SCRC, while the Guest of Honour was Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner.

In addition to basic health screenings, the camp also conducted diagnostic tests, such



as Blood Tests, Urine Tests, Sputum Analysis, FNAC, and Biopsy, offering a comprehensive health evaluation for attendees.

During the event, Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain emphasized the importance of holistic well-being and immunity-boosting practices. He provided valuable health insights, encouraging attendees to adopt a healthy lifestyle.

His recommendations included maintaining a balanced diet, staying hydrated, engaging in regular physical activity, going for routine health check-ups, and quitting harmful habits like smoking and excessive alcohol consumption. He also stressed the significance of mental well-being, social engagement, meditation, and maintaining a

positive outlook on life. T.C. Taggar, General Secretary, SCRC, welcomed the attendees and highlighted the centre's mission to promote senior citizens' well-being.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Romesh Kumar, Financial Secretary, SCRC, acknowledging the efforts of Vedaan Health Care Unit and Apollo Diagnostic Laboratory in organizing the camp.

The camp was widely appreciated by the attendees for its expert consultations, valuable health awareness sessions, and free medical services. It reinforced the commitment to enhancing healthcare accessibility for senior citizens and promoting healthy aging in the community.

Swami Vivekananda Hospital highlights key achievements in providing affordable, high-quality healthcare to community

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Charitable Hospital, Ambphalla, held a significant press conference today, to highlight its latest advancements in healthcare services and ongoing efforts to provide affordable medical care to the public.

The hospital has been committed to serving the community with high-quality healthcare facilities at minimal costs, ensuring that essential medical services remain accessible to all sections of society.

Under the vision of Anil Gupta (President) of the hospital, the event was attended by key members of the hospital's management committee, including B.B. Gupta (General Secretary), B.S. Jamwal (Secretary), Mohan Singh Chouhan (Treasurer), Dr. Sachin Gupta (Member), Dr. Romesh Gupta (Administrator), and Iqbal Deep Singh (Manager).

A key highlight of the press conference was the expansion of the hospital's Cardiology Unit, which now offers advanced diagnostic facilities such as TMT (Treadmill Test), Holter Monitoring, and Echocar-



diography under expert cardiologist. These state-of-the-art facilities enable early detection and effective management of cardiovascular diseases, allowing patients to receive timely treatment and preventive care.

Additionally, the hospital has made great strides in diagnostic imaging with the MRI/CT Scan Centre, which has been operational for the past three months. In this short period, the centre has successfully conducted over 2000 scans at government-approved rates, making high-quality diagnostic imaging more accessible and affordable for the general public.

Another significant announcement was the introduction of

chemotherapy services, which marks a major step forward in providing affordable cancer care. By offering chemotherapy at minimal costs, the hospital aims to reduce the financial burden on cancer patients and their families while ensuring they receive the best possible treatment.

Beside this, Corneal transplants have now been initiated at the hospital under the expertise of Senior Eye Consultant, Dr. Suruchi Gupta. This advancement offers hope to patients in need of vision restoration.

Apart from these specialized services, the hospital continues to offer a wide range of medical

services across multiple disciplines.

The hospital provides expert care in General Medicine, Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology (including various eye surgeries), ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat), Pain Management, Gastroenterology, Urology, Paediatrics, General Surgery, Skin Procedures, Dental Care, Physiotherapy, and Immunization Services.

Each of these departments is equipped with experienced doctors, modern medical technology, and a patient-centric approach to ensure comprehensive healthcare for individuals of all age groups with the slogan of 'Nar Sewa Narayan Sewa'.

With a deep-rooted commitment to affordable healthcare, the hospital has introduced OPD consultations at a nominal fee of just Rs 10, making it possible for individuals from all walks of life to seek medical advice and treatment without financial strain. This initiative reflects the hospital's dedication to providing healthcare that is not only high in quality but also easily accessible and cost-effective for the general public.

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India has made rapid strides in healthcare in past 10 years: LG Sinha

"We should now focus on expanding the coverage of health services and giving access to affordable medical facilities to the people in far flung areas while ensuring quality service across a vast spectrum of healthcare," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Omar Abdullah announces committee for regularisation of daily wagers in J&K

"The committee will be given six months to thoroughly review the number of daily wagers through GAD and assess the legal and financial aspects of their regularisation," he added.

He said that the Law Department has a prime role after the Supreme Court's judgment on the issue.

"They will be asked to prepare a framework within six months. They

should fix the figures. After assessing all aspects, including legal and financial, they should prepare a roadmap on how to proceed so that in the next budget session, I can stand before you and say, 'This is what we are going to do,'" he said.

Earlier in the day, BJP members staged a walkout from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly following a ruckus, as the saffron party and National Conference (NC) members engaged in verbal duels over widespread protests, cane charges and detentions of daily wage employees from the Jal Shakti Department. The workers were demanding the release of their wages and regularisation.

There are an estimated 67,000 daily wagers in various categories in Jammu.

BJP MLAs walkout from J&K Assembly following ruckus over action against protesting daily wagers

Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma and Sham Lal Sharma

blamed the previous National Conference government for the current crisis.

However, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary countered, and said the NC government had employed these daily workers and would ensure their regularisation.

The House soon plunged into chaos with heated verbal exchanges between NC and BJP members. Some members also used derogatory language against each other. Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather later expunged the remarks.

The chief minister said the baton charge should not have taken place, as those protesting were our employees.

Regarding the police action, Abdullah said, "Neither you nor we have control over them. Please raise the issue with those who control them." He further said the police had taken note of the incident and should exercise restraint in the future.

However, BJP MLAs stood up, arguing that the situation had arisen because the government had allocated nothing for the workers in the budget.

This led to protests from the treasury benches. After several minutes of noisy scenes, BJP members staged a walkout from the House.

As the House assembled for the day in the morning, BJP MLA Vikram Randhawa raised the issue of protests by PHE daily wagers, highlighting the subsequent baton charge and detention in support of their demands for the release of wages.

He emphasised the need for the government to address their issues.

Randhawa was supported by several BJP members. National Conference members Mir Saifulah and B A Veeri, along with Congress member Nizamuddin Bhat, also raised the issue.

Despite Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather's asking them to down and allow the Question Hour to proceed, the members continued raising the issue briefly, leading to a ruckus.

The daily wagers had previously staged long strikes last year demanding the release of their pending wages and regularisation of their services. Despite several rounds of talks with senior officials in the department, their issues remain unresolved.

as oppn walks out from house flagging lathi charge on protesters

Lieutenant Governor), where the actual control lies.

"It would have been more appropriate to go 'there' and ask why they were beaten up," he added.

Omar said neither were the protesters beaten up on government orders, nor should they have been treated this way.

"Even today, I maintain that these employees are ours. Their issues are genuine. This is not a financial issue but a humanitarian one. They should have been treated with humanity and sensitivity," he said. He maintained that he believes the concern shown by all of them in the House must have reached the ears of the police.

"Next time, when these people fight for their rights, batons will not be used against them," he added.

Wet weather brings more rains in Kashmir

March 15 and 16.

The weather is likely to remain dry from March 17 to 21, the MeT office said.

The MeT office has also issued an advisory for travellers, tourists and transporters to follow admin/traffic advisory before planning their trip during the period.

The farmers have also been advised to suspend farm operations from March 10 onwards till March 18, besides people living on the higher reaches have been asked to avoid sloppy and avalanche prone areas during the period.

Meanwhile, the night temperature dropped but recorded 2 to 5°C above the average at many weather stations of Kashmir. The day recorded on Monday also slipped down by several degrees below normal in most weather stations of the Kashmir valley.

The maximum temperature recorded in Srinagar was 3.7°C below normal of 14.7°C on Monday.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar was recorded at 5.6°C during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. This was 2.3°C above the average for the place during this period of the season.

Ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a low of 0.5°C and this was 4.5°C above the average for the place during this period of the season while Pahalgam had a low of 2.6°C and Kokernag 4.2°C, the MeT office said.

ADGP Armed visits IRP 22nd Bn Kishtwar

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Anand Jain, ADGP Armed J&K along with Sarah Rizvi, DIG, IR and Rajinder Singh, SSP APCR Jammu visited IRP-22nd and all Coy Headquarters of the Battalion deployed predominantly at far flung areas of District Kishtwar to assess its functioning.

Upon his arrival, the ADGP Armed Police was presented Guard of Honour by a contingent of IRP 22nd Bn. Besides, conducted thorough inspection of all the battalion establishments, the ADGP visited administrative block, Barracks, Mess, Kot, MT Fleet, Canteens, Stores and the Battalion premises.

A Darbar was also conducted on the occasion in which the ADGP Armed stressed upon the personnel to maintain highest degree of discipline and punctuality.

Anand Jain stressed upon the



Officers to maintain cleanliness and conduct cleanliness drives regularly around the complex area to maintain hygiene. It was also impressed upon the concerned Commandant to get the medical examination of all the personnel conducted in order to improve the overall health standards.

Stressing upon the personnel for more physical activity at battalion level, the ADGP directed the Officers to restart PT, Refresher Course & outdoor trainings of personnel to make them physically fit in order to improve their physical strength to deal with the challenging situations.

The Officers were impressed upon to devise mechanism for physical activities and issuance of sports roster, so that the battalion personnel will get opportunity to nurture their talents for better opportunities in the arena of sports and imbibe sense of responsibility.

The ADGP Armed also impressed upon the officers for more innovations in the disposal of routine office procedures and to introduce E-Office mode, for establishing digital workplace and minimise paper work.

Sarah Rizvi, DIG, IR stressed upon manpower to have commitment towards duties. She stressed upon following curriculum towards refresher course.

Among others the officers who were present on the occasion include Javid Iqbal SSP Kishtwar, Mushim Ahmad, SSP, Commandant- IR-22nd Bn and other officers.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar marks International Women's Day with cultural-cum-literary program



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 11: The Government College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar, marked International Women's Day with a vibrant and inspiring cultural-cum-literary program organized by the Cultural Committee under the guidance of Convener Dr. Poonam Kumari.

The event aimed to honor the achievements and contributions of women in various fields while inspiring the college community to uphold the ideals of gender equality and empowerment.

The celebration commenced with an insightful and motivating address by Principal Dr. Meeru Abrol, who underscored the significance of women's empowerment and the pivotal role of education in fostering gender equality.

She encouraged students to pursue their ambitions with determination and confidence, emphasizing that educated women contribute to a progressive society. Her speech set the tone for the day's celebrations, instilling a sense of pride and purpose in the attendees.

The event featured an array of captivating performances by talented

students, each segment reflecting the spirit of International Women's Day:

Speeches: Simran Verma and Gurleen Kour delivered compelling speeches that highlighted the resilience of women and their profound impact on society. Their words resonated with the audience, shedding light on the struggles and triumphs of women in different walks of life.

Poetry Recitations: Ritika Pangotra, Jaspreet Kour, and Mahima Thakur enthralled the audience with their evocative poetry. Their verses beautifully encapsulated the experiences, challenges, and aspirations of women, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.

Song Performance: Priya Amla delivered a soulful and melodious rendition of a song celebrating the strength, grace, and indomitable spirit of women. Her performance was met with enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Dance Performance: Vanshika captivated the spectators with a dynamic dance performance that symbolized the journey of women towards empowerment. Her expressive move-

ments and powerful storytelling through dance added an emotional depth to the event.

The celebration concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Nisha Bhagat, who expressed gratitude to all participants, organizers, and attendees for their unwavering support and enthusiasm. She acknowledged the collective efforts that made the event a grand success.

The event was graced by the presence of faculty members, including Prof. Anju Bala, Dr. Mosmai Raina, Prof. Gagan Jyoti, Dr. Kamal Deep Singh, Arti Digra, Dr. Rahul Verma, Prof. Muzzafar, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Ashwinder, Dr. Rupali, and Rasmeeth Kour.

Their support and encouragement reinforced the college's commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity, respect, and empowerment for all.

The celebration of International Women's Day at GCW Bhagwati Nagar served as a testament to the institution's dedication to promoting gender equality and recognizing the invaluable contributions of women in all spheres of life.

By providing a platform for students to express themselves through speeches, poetry, music, and dance, the event not only honored the past and present achievements of women but also inspired the next generation to strive for a more inclusive and equitable future.

GDC Udhampur, LG Electronics organise Blood Donation Camp

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UDHAMPUR, Mar 11: In a commendable display of social responsibility, the Government Degree College, Udhampur, organized a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with LG Electronics and Thalassemia Welfare Society, Jammu.

This initiative aimed to support individuals suffering from thalassemia and other blood disorders, emphasizing the importance of regular blood donations.

The camp was efficiently managed under the supervision of Dr. Vijay Kumar, CTO 2 J&K NCC Battalion, with active coordination from Mukteesh Sharma and the dedicated NCC cadets of the college. Their collective efforts ensured a well-organized event, reflecting the spirit of community service and leadership among the participants.

A specialized team of doctors from Government Medical College (GMC), Jammu, led by Dr. Rashmi (PG 3rd Year) was present to oversee the medical procedures, ensuring the safety and well-being of all donors. Their expertise and guidance were instrumental in the smooth conduct of the camp, adhering to all necessary health protocols.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, resulting in a substantial number of blood units being collected.

This collective effort is expected to make a significant impact on the lives of patients battling thalassemia and other conditions requiring regular blood transfusions.

Principal Dr. Sanjay Kumar Verma lauded the initiative, highlighting the critical role of



blood donation in saving lives and the importance of such collaborative efforts in fostering a sense of community and empathy among students. He expressed heartfelt gratitude towards the Thalassemia Welfare Society, the medical team from GMC Jammu, the organizing committee, and all the

donors for their invaluable contributions.

This event not only underscored GDC Udhampur's commitment to academic excellence but also its dedication to societal well-being, setting a precedent for future initiatives aimed at community service and health awareness.

GDC Chatroo conducts entrepreneurship awareness program

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CHATROO, Mar 11: Government Degree College Chatroo successfully hosted an impactful Entrepreneurship Awareness Program, organized under the overall supervision of Dr. Athar Hussain. Dr. Hussain stated that the event is aimed to inspire and educate students on entrepreneurial opportunities and the support available through various government initiatives.

The program's chief speaker, Ajaz Ahmed, District Officer Kishtwar (JKEDI), was introduced to the audience by Assistant Professor Ram Krishan. In his thought-provoking lecture Ahmed provided invaluable insights into entrepreneurship, the JK Startup policies and the RAMP (Revamped and Accelerated MSME Performance) scheme. His engaging discussion shed light on the various opportunities and support systems available for aspiring entrepreneurs in the region.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the college's Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Ved Kumar, alongside several notable faculty members including Associate Professor Tariq Tamkeen, Assistant Professor Gazen-



fur Ali, and faculty members Vikram Rathore, Chander Parkash, Sunil Kumar and Ram Krishan. Their presence underscored the importance of fostering an entrepreneurial spirit among students.

The session witnessed active participation from students who actively engaged in the discussion by posing thoughtful questions on diverse business perspectives relevant to the region. Their curiosity and eagerness to explore entrepreneurial avenues added to the program's success.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Associate Professor Tariq Tamkeen. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the distinguished speakers, faculty members and students for their active involvement and commitment to making the program a resounding success.

GDC Ramnagar organizes Lecture-cum-Interactive Session on Financial Literacy

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RAMNAGAR, Mar 11: GDC Ramnagar successfully organized a Lecture-cum-Interactive Session on Financial Literacy for students and faculty under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal GDC Ramnagar. The session aimed to enhance financial awareness and equip participants with essential financial management skills.

The event featured Abhinav Mahajan (Branch Incharge, Udhampur, JKBFSL) and Gourav Sharma (Sales Executive, JKBFSL) as resource persons.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr.



Pankaj Sharma (HOD English), who briefed the audience about the resource persons and highlighted the significance of financial literacy in today's fast-paced economic environment.

During the session, the resource persons provided valuable insights into various financial concepts, including budgeting, savings, investments, and finan-

cial planning.

They emphasized the importance of making informed financial decisions and discussed various schemes and opportunities available for students and faculty to secure their financial future.

The interactive nature of the session allowed participants to raise queries and seek clarifications on financial

matters, making the discussion highly engaging and informative.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal appreciated the efforts of the organizers in conducting such an insightful session.

He emphasized that financial literacy is a crucial life skill that empowers individuals to manage their

finances effectively and make prudent financial choices.

He encouraged students to develop financial discipline from an early stage and leverage their knowledge for better financial planning.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Parminder Kumar (HOD IT), who expressed gratitude to the resource persons for their valuable contribution and to the faculty and students for their enthusiastic participation.

The event witnessed the active involvement of a large number of students and faculty members, making it a successful and enriching experience for all.

Lecture on recruitment in army held at GDC R S Pura

Top News Report

R S PURA, Mar 11: In an effort to inspire young minds and encourage them to serve the nation, Govt. Degree College R S Pura hosted an enlightening awareness lecture on "Recruitment in the Indian Army", under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and coordinated by Lt Rakesh Choudhary ANO NCC Boys of the college.

The resource person

for the event was Colonel Abhay, Director ARO and a distinguished officer of the Indian Army. The event held on Tuesday in the college which aimed at motivating and guiding students interested in serving the nation through comprehensive information about career in the armed forces.

Col. Abhay provided in-depth insights into the various entry schemes, selection processes, eligibility criteria, and career prospects in the



Indian Army. He highlighted the different opportunities available for students

after 10+2, graduation, and post-graduation, including prestigious programs like NDA

(National Defence Academy), CDS (Combined Defence Services), and Technical Entry

Scheme (TES). During the session, students actively engaged in a Q&A

round, seeking clarity on physical and medical standards, written examinations, interview procedures, and life in the armed forces. Col. Abhay also shared his personal experiences and motivated young aspirants to embrace the values of discipline, leadership, and patriotism.

The event was attended by a large number of students, faculty members, and college officials, who appreciated the valuable guidance

provided. The college administration extended its gratitude to Col. Abhay for his time and efforts in encouraging the youth to consider a career in the Indian Army.

For further details on recruitment procedures and upcoming awareness sessions, students are encouraged to visit the official Indian Army recruitment website (www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) or consult the college's Career Counselling Cell.

Kohli headlines six Indians in ICC team of the tournament

DUBAI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The talismanic Virat Kohli was the biggest name among six Indian players picked in the 12-member 'Team of the Tournament' for the Champions Trophy. Shreyas Iyer, wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul, mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy and pacer Mohammed Shami also featured in the playing XI, while all-rounder Axar Patel was named the 12th man.

The Black Caps have four members of their squad making the team, including Player of the Tournament Rachin Ravindra, with Mitchell Santner being named captain.

Two players from Afghanistan also made the cut after they won their first Champions Trophy match in their debut appearance.

Ravindra scored two centuries and topped the run-scoring charts with 263. Ravindra was



joined by Ibrahim Zadran at the top of the order. The 23-year-old Afghan played a brilliant knock of 177 — the highest-ever Champions Trophy score — against England.

Kohli slots in at No. 3 after he finished fifth in the run-scoring charts with 218 at an average of 54.50. Kohli made an unbeaten century in their

group-stage win over Pakistan and a crucial 84 in the semifinal win over world champions Australia.

Teammates Shreyas and Rahul join him in the middle-order. Shreyas was India's top run-scorer in the tournament, with two half-centuries helping him to 243 runs in total, while Rahul finished with an aver-

age of 140 thanks to unbeaten knocks of 42 and 34 in the semifinal and final, respectively.

New Zealand's Glenn Phillips is selected at No. 6 after a brilliant performance with the bat and in the field. Azmatullah Omarzai is the second Afghan named in the team. The fast-bowling all-rounder had a fantastic tournament with both bat and ball, finishing with seven wickets and 126 runs. Santner finished the tournament with nine wickets — the joint second.

Shami capped a successful return from injury by finishing with nine wickets. Matt Henry, who missed the final due to a shoulder injury, finished as the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 10 scalps at 16.70. The team is completed by Chakravarthy, who took nine wickets in just three matches.

MS Dhoni leaves for Delhi ahead of IPL 2025



CHENNAI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Legendary Indian cricketer and World Cup-winning ex-captain MS Dhoni arrived at Chennai Airport to leave for Delhi as the latest season of Indian Premier League (IPL) draws closer.

Dhoni will be playing in the 2025 IPL season for Chennai Super Kings (CSK), chasing his sixth title. Under the leadership of Ruturaj Gaikwad, CSK will start off their campaign against five-time champions and arch-rivals Mumbai Indians (MI) at their home ground of Chepauk.

Whether the upcoming IPL season with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) will be the last for Dhoni is uncertain. But ever

since his retirement from international cricket in 2020, there have been speculations over when the legend will pull THE curtains on a glorious IPL career, in which he has captured five trophies as a captain.

Ahead of the 2025 season, Dhoni was retained as an uncapped player by CSK at Rs 4 crore. IPL had introduced a new rule ahead of last year's auction, allowing franchises to retain players in the uncapped category if they have not played international cricket for five years.

Since his retirement from international cricket in 2020, Dhoni has only appeared in the IPL. In the 2024 season, he scored 161 runs at a strike rate of 220 and an average of 53.66 after 11 innings, staying unbeaten eight times and fulfilling the role of a finisher for the five-time champions.

Dhoni is the sixth-highest run-getter in IPL history, with 5,243 runs in 264 matches and 229 innings at an average of 39.12, a strike rate of 137.53 and 24 fifties. His best score is 84*. Other than CSK, he also played for Rising Pune Supergiant (RPG), a now-defunct franchise, from 2016-17.

Sports Ministry lifts ban on Wrestling Federation of India

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports lifted the suspension on the Wrestling Federation of India, restoring its recognition as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for the sport.

The Sports Ministry had suspended the WFI body after the newly elected WFI president Sanjay Singh announced the hosting of the U-15 and U-20 nationals at Nandini Nagar in the Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh in December 2023.

Starting from 2023, several ace wrestlers like Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia spearheaded protests against WFI and its former president Brij Bhushan Singh, alleging him of sexual assault.

In August 2023, United World Wrestling (UWW) put a ban on WFI as it failed to organise elections within a stipulated time following accusations of sexual harassment and protests against ex-president Brij Bhushan Singh by top wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik. An ad hoc committee by the International Olympic Association (IOA) was put in place.

In late December 2023, elections were held and Sanjay Singh was elected as the new president of WFI. However, the wrestlers protested against his election,



saying he was an aide of ex-president Brij Bhushan. Days after the elections, the Ministry suspended the federation again, a decision that came after Sanjay had announced the hosting of the U-15 and U-20 nationals at Nandini Nagar in the Gonda district of Uttar Pradesh by the end of the year. An ad-hoc committee of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) was put in place once again to handle the day-to-day affairs of the federation.

The ad-hoc committee was dissolved in March 2024 after IOA said that there was no need for the body following the lifting of the ban on the federation by United World Wrestling (UWW) and the successful completion of selection trials for future competitions. UWW lifted the ban on WFI in February last year with immediate effect.

“Keeping all my options open”: Rohit Sharma on playing 2027 ODI World Cup

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Following his team's ICC Champions Trophy win, Indian skipper Rohit Sharma said that he is keeping all his options open for his cricketing career in future and added that he cannot really commit to being a part of 2027 ICC Cricket World Cup squad, ICC Cricket reported.

After leading his team to two back-to-back white-ball titles, the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 and this year's ICC Champions Trophy, the Hitman could achieve everything in white-ball cricket after securing the next 50-over World Cup, which will be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

After missing out on the tournament as a youngster in 2011, Rohit played the 50-over World Cup as a player



in 2015 and as a vice-captain in the 2019 edition, achieving a semifinal finish in both despite his fine contributions with the bat, including chart-topping 648 runs with five centuries and a half-century six years back. While Rohit had his best chance to win the game's ultimate prize in India as a captain, he had to face one of the most heartbreaking losses of his career, to Australia in the final at Ahmedabad after a

dominant 10-match winning streak.

When the next tournament takes place in October-November 2027, Rohit will be 40 years of age. While it is likely that ageing and consequent drop in reflexes, form and reaction time could keep him out of the team, the 37-year-old has earned his right to decide his future and play one more World Cup both for his team and himself.

"It is very hard to say

that right now," he said on the prospect of taking part in the showcase in two years' time as quoted by ICC.

"But I am keeping all my options open. I want to see how well I am playing. Right now, I am playing really, really well, and I am enjoying everything I'm doing with this team, and the team is enjoying my company as well, which is nice."

"I cannot really say 2027, because it is too far, but I am keeping all my options open," he concluded his point.

Having led India to victory in the ICC Men's Champions Trophy 2025 - and been named Player of the Match in the final - Rohit had told a press conference that rumours that he was planning to retire were unfounded.

He also elaborated on what it is about the

current India squad that keeps him wanting to be part of it, despite his 38th birthday approaching next month.

"As long as I am enjoying the sport, I am enjoying playing the game, doing what I am doing for this team, I will continue to play," he said.

"It is something that really makes me happy. There are a lot of things involved, there is so much pride, and the way this team is playing, I do not want to leave this team."

"The way we are playing at this point in time, there is so much joy, so much fun to play with all of them," he concluded.

Hitman finished the 2025 Champions Trophy with 180 runs in five matches at an average of 36.00 and a strike rate of 100.00, with the best score of 76.

KL Rahul tears out horrific Ahmedabad chapter, turns over new leaf with relief, redemption in Dubai

NEW DELHI, Mar 11 (Agencies): Venue-Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium. Date- November 19, 2023. India had surrendered the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup trophy in the final to a Travis-charged Australia following an unprecedented 10-match win streak, leaving the entire country contemplating that after years of heartbreaks, following cricket was even worth it anymore.

As India's powerhouse batting line-up could make just 240 runs before bundling out in 50 overs during that traumatic Ahmedabad final, plenty of Indian and foreign voices, be it fans and experts alike, tried to find a reason.

While some blamed it on skipper Rohit Sharma's carelessness to go for a big hit against part-timer Glenn Maxwell after collecting 10 runs in two balls, some pointed out big-time failures of Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav making their first-ever World Cup final appearances. Despite all varying opinions, one point

looked too obvious and seemed to meet consensus of many: KL Rahul choked once again, pushing his team ten steps backwards with his knock of 66, which took up 107 balls, including 49 dots and consisted of just boundary. But almost one and the half years later, KL has delivered a reply fully befitting his class, talent and immense potential.

Following the 2023 WC final, there were calls for Rahul to be kicked out of the ODI team by fans when he was selected as a captain for the South Africa tour. Rahul batted at number four, scoring 77 runs in two innings with a fifty at a strike rate of almost 78.

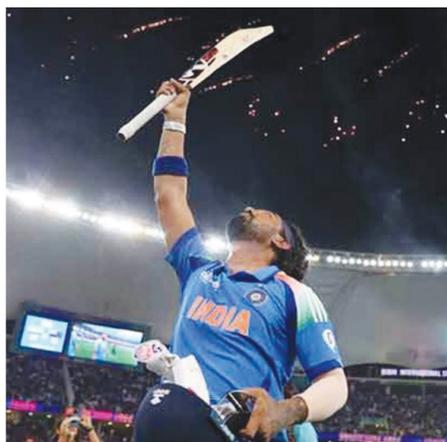
As India continued its quest towards T20 World Cup 2024, Rahul was not a part of it following a disappointing outing at the 2022 T20 World Cup, which consisted of just 128 runs in six innings at a sub-par strike rate of over 120 and two half-centuries. A 520-run IPL 2024 season with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) with four half-centuries and a relatively conservative

scoring rate of 136.12 in a season where strike rates and batting totals soared to new heights kept KL out of T20 World Cup plans.

While the criticism around KL's T20 game followed and he was mocked by some section of fans on social media, the 2023 World Cup still had a firm grip on KL's head. During a conversation on cricketer and teammate Ravichandran Ashwin's YouTube channel, KL revealed his biggest regret in the tournament, being indecisive about whether to attack Mitchell Starc's lethal "reversing" deliveries or not.

"The World Cup final against Australia, I was stuck in the moment, whether to take down Starc or just play him as it was reversing, bowling in tough angle - in that confusing I ended up nicking it - if I could have played till the end, it could have been 30+ runs & probably World Cup in our hands - that is what I regret," said a remorseful Rahul as he tried to put a sentence together.

Once the man who looked set to dominate



the T20 scene following multiple productive years with Punjab Kings (PBKS) and brilliant outings with Team India, including two quickfire centuries in 46 and 53 balls, had to watch India's drought-breaking ICC T20 World Cup win at Barbados from the sidelines.

Bad times continued following KL, as during the Sri Lanka ODI series in August, the right-handed batter was not even given his usual number-five batting spot, where he has thrived with 1,299 runs in 31 matches at an average of 56.47,

strike rate of over 96, two centuries and nine fifties. In order to give Washington Sundar, Axar Patel and Shivam Dube some time with the bat in order to test combinations ahead of the Champions Trophy and to maintain a left-right combination, KL was demoted to number six and seven. He managed meagre returns of 31 runs in two innings, including a duck.

Heading into the Champions Trophy, the accumulator was turned into a finisher. While he registered a fine of 40 in 29 balls in the third ODI against England

at number five, he had poor outings at number six in other two matches, scoring just two and 10.

Rahul started the Champions Trophy by sealing a win against Bangladesh with a six, much like another long-haired Indian wicketkeeper-batter (MS Dhoni) who did so in the 2011 World Cup final. KL made 41* in 47 balls, with a four and two sixes, following it with a disappointing knock of 23 in 29 balls, with a four against New Zealand.

However, in the knockouts, KL stepped up big time against two teams that haunted him in the past, Australia and New Zealand (which started his poor knockout run with a 1-run knock in the 2019 WC semifinals).

In the semis against Australia, KL held the innings together with Virat Kohli during a tense 265-run chase and put on the finishing touches with his calculated aggression. Smashing a Glenn Maxwell delivery for a huge six to seal the match, unbeaten at 42* in 34 balls (two fours and two sixes), the batter delivered a statement that he

was ready for the finals. In the finals, an equally tensed 252-run chase followed. India was 203/5 in 41.3 overs. KL put together brief partnerships with Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja, staying till the end with a score of 34* in 33 balls, with a four a six.

With this win, India landed its second-successive white-ball title, with Rahul acing a newly-handed finisher role in the knockouts, a stage of tournaments for long considered his weakness. As the fireworks lit up the Dubai International Stadium and its skies, KL raised his bat, looking towards the skies, as if liberating himself from his past demons, watching all the tension and weight of past failures leaving his body with a sigh of relief.

Following the match, KL admitted that he was tense as much as he was confident about winning the game for India.

"Keeping composure is all that matters, happy to have done it this time. I have batted in times like this in three out of the five games. Hard to put in words, but the team

has pure skill. The way we have all had to play cricket growing up, we faced pressure from the time we became professional cricketers. The BCCI have groomed all of them and we have challenging ourselves to get better," he added.

After the match, Rahul earned praise from his skipper, who said during the post-match presser, "When we discussed about KL's batting position, that is one thing we discussed quite deeply about how calm he is when he is batting. The pressure does not get to him with that calmness, we wanted that calmness in the middle somewhere. And also, we wanted to use a left-hander in the middle. So that actually worked out in both ways for us."

KL ended the Champions Trophy with 140 runs in four innings at an average of 140.00, a strike rate of 97.90, way higher than his career strike rate of over 88, as one of the heroes of India's campaign. Having redeemed himself from past failures, will KL wear a new, confident skin and pull a new leaf in his career?

GCW Parade celebrates International Women's Week with inspiring events

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JAMMU, Mar 11: The Centre for Women's Studies at Government College for Women (GCW) Parade Ground, Jammu, celebrated International Women's Week under the supervision of Principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo. Themed 'Accelerate Action,' the week-long event featured insightful discussions, creative performances, and awareness programs aimed at empowering women and promoting health education.

On March 7, a 'Health Talk' was organized in collaboration with the Department of Home Science. Dr. Nitu Sharma, HoD Home Science, welcomed the resource person, Dr. Nancy Sharma, a clinical nutritionist and physiotherapist. Dr. Sharma delivered an engaging presentation on women's health, emphasizing nutrition, healthy lifestyle habits, exercise, and early disease



detection. To encourage active participation, Dr. Aakriti Verma and Dr. Samriti Gupta conducted a dynamic quiz competition, with enthusiastic students taking part. The winners were felicitated with gift hampers.

On March 8, a poetry recitation event was held in collaboration with MKM (International Organization J&K). The program commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by Saraswati Vandana performed by students from the Music Department. Dr. Nalini Kohli, Former Director of Colleges, was the Chief

Guest, and Principal Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo was the Special Guest.

A total of 22 students and faculty members participated in the poetry recitation. Adding to the emotional depth of the event, students performed a powerful skit on 'Survivors of Acid Attacks', which deeply resonated with the audience.

Participants were honored with mementos, while the Chief Guest emphasized the significance of Women's Day and its theme. The event was graced by Suman Pal and other MKM members and was sponsored by Silverlines and

Fortofino.

Continuing the celebration, on March 11, the Centre for Women's Studies organized an awareness talk on 'Cervical Cancer: Screening and Prevention.'

The resource person, Dr. Neha Gupta, Senior Consultant, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Medanta Medicity, Gurugram, delivered a comprehensive presentation on cervical cancer, risk factors, symptoms, prevention, screening methods (PAP smear), HPV vaccine, FOGSI recommendations, and breast cancer awareness. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A seg-

ment, fostering greater awareness and understanding.

The event was coordinated by Sandeep Singh Jamwal from Medanta Mediconsult Centre, Jammu, alongside Dr. Seema Malhotra, Convener of CWS.

Principal Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo appreciated the efforts of Prof. Anita Sharma, Dr. Shally Chadha, Prof. Usha Devi, Prof. Sukhvinder Kaur, and Dr. Pallavi Jamwal for organizing the events successfully. The program was attended by students from all semesters, senior faculty members, and members of the organizing committee. The sessions were compered by Dr. Iesha Sharma.

The week-long celebration honored the spirit, strength, and achievements of women, reinforcing the need for action and awareness in advancing women's empowerment and healthcare.

Samvedna Society organizes 93rd Free Eye Screening Camp



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JAMMU, Mar 11: Continuing its mission of community service, Samvedna Society, under the leadership of Chairman Keshav Chopra, organized its 93rd Free Eye Screening and Check-up Camp at the office of the Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Narwal, Jammu. The initiative was conducted in collaboration with Sood Eye Centre (A unit of Agarwal Hospitals) and was inaugurated by Deputy Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Ayaz Ahmed Natnoo.

The camp witnessed a significant turnout, with 103 individuals receiving free eye check-ups,

including Refraction, NCT, AR Check-ups, and Vision Screening, conducted by a team of expert doctors. Free medicines were also distributed among the patients. Beyond providing medical services, the event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of regular eye check-ups, early detection of vision-related issues, and the role of nutrition in maintaining eye health.

Commending the initiative, Deputy Director Ayaz Ahmed Natnoo appreciated Samvedna Society's efforts in organizing such health camps, ensuring healthcare accessibility to all. He also lauded Keshav Chopra and his team for their dedication

to serving humanity. Speaking at the event, Keshav Chopra emphasized the society's commitment to delivering healthcare facilities to people at their doorstep. "This camp was specially planned to benefit the staff and locals of the area. Additionally, cataract removal surgeries will be provided free of cost under the Ayushman Bharat Golden Card," he announced.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Assistant Director Ashwani Kumar, Dr. Pankaj Gupta (Auditor), Assistant Director Planning Sunil Singh, along with Ashok Kumar, Rakesh Bali, Sourav Sangral AMO, Ashish Sharma, Anees, Anju Chopra, Hiteshwar, Vikas Kumar, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, and others.

With its continued commitment to social welfare, Samvedna Society remains steadfast in its mission to bring quality healthcare services to communities in need.

MoU of Central Sanskrit Universities will become a milestone: Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi



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JAMMU, Mar 11: A two-day meeting of the three Central Sanskrit Universities was successfully organized at National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.

The discussions focused on the implementation of NEP 2020, standardization of UG and PG curricula, exchange of library and knowledge resources, formulation of uniform research guidelines, and the facilitation of joint degrees and student mobility.

Additionally, faculty exchange programs, the global promotion of Sanskrit through mutual cooperation, and the recognition of online courses were also key points of deliberation.

Other significant topics included associate research initiatives, the planning of Utkarsh Mahotsav, the implementation strategy for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the organization of All India Regional Socio-Educational Competitions, scholarship provisions, and quality enhancement measures aimed at improving the universities' rankings at both national and international levels.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi, Vice-Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University, along with Prof. Murali Manohar Pathak, Prof. GSR Krishnamurthy, Prof. RG Muralikrishna, Examination Controller

Prof. Pawan Kumar, Academic Dean Prof. Madanmohan Jha, and deans and senior officials from all three Central Sanskrit Universities.

During the discussions, the Vice-Chancellors, Deans, and top officials extensively analyzed various academic and administrative aspects and reached a consensus on their implementation.

Prof. Srinivas Varkhedi, Vice-Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University, emphasized that maintaining high educational standards, fostering collaborative research, and demonstrating a unified commitment to Sanskrit's rich heritage are the pillars of this initiative.

He stated that the MoU would streamline resource sharing, facilitate student and faculty exchange programs, and mark a new chapter of collaborative excellence by ensuring the effective implementation of joint initiatives across all three institutions.

Highlighting the importance of skill development, he stressed the need to make traditional courses more employment-oriented while integrating research-driven innovations.

He underlined the necessity of teamwork in building a world-class Sanskrit university and urged all institutions to work collectively towards this vision.

Prof. Varkhedi also pointed out that, considering the global scenar-

io, Sanskrit universities must align their efforts with international expectations.

He called for collaboration with local and small-scale industries to enhance student skill development, facilitate internship programs, conduct refresher courses, and provide teacher training to ensure that faculty remain updated in their fields.

This, he noted, would not only attract students to Sanskrit education but also improve the overall quality of academics. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of signing MoUs with other universities to elevate the quality of higher education, introduce innovative measures for livelihood, and incorporate new research areas to contribute to the vision of a Developed India.

Prof. GSR Krishnamurthy, Vice-Chancellor of National Sanskrit University, and Prof. Murali Manohar Pathak, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, shared insights on the implementation of NEP 2020 and various academic innovations introduced in their respective institutions.

The meeting also witnessed the presence of several distinguished academicians, including Prof. Sarvarayan Jha, Prof. Sudesh Kumar Sharma, Prof. Banmali Bishwal, Prof. Lalit Kumar Tripathi, Prof. Ramakant Pandey, Prof. Lalit Kumar Sahu, Prof. PV Subramaniam, Prof. Narayan Simha, Prof. Madhukeshwar Bhatt, and Dr. D. Dayanath. The discussions concluded with a strong commitment to advancing Sanskrit education and fostering collaborative excellence among the three Central Sanskrit Universities.

DPS Jammu students shine at on-spot painting competition

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JAMMU, Mar 11: Bringing pride to their school and families, Dhvani Jakhotra (IX-H) and Aradhya (VII-A) of Delhi Public School Jammu showcased their artistic brilliance at the On-Spot Painting Competition organized by CSIR-IIM Jammu on 2nd March 2025.

Competing against 250 participants from across J&K, Dhvani secured



the 2nd position, while Aradhya earned a Consolation Prize in the 13-16 years age category.

Their exceptional talent was recognized with certificates of participation and mementoes, presented by Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Principal, GMC Jammu.

The President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh, Director, S.S. Sodhi, along with Principal, DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra, and the entire faculty extended their heartfelt congratulations to the young achievers and their dedicated teacher-in-charges, Priya and Shipra Pathania. Encouraging them to continue their artistic journey, they wished them great success in all their future endeavors.

GDC R S Pura organizes slogan writing competition on Women's Day

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R S PURA, Mar 11: As a part of series of activities being organized by the Women Development Cell of Government Degree College R.S. Pura, a slogan writing competition was organized under the patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr) Preetpal Kour.

The competition was organized to honor

the strength, achievements and contributions of women across the globe. It aimed to inspire creativity and also encourage awareness about gender equality, empowerment and women's rights.

The Principal lauded the efforts of the students and said such activities provide an opportunity for students to express their per-

spectives on women's empowerment creatively, as words have power to inspire change.

Fifty students across all the semesters participated in the competition. Prominent faculty members were also present to grace the occasion. The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Anupama Pandotra and Prof. Radhika Mahajan.



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