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Army personnel injured in firing incident along LoC in Rajouri

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): An Army personnel was on Wednesday iniured in a firing incident along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The soldier was manning a forward post in Kalsiyan area of Nowshera sector when he was hit by a bullet from across the border, they said.

The injured soldier was given first aid before being evacuated to military hospital Udhampur for specialised treatment.

The cause of the firing was under investigation, the officials said.

They said an explosion was also reported along the zero line in the area around 6 am followed by three rounds of gunfire.

However, there was no immediate report of any casualty in the blast, the cause of which is not known immediately, the officials said.

J&K Govt suspends officer after **ACB** action

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): The Jammu and Kashmir government has suspended Asif Ahmad Bhat, Section Officer in the Agriculture Production Department (Animal/ Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries), following his arrest by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

Kashmir plans to continue to receive rains and snowfall at Gulmarg SRINAGAR,

12 (Agencies): Kashmir plains continued to experience intermittent rains while some upper reaches, including the ski resort of Gulmarg, received another spell of fresh snowfall during the past 24 hours.

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

Srinagar and other parts of the Kashmir Valley were lashed by intermittent rains, leading to a 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, and Tangste also received light snowfall during the period, resulting in a significant drop in the temperature, officials

Giving parameters of rainfall, the MeT office said that the highest precipitation was recorded at Kupwara, 11.2 mm of rainfall, followed by

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Need to develop infrastructure at Gulmarg to make it **World-Class destination for Skiers: Omar**

SRINAGAR, Mar 12 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday said that there is a need to develop the infrastructure at the picturesque ski resort of Gulmarg to make it a worldclass destination for the skiers.Jammu travel packagesJammu travel guide

The Chief Minister who is in Gulmarg to attend the concluding function of the 5th edition of Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) said this



in reply to a question on Wednesday.

"It is true that there is no match of Gulmarg for conducting winter games". Omar said and added "But it is also true that there is a dire need to expand the infrastructure so that to organise the games in a big way in future and make it a world-class destination for the skiers".

He said this is the fifth consecutive year that Gulmarg is hosting the KIWG. Earlier it was not seen that the games were possible this year due to less snowfall on the slopes of Gulmarg.

"Thanks to Almighty that sufficient snow was received in Gulmarg and we could organise these games in which athletes from all across the country participated", Omar

"We want to uplift the local skiers by helping them and providing them training and this year we are going to consult a

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killed, 155 passengers rescued sengers on board in nine coaches, was travelling

KARACHI/ISLAM-ABAD, Mar 12 (Agencies): Pakistani security forces killed at least 27 militants and rescued 155 passengers from a train hijacked by Baloch insurgents in the troubled Balochistan province as they continued to battle rebels for a second on Wednesday.

Security sources said 37 passengers were injured during the rescue operation and have been sent for medical treatment.

The Jaffar Express, with around 500 pasfrom Quetta to Peshawar when armed men intercepted it in a tunnel near the mountainous terrain of Gudalar and Piru Kunri in the Bolan area on Tuesday afternoon.

Pakistan Train Attack: 27 terrorists

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) later claimed responsibility for the attack.

Bolan is a mountainous area of more than 100 kilometres between Quetta and Sibi. There are 17 tunnels in this area through which the railway track passes. The speed of trains is often slow in the area due to the difficult terrain.

firmed that in an ongoing gun battle with the militants, they managed to rescue 150 passengers, including women and children.

Security sources con-

At least 27 militants have been killed by security forces so far.

According to security sources, the terrorists have positioned suicide bombers wearing suicidal vests very close to

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Balloon with Pakistan Flag found in Samba



JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): A balloon with a Pakistani flag and name was found on Wednesday in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on the Indian

side of the International Border (IB).

Officials said that a suspicious balloon was found in the Palauna village of the Ghagwal sector of Samba district in the morning, creating

"The balloon had Pakistan's name and flag mark on it. This balloon was found in the fields by a woman of the village. After finding the balloon, the woman immediately informed the local people and police post Ghagwal. The police team reached the spot and seized the balloon," officials said.

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J&K Police books six infamous drug peddlers under PIT NDPS Act in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, Mar 12 (Agencies): Jammu and Kashmir Police have booked six infamous drug peddlers under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PIT-NDPS Act) in Srinagar and lodged them in different jails.

The drug peddlers have been identified as Imtiyaz Ahmad Sheikh, a



la Allochibagh presently staying at Sharja Bemina, Abid Rasool Dar of Check Kalan Kani-

Rauf Mirjan of Gulshan Abad Hyderpora, Azan Parviaz Glitsaaz of Kani Mohalla Rainawari,

Sonwar presently residing at Gasoo and Danish Ahmad Bhat of Panzinara have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining the formal detention orders from Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir on the basis of dossiers prepared by Srinagar police against them, police said on Wednesday.

The drug peddlers

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LoP Sunil Sharma criticizes Mehbooba Mufti for opposing ban on ACC, JKIM

JAMMU, Mar 12 (Agencies): Leader of Opposition (LoP) and BJP MLA in J&K Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, on Wednesday welcomed the Ministry of Home Affairs's decision to ban the Awami Action Committee (ACC) and JK Ittehadul Muslimeen (JKIM) and criticised former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti for

opposing it. Sunil Sharma said, "In J&K two organisations. Awami Action Committee led by Maulvi Umer Faroog and Ittehadul Muslimeen led by Abbas Ansari were working against the unity of India.

"Today, the Ministry of Home Affairs has banned these two organisations. This is an appreciable decision.



BJP welcomes this decision taken by the union home ministry to country," Sharma said.

When asked about former Chief Minister

Mehbooba Mufti, who opposed the ban order, Sharma said, "The PDP is a party formed on the separatist sentiment. Separatist groups like the Hurriyat and the Jamaat-e-Islami are the foundation of the PDP. Whenever radical and anti-India parties are hammered, Madam is pained, and the pain shows in her statements," he said.

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ban these two separatist organisations under the unlawful activities (Prevention) Act. No person and no organisation should be allowed to work against the integrity and solidarity of the

PDP MLA raises issue of ban on J&K outfits in Assembly JAMMU, Mar 12 Act, 1967.

and PDP President

(Agencies): People's Democratic Party (PDP) member Wahid Para on Wednesday raised in the assembly the issue of ban on two Jammu and Kashmir-based groups,

seeking its revocation. The Centre on Tuesday banned two Jammu and Kashmir-based groups -Awami Action Committee and Jammu and Kashmir Ittihadul Muslimeen — for five years under the Unlaw-

ful Activities (Prevention)

As the House assembled for the day, Para raised the issue. Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather instructed him to sit down as the Question Hour had begun.

Speaking to reporters outside the House, Para said, "This move chokes political and socio-religious space in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP has been attempting this for several years." Condemning the ban, he added "Mirwaiz (Umar

Farooq) sahib was the first to initiate talks with Parliament. The treatment he received is regrettable. We oppose and condemn it. We demand the ban be revoked." Criticising the BJP, he said, "Through Parliament, we urge the BJP government to reconsider the ban on all organisations and provide them with an opportunity. Mirwaiz"s institution is a symbol of

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10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of Smt. Bimla Raina W/o Lt. Moti Lal Raina originally from Akura Anantrag Kashmir presently at H.No. 403 Sec 1/A South Extension Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. 10th Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 13th March 2025 (Thursday) and Uthala/Assembly at 1p.m. at Kameshwar Mandir (Near our Residence) H.No. 403, 1/A, South Extension, Trikuta Nagar. **GRIEF STRICKEN**

Sister in law & Brother in Law Sharika & P.N. Raina Geeta & P.L. Raina

Dr. Neelam & Arvind Raina- Daughter in Law & Son Anjali & Sanjay Gupta- Daughter & Son in Law Ambika & Sameer Andotra- Daughter & Son in Law NIECE & NEPHEW

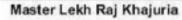
Dr.Usha & Atul Sharma, Anshuja & Yasser Ejaz Tak Aeshna & Anupam Raina, Anisha & Rahul Bhat Antra & Shantanu Mishra

Grand Children: Aanandi, Aaradhyaa, Shravan, Saral, Soham, Samarth & other

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Master Lekh Raj Khajuria (Ex President All J and K Employees Federation) R/o Ajit Nagar Jammu on 10-03-2025.

Fourth Day will be performed on 13-03-2025 at Shastri Nagar Cremation Ground Eighth Day will be performed on 17-03-2025 and Thirteen Day will be performed on 22-03- 2025 at our residence



Master Lekh Raj Khajuria

Smt. Urmal Khajuria (Wife) Son and Daughter-in-law

Sh. Manav Khajuria and Smt Anjali Sharma

Daughters and Sons-in-law

Smt. Rakhee Khajuria and Sh. Ashok Sharma

Smt. Shilpi Khajuria and Sh. Rakesh Sharma

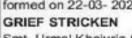
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Smt. Urmal Khajuria (Wife)

Son and Daughter-in-law Sh. Manay Khajuria and Smt Anjali Sharma

Daughters and Sons-in-law

Smt. Rakhee Khajuria and Sh. Ashok Sharma

Smt. Shilpi Khajuria and Sh. Rakesh Sharma

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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, Laxmi 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 & Babli 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.



beloved Behari Lal S/o Paras

Ram R/o Ward No.1, Near Hotel M.L. Palace Jammu Road

10TH DAY will be performed on dated 11-03-2025 at Shiv Temple Tea Garden Katra at 11.00am



Sh Jawahar Lal Koul

(Jija Ji)

BEHARI LAL

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

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) 8492055436

Sh Prithvee Nath Pandita (Brother) Smt and Sh Vinod Pand to (Niece in law and Nephew)

Smt and Sh Munish Pandita Smt and Sh Sunil Pandita

Smt and Sh Karwal Pandita (-do-) Sh Anil Pandita (Nechew)

Smt and Sh Bansi Lal Pandita (Sister & Brother in law)

7006091692 Smt and Sh Krishan Kumar Dhar (-do-9412053234) Smt and Sh Kewal Krishan Genjoo (-do- 9419207244)

SAMAST PANDITA PARIVAR OF TURIGAM

UTHALA With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform you Dr. Priyanka Sharma W/o Sh. Rahul Sharma who left for her heavenly abode on 1st March 2025.

UTHALA will be performed from 3.00 PM - 4.00 PM on 13/03/2025 (Thursday) at Radha Krishan Mandir Hall, Main Bazaar, Sundarbani.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Sh. Rahul Sharma (Husband)

Smt. Asha Sharma & Lt. Dr. M K Sharma (Mother & Father)

Smt. Neelam & Sh. Ashok Sharma (Mother-in-Law & Father-in-Law) Mrs. Arti & Mr. Rajiv Khajuria (Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law)

Mrs. Rupali & Mr. Vivek Sharma (Bhabhi & Bhaiya)

Mrs. Sapna & Mr. Siddharath Mahajan (Sister & Jiju)

CONTACT NO.: 9086052723, 9086865555, 7006641648

TENTH DAY

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sadly demise of our beloved Rattan Lal Misri, a great theater artist, producer, actor and great educationist basically from Zahindar Mohallah, Dearest Daddy we really miss you. Presently settled at H No. 227, Lane H, Kailash Vihar Dehradun.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 16th March 2025 at Haridwar

GRIEF STRICKEN

Rupali Misri (Daughter) Rekha Misri (Wife)

Krishay Mishra Grand Son Sudhir Mishra Son-in-law

& All Samast Misri Parivar, Samast Dhar Parivar (Matamal) M.No. 9632573684, 8433482860

TENTH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Sandeop Bakshi S/o Late Sh. Gian Parkash Bakshi R/o H.No. 48, Bhagwat

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 mt. Sushma Bakshi - Wife simant Bakshi - Son

Smt. Kamlesh Bakshi - Mother

Smt. Shakuntla Bail - Mother-in-law Smt. Kirli & Sh. Jogeet Bakshi - Brother & Bhabi

Smt Ekta Bakshi - Bhabi

Smt. Sangeela & Sh. Naresh Sharma - Sister & Jija Ji SH. SANDEEP BAKSHI 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 - Bhua Ji

Smt. Rani & R.K. Dutta - Bhua Ji Smt. & Sh. R.K. Dutta - Mama Ji & Mami Ji

Mob: 6006322557

Sh. Harmesh Lal

(Shastri Ji)

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

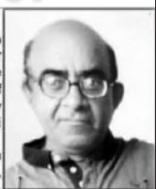
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Harmesh Lal (Shastri Ji) R/o H.No. 106/2A, Trikuta Nagar Extension, Jammu on 28-02-2025.

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 & Daughers-in-law Shubam Raina & Driti Chandan Abhishek Raina & Anjali Sharma

Ashutosh Raina Grand Children: Ridhi, Sidhi, Chiku, Gopi & Shubh. Mob: 9176270005, 7006392040, 8899130286



SH CHAMAN LAL PANDITA

Dr. Priyanka Sharma

Rattan Lal Misri



Sh. Avtar Krishan

Jalali

05403-2025 at his residence Dina Nagar Sector-2, Lane No.2, Barnai, Jammu. The Tenth Day Kriya wil be performed on Friday 14th March, 2025 at Akhnoor. The Assembly will be held at our residence Dina Nagar, Sec-2, Lan No.2, Barnai, Jammu at 9.00 AM. GRIEF STRICKEN Shri Soom Nath Raina - Father Smt. Babii Raina - Wife

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow w the sad demise of Sh. A. K.

Jalali S/o Lt. Sh. Nand Lal Jalali resi

dent of Budgair Alikadal Srinagar A/p

100-A Old Gurah Bakshi Naga

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed or

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.

Dr. Rakesh Jalali & Dr. Beenu Jalali Dr. Arvind Jalali & Mrs. Seema Jalali

Grief Stricken Sons & Daughter-in-Laws

Smt. Jaya Dhar- Sister Smt. Kunti Raina- Sister

Sons & Daughters-in-law Shri Rohit Raina & Sml. Jyoti Raina Shri Amit Raina & Smt. Shilpi 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, 8800790948

10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform the sar demise of Late Sh. Vidya Sagar Dutta S/o Late. Sh. Anant Ram Dutta R/o 402 Juliaka Mohalla Jammu. 10th Day will be performed on 8 March (Saturday) 2025 at 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at Brahmin Sabha Parade Ground

Kriva will be performed on 9 March (Sunday) 2025 a 12:00 Noon at residence 402 Jaullaka Mohalla Jammi

Uthala will be performed on 15 March (Saturday) 2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Brahmin Sabha Parade Ground Jammu. GRIEF STRICKEN

Sons & Daughter-in-law Sh. Sanjay Dutta & Smt. Preeti Dutta Sh. Raman Dutta & Smt. Nirmal 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 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 Mr. Manoj Dhar

16.03.2025 at Kashmiri Shiv Mandir, Sector 109, Gurugram.

DEEPLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED BY: Dhars, Dembis, Kitroos, Handoos, Trikhas, Bhans, Thusoos, Wanchoos

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TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we deeply regret to PRABHAWATI BHAT W/o Late Sh Bal Ji Bhat originaly resident of Chinad (Khushal Pura) Baramulla at pres ent TRT Q.No. B/24 Muthi Camp Phase 2 (Ek

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



BHOG & ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief & sorrow, we regret to inform that ou beloved Late S. Ishar Singh Ji (Goralya) S/o Late S. Ami Singh Ji R/o 71, B.C. Road, Rehari left for his he avenly abode on 9th March, 2025. The Antim Ardas will be performed as per the below give

programme: 14th March 2025 (Friday) Arambh Shri Akhand Path Sahib at our residence 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 Kalgidhar Sahib, Rehari - 4 PM
10 5.30 PM.
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Stim. Swam Kour Wio Late S. Indejset Singh -Bhabbi ughter & Son-in-law
Stim. Supreet Kour & S. Jasmeet Singh (USA) -Grand Daughter & Son-in-law
Jagmeet Singh -Son Gunsjan Kour -Grand Son & Daughter-in-law
Jagmeet Singh -Grand Son
Jasneh Kour & Ragya Kour -Greet Grand Daughters
Jaraj Singh & Jalegh Singh -Great Grand Sons
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10TH DAY & KRIYA-**RASAM PAGRI**

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt Shankri Devi W/o Late Sh Kider Nation Sarkhandia R/o Village Kishenpur Dungara Teh Billawar who left for heavenly abode on 4th

March 2025 on Tuesday. 10th Day shall be performed on 13th of March (Thursday) & Kriya /Rasam Pagri shall be performed on 14th of March (Friday) at our resi- Smt Shankri Devi

GRIEF STRICKEN : Daughters-in-Law & Son Smt Taravati Smt Tripta Devi and Sh S P Sharma Daughters and Sons-In-law

Smt Swaran Lata Smt Kanta Devi & Sh Suraj Ram Smt Nirmal & Sh Yog Raj

Grand Children :- Mukesh, Chand Kishore, Vishab, Bharat, Naresh, Dinesh

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Those indulging against sovereignty of Bharat will not be spared: Kavindera

Welcomes ban on AAC & JKIM, calls it a strong step against Separatism

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta has welcomed the Centre's decision to ban the Awami Action Committee (AAC) and Jammu and Kashmir Ittihadul Muslimeen (JKIM) for five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). Calling it a bold and necessary step, he said the ban reflects the Central Government's firm resolve to uproot terrorism and separatist activities from Jammu and Kashmir. He was speaking while chair-

ing a meeting with senior leaders at the Party Headquarters in Jammu.

The BJP stalwart stated that these organizations have long been involved in anti-national activities, inciting violence, and promoting separatist agendas at the behest of Pakistan. He emphasized that the BJP-led



central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism, and this ban is a significant move in that direction.

The senior BJP leader pointed out that the Awami Action Committee, headed by Mirwaiz Umar Faroog, and the JKIM, led by Masroor Abbas Ansari, have been instrumental in fuelling unrest and radicalizing youth in the region. "For decades, these groups misled innocent Kashmiris, acted as mouthpieces of separatists, and supported elements that posed a serious

threat to the unity and integrity of the nation," he asserted.

Kavinder further added that with this move, the government has sent a clear message that any organization or individual found indulging in activities against the sovereignty of Bharat will not be spared. "This ban is a step towards ensuring lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir and protecting its people from the influence of divisive forces," he said.

The former deputy Chief Minister also lauded Home Minister Amit Shah for his firm stand against such anti-national organizations and urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support the Modi government's efforts in restoring peace and stability in the region. He reaffirmed that the BJP remains committed to the welfare of the people and will continue to take strong measures against those who threaten national security.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, vehicle seized

Top News Report

SAMBA, Mar 12: Continuing its drive against the bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police on Wednesday foiled bovine smuggling attempt, rescued three bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

The vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines was also

As per report, an information was received at Police Station Samba from reliable sources regarding smuggling of bovines in a Bolero Maxx Pik-up bearing registration No. JK02DK-3980 coming from Kathua side, a Police team headed by SHO Police Station Samba successfully intercepted the aforesaid vehicle near Nanke Chak Samba for

During checking, three bovines found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 64/2025 under Section 223 BNS, 11 PCA has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation start-

CEC Adv. Tashi Gyalson meets All Ladakh Transport Associations to discuss key issues

its checking.



Top News Report

LEH, Mar 12: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson was called on by a delegation from the All Ladakh Transport Association, led by Chairman Dorjey Angchuk along with presidents of eight other transport unions

The delegation discussed concerns

regarding limiting route permits and emphasized the need for a meeting between SIDCO and the Transport Department to address the challenges faced by the transport sector in Ladakh.

Tashi Gyalson assured the delegation that their concerns would be reviewed, and necessary steps would be taken to find a suitable resolution.

KDP Wing of DPAP submits demands for restoration of constitutional rights

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), led by President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita, General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku, and Youth President Naveen Gosien, has submitted key demands for restoring the constitutional rights of displaced Kashmiri Hindus who have been living in exile for the past 35 years.

The leaders emphasized that the Chief Minister of J&K must not distance himself from the responsibility of rehabilitating displaced Kashmiri Hindus. Instead, he should work in coordination with the Central Government

and the Lieutenant Governor to formulate a comprehensive rehabilitation policy rather than leaving resettlement to the discretion of displaced individuals.

Another major demand

is the election of representatives for the two reserved Assembly seats meant for displaced Kashmiri Hindus. These seats should not be filled through nomination, as past nominees—especially those from the BJPhave failed to provide meaningful representation. Instead, the selection process should be democratic, ensuring a legitimate voice for the community in governance.

The KDP leaders also called for abolishing the supernumerary status of PM Package

employees and granting them equal rights and benefits as regular state/UT government employees. Currently, these employees face discriminatory service conditions despite working alongside UT government staff. Additionally, the government must expedite the completion of transit accommodations for PM Package employees, as the quarters allotted since last year remain unfinished, causing undue hardship

Regarding financial relief, the leaders pointed out that the current Rs 13,000 per family, last revised in 2018, is grossly inadequate. The present allocation of Rs 108 per soul per day does not cover basic medical expenses, let alone other essen-

tials. They demand an increase to Rs 300 per soul per day, along with the restoration of flour supply, which is crucial for diabetic patients.

The statement also highlighted the deteriorating infrastructure in migrant camps due to the abolition of the Relief Organization's engineering wing. Camp residents face serious issues such as collapsing quarters, water shortages, and power supply disruptions. The leaders propose forming a dedicated committee to oversee repairs and maintenance.

Security concerns in Jagti Camp, home to 25,000 displaced Kashmiri Hindus, were another critical issue. The leaders urged the deployment of at least ten armed police personnel to ensure safety. as the current fourmember police force is insufficient to cover the large area, including the national highway.

Additionally, the presence of stray cattle and horses in Jagti Camp has become a menace, obstructing daily movement and affecting the residents' quality of life. The municipal authorities and law enforcement must take immediate action to address this issue.

Finally, the leaders called for the creation of four special police battalions exclusively for displaced Kashmiri Hindus, with relaxed eligibility norms. They also urged the UT government.

DDC Balbir Lal, Ghou-Manhassan MC's Ex VC Krishan Lal Kaith, others participate in Bhandara at Mahaveer Basti

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Bhandara was organised in Hanuman Mandir at Mahaveer Basti near Ghou-Manhassan here today, in which a large number of devotees hailing from different corners participated and celebrated the day with much fervour and devotion.

DDC Member Balbir Lal accompanied by Ghou-Manhassan Municipal

Committee's former Vice Chairpersons: Krishan Lal & Ram Paul, Chowki Officer Sandwan Raj Singh Bhau, Numberdar Shamsher Singh and Pardeep Salaria offered garlands made of marigold flowers and Tulsi leaves to Sri Hanuman Ji, and prayed for the well being of all.

Everyone present on the occasion partook Parsad from the Langar.

GCW Bhagwati Nagar organizes online debate competition

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Govt. College for Women (GCW), Bhagwati Nagar organized an online debate competition as a part of the International Women's Day celebrations under the theme "Accelerating Actions.

The event was organised by the Department of Commerce under the esteemed patronage of Dr. Meeru Abrol, Principal of the College and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of B.Com Semester IV.

The debate featured thoughtprovoking discussions on significant topics such as gender equality, women's rights, women's contributions across sectors, and women empowerment.

A total of 11 students actively participated, showcasing their analytical and debating skills while addressing crucial issues related to women's progress in society.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Meeru Abrol commended the participants for their efforts and encouraged them to continue contributing to societal change through informed discussions and proactive initiatives.

She further emphasised that such competition provide a platform for young minds to voice their perspectives and advocate for gender inclusivity and equality. After rigorous and insightful discussions, the winners of the competition were announced. Priya Charak stood first followed by Diksha Tiwari and Anjani Motton

position respectively. The entire event was moderated by Prof Gagan Jyoti and Prof Rasmeet Kour of the Department of Commerce.

who secured Second and third

The event concluded with a note of appreciation by Prof Nisha Bhagat for the participants and organizers, reinforcing the college's commitment to fostering awareness and action towards women's empowerment.

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1	Remaining work of Community Hall at Purana Pind, R S Pura Under MPLADS(2 rd Call)	PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura	5.00	600	10000 (2% of the Advertised Cost)	2 Months	(1400 Hrs) on or after 18-03-2025	"A" , "B", "C" & "D" Class

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Project Authority District Development Commissioner, Jammu Major Head of Account

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-03-2025			
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-03-2025 to 17-03-2025, 1800 Hrs			
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	12-03-2025 at 1300 Hrs. in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura			
4	Bid submission Start Date	10-03-2025			
5	Bid Submission End Date	17-03-2025 upto 1800 Hrs			
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	18-03-2024 on or after 1400 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura			
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed			

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division R S Pura through Treasury, indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) and Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division R.S. Pura at

DIP/J-10938/24 Dated:

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Follow healthy lifestyle for better kidney health: experts

Top News Report

CHANDIGARH. Mar 12: "By making conscious lifestyle changes, one can maintain healthy kidney function by preventing or slowing the progression of kidney disease as well. Managing blood sugar levels and blood pressure, staying hydrated, following a balanced diet, engaging in regular physical activity, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, and undergoing routine kidney function tests are crucial steps toward overall kidney

Dr. Munish Chauhan, associate director, nephrology and kidney



transplant at Max Hospital, Mohali stated: "Taking small yet consistent steps to protect kidney health is vital for overall well-being of the kidney. "

"Kidney failure is the sixth fastest-growing cause of death in India. Several factors, including high blood pressure, diabetes, benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), untreated kidney stones, and urinary tract infections (UTIs), contribute significantly to kidney failure. Unfortunately, symptoms often go unnoticed until the condition worsens." However, certain warning signs should not be ignored, such as swelling in the legs, ankles, or feet, changes in urine colour, persistent fatigue, weakness, shortness of breath, nausea, and loss of appetite, informed Dr. Munish Chauhan.

Recognizing these symptoms early is crucial in preventing complications, he maintained.

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EDITORIAL

Kidney Disease Management

Ridney disease is a global health challenge, affecting millions of people and placing a heavy burden on healthcare systems. With the increasing prevalence of chronic kidney disease (CKD) due to lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, the future of kidney disease management is shifting towards early detection, personalized medicine, regenerative therapies, and advanced dialysis solutions. Revolutionary technologies and scientific breakthroughs are paving the way for more effective, less invasive, and patient-centered approaches to kidney care.

One of the key advancements in kidney disease management is the move toward early diagnosis using artificial intelligence (AI) and biomarkers. Traditional methods of kidney disease detection, such as blood tests measuring creatinine levels, often diagnose the condition in later stages. However, newer biomarkers like cystatin C, neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL), and kidney injury molecule-1 (KIM-1) are showing promise in detecting kidney damage at an earlier stage.

Additionally, AI-driven predictive analytics are being integrated into electronic health records (EHRs) to identify patients at high risk of developing CKD. Machine learning models analyze vast amounts of patient data, recognizing patterns that might indicate the onset of kidney dysfunction before symptoms appear. This enables proactive intervention, slowing disease progression and improving patient outcomes.

Furthermore, the concept of precision medicine is gaining momentum in nephrology. Genetic profiling and molecular diagnostics allow doctors to tailor treatment strategies based on an individual's genetic makeup and disease subtype. This personalized approach is expected to optimize drug efficacy and reduce side effects, revolutionizing the way kidney disease is treated.

For patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD), dialysis has been the primary treatment option. However, traditional dialysis methods, such as hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, come with limitations, including high costs, time-consuming procedures, and long-term health complications.

The future of dialysis is centered on portable and wearable artificial kidney devices. Researchers are developing lightweight, user-friendly dialysis machines that allow patients to undergo treatment at home, improving their quality of life. The Wearable Artificial Kidney (WAK), a battery-operated miniaturized dialysis device, is currently under clinical trials and has the potential to replace conventional dialysis machines.

Even more exciting is the development of bioartificial kidneys—implantable devices that mimic the natural functions of the kidney. Scientists are exploring the use of nanotechnology, bioprinting, and stem cell engineering to create functional kidney structures that could eliminate the need for dialysis altogether. The Kidney Project, for instance, is working on a bionic kidney that combines living kidney cells with microchip technology to filter waste, regulate electrolytes, and produce essential hormones, offering a permanent solution for kidney failure patients.

A groundbreaking advancement in kidney disease treatment is regenerative medicine, which aims to restore damaged kidney tissue through stem cell therapy and tissue engineering. Scientists are investigating the potential of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to generate new kidney cells that can replace damaged ones.

Organoid technology, where miniature functional kidney structures are grown from stem cells, is another promising area of research. These kidney organoids could eventually be used for transplantation or drug testing, reducing reliance on traditional kidney transplants. While the technology is still in its early stages, it holds great promise for curing kidney diseases rather than just managing them.

Are the politicians even giving advice on drinking cow dung?

By: - Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

Politicians are breaking the limits of language; real issues are missing; politics has become a mess.

As elections approach, the rhetoric of political parties often reaches its peak. Party leaders start speaking their minds boldly, which leads to a round of allegations and counter-allegations. Personal attacks have also increased in Parliament and Vidhan Sabhas recently. For example, Haryana MLA Rajkumar Gautam commented about the quality of jalebi in Gohana, to which Gohana MLA and Cabinet Minister Arvind Sharma reacted sharply and said that Gautam even eats cow dung and he should not worry about the quality of jalebi. It is unfortunate that such people keep getting embroiled in petty controversies at the cost of public money. This raises questions on the ability of those who shape the future of our country. The language of politics can improve only when voters are more aware and participative. Amidst these debates, the meanings of words are changing, which is a matter of great concern. The public should also think about whether a leader who resorts to such harsh and abusive language deserves a place in the temple of democracy. In a democracy, leaders derive their power and authority from the people, which they can use as well as misuse.

Amid concerns like unemployment, corruption, national security, and development, a disturbing new trend has emerged: political parties breaking promises and leaders using indecent language. Political parties have failed to keep their promises, and leaders are resorting to inappropriate language. Our roads are in a very bad state; in many areas, they barely resemble roads. Essential services like water management and sewage systems are lacking. Medical facilities are similarly inadequate, with hospitals in short supply relative to the population, and those that exist often lack the necessary resources. Leaders seem to have become mere window-dressers, neglecting to address real issues. In the past, politicians honored their commitments, and the sense of culture, civility, and decency that prevailed in politics has now disappeared. Nowadays, leaders often engage in personal attacks, crossing the limits of discourse. Language plays a vital role in politics; in a democracy, a leader's power is largely tied to his command over language. Since Independence, the political landscape has changed dramatically, as has the tone and style of accusations by politicians. Today, some leaders make derogatory comments against their opponents, while others use offensive language. Is there any sense of dignity left in our political arena? Before resorting to such language, these politicians seem oblivious to the potential repercussions for the country and its citizens. In an attempt to undermine their opponents, leaders often make statements that are not only meaningless but also objectionable. Such comments tarnish the ideals of healthy and constructive politics. Are these negative influences acceptable in our political system? These statements also stain the very idea of healthy and good politics. Yet no action is taken on them. Are these stains good in politics?

Words like "cow dung drinkers"

have been used by leaders in the Haryana Assembly. As elections approach, political parties often cross the limits of acceptable language. Party leaders speak their minds boldly, often speaking out loudly. Apart from allegations and counter-allegations on the election platform, personal attacks have now started happening in Parliament and Assemblies as well. For example, when MLA Rajkumar Gautam talked about adulterated jalebi being made in Gohana, Gohana MLA and Cabinet Minister Arvind Sharma retorted by saying that if Gautam even drinks cow dung, he should not worry about the quality of jalebi. It is unfortunate that such people are doing trivial things at the cost of public money. We should think about how bad the language of those who shape the future of our country has become. Political discourse can improve only with aware voters. Amidst arguments and misconceptions, the meanings of words are getting distorted, which is a matter of great concern. It is evident that the dignity of language is being disregarded in today's political landscape, and all this is happening in the very houses that are meant to represent democracy. The choice of words by leaders raises many questions. They must understand that their followers will echo their rhetoric. This is not an isolated incident; many leaders have tainted the political arena with controversial remarks in the past. Political differences are natural, but they are increasingly turning into outright discord. Leaders must remember that people like the late former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had the skill to respond to the most vitriolic remarks with grace.

The deterioration of language is

tional support all at once

a measure of the declining political standards in today's times. The true caliber of a leader is often reflected in his choice of words. If political leaders are reading this, they must recognize that respect for language enhances their stature, while rudeness diminishes it. Supporters may welcome personal jokes, but discerning voters—those who think independently—form a lasting impression of a leader that remains unchanged no matter how many positive things are said later. The deterioration of language in politics has eroded the ability to question, as leaders see their statements as absolute truth. The eloquence of figures like Atal Bihari and Indira Gandhi still impresses people. Unfortunately, scathing attacks on opposition parties only create discord and unrest in society. It is important for the Election Commission to set standards that impose strict penalties on leaders who make inappropriate comments. The public must also ponder whether a leader who resorts to such harsh and abusive language deserves a place in the temple of democracy. In a democracy, leaders derive their power and authority from the people, which they can use as well as misuse.

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The Unmatched Multitasking Skills of Women

By: Vijay Garg

ccelerate Action, the theme of this 🗘 👤 year's International Women's Day is both timely and vital. It is of the utmost importance to take a moment to contemplate the unique skills that women possess, which even the most advanced AI-driven robots cannot replicate. Even though artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionised sectors by simplifying jobs and increasing productivity, it is still incapable of matching the nuanced and deeply human multitasking talents that women easily demonstrate daily. Women can accomplish several tasks with empathy, emotional intelligence, and adaptability, which are attributes that no algorithm can completely replicate. Women can perform multiple tasks simultaneously.

Multitasking encompasses not only the simultaneous execution of many tasks but also the capacity to manage diverse jobs with effortless proficiency. In both professional and domestic settings, women manage multiple tasks, including swift decision-making, emotional acumen, and innovative problem-solving. In the

professional environment, women frequently lead highstakes projects, coach peers, and manage team relationships while also addressing personal obligations. Within the household, they effortlessly transition between roles as carers, financial strategists, educators, and providers of emotional support. Their capacity to sustain equilibrium in these intersecting domains is a challenge that AI finds difficult to understand, much less to implement. One of the defining strengths of women's multitasking abilities is their agility in decisionmaking, even in the most unpredictable situations. AI operates within predefined parameters and algorithms, excelling in structured environments where data is abundant. However, real life is often chaotic, requiring decisions to be made with incomplete information, intuition, and adaptabilityqualities that women exhibit daily.

Consider a nurse in a hospital emergency room who is simultaneously monitoring multiple patients, making split-second decisions, and comforting distressed families. Her ability to assess a patient's condition, liaise with doctors, and offer emo-

goes beyond mere task execution—it embodies human instinct, prioritisation, and care. No AI-driven robot can truly replace such intricate decision-making layered with empathy. While AI can enhance efficiency, automate routine tasks, and provide data-driven insights, it lacks the human touch that is central to multitasking.

AI-driven robots may be able to perform designated tasks in controlled environments, but they do not possess the depth of human interaction, compassion, or intuition required in complex, real-world situations. Women's multitasking is not just about efficiency but also about the ability to connect, empathise, and inspiretraits that no AI can replicate. While we are moving further into an era driven by artificial intelligence, the objective should not be to replace the multitasking abilities of women; rather, it should be to improve such abilities with technology while ensuring that their human strengths continue to be prioritised. India offers countless examples of women who exemplify unparalleled multitasking

abilities in varied fields.

The first woman to lead

an Indian missile project and hundreds of others. As we celebrate International Women's Day 2025, it is essential to recognise that while AI can augment specific tasks, it can never replicate the intricate multitasking abilities of women. Women's ability to think, feel, and act simultaneously with an unparalleled blend of intuition, intelligence, and empathy remains their superpower—one that even the most advanced robots cannot match.

'Accelerate Action' should not be about replacing human capabilities with AI but about leveraging technology to enhance and support women's indispensable contributions to society. The future of progress lies not in automation alone but in the harmonious coexistence of human intelligence and technology, with women leading the way in shaping a world that values both efficiency and empathy.

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ABDPSS continues "Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa Path" Abhiyaan in temples

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti (ABDPSS) organized a grand Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa program at Shri Ram Mandir, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Sunil Sharma, National Coordinator of the Samiti, along with Swami Mahesh Pandey from Ayodhya.

The program began with the recitation of Vedic mantras and the prayer "Hey Prabhu Anand-Data Gyan Humko Dijiye." This was followed by a collective recitation (Samoohik Path) of Shriram Stuti and Hanuman Chalisa, in which a large number of devotees, including families and young participants, actively took part. The presence of the younger generation added to the spiritual significance of the event.

Following the path, speakers reflected on the devotion of Lord Hanuman, his unparalleled service to Lord Rama, and his unwavering dedication to righteousness.

They emphasized how Hanumanji's fearless deeds in challenging times continue to inspire society today. His devo-

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Jammu & Kashmir

Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC)

State General Secretary Anas Mujtaba

Munshi has strongly condemned the

brutal killing of three innocent individu-

Expressing deep concern over the

incident, he has questioned the failure

of the authorities in ensuring the safety

Munshi has demanded an immedi-

ate and transparent investigation into

the matter, urging the Central and state Government to take swift action

in bringing the perpetrators to justice. He has also called for a CBI inquiry to

ensure a fair and impartial probe into

the killings.



tion, selfless service, and strength serve as guiding principles for individuals navigating the complexities of life.

After the recitation, a Satsang session was held, where devotees absorbed spiritual wisdom and inspiration from Acharya Manoj Kumar, who had traveled from Ayodhya.

The gathering allowed attendees to engage deeply in worship, fostering inner peace and devotion towards Lord Ram and Hanumanji.

Speaking at the event, Sunil Sharma highlighted the various initiatives undertaken by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti to spread the teachings of sacred scriptures, especially the Bhagavad Gita.

He emphasized that for over ten years, the Samiti has been distributing Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Granth (not just books) free of cost to spread the divine message of Lord Krishna, following the guidance

Anas Munshi condemns Kuthua

killings, demands CBI inquiry

of Brahmgyani Guruji. This initiative aims to instill a deep love for humanity and God in society.

The event was made successful by the active participation of several key figures, including Kewal Krishan Sharma, Bhuvneshwari Sharma, Aayushman Sharma, Rohit Verma, Sanjeev Sharma, Prateek Kumar, Sandeep Kumar Sounanya, Om Prakash Sharma, Manmohan Sharma, Sanjay Yadav, Rahul Yadav, Vimbo Devi, Seema Jamwal, Sonia Kumari, Shalini Devi, Savitri Sharma, Vimal Kumar, and Srinjan Devi. Their contributions played a crucial role in the event's grand success.

Through such programs, Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti continues to foster spiritual awareness, devotion, and the essence of Sanatan Dharma, strengthening the moral and cultural fabric of society.

Furthermore, he has raised serious

concerns over the increasing incidents

of targeted killings of innocent people

in Jammu & Kashmir. He has urged the

Central Government to take concrete

measures to put an end to such tragic

incidents and restore a sense of secu-

"The people of Jammu & Kashmir

have suffered enough. It is the respon-

sibility of the government to ensure that

such incidents do not happen again.

I demand justice for the victims and

immediate action against those respon-

He reiterated that the safety and security of the people should be the topmost

priority and urged the authorities to take

strict and effective measures to prevent

such unfortunate incidents in the future.

sible," said Anas Mujtaba Munshi.

rity among the people.

Movement Kalki's protest demands 'National Mother' status for Gau Mata

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Movement Kalki organized a symbolic protest at the Press Club, Jammu, demanding that Gau Mata be declared the "National Mother." The demonstration, led by Movement Kalki's Advisor Pritam Sharma and Board Member Karnail Chand, saw participation from numerous activists and cow devotees.

The protesters strongly condemned the government's silence on this issue, despite prior memorandums submitted to political leaders.

The demonstrators expressed their anger over the increasing incidents of cow smuggling and the lack of strict legal action against offenders.

They specifically criticized the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and National Conference leaders for failing to raise the matter in the assembly.



They highlighted a recent incident at Vikram Chowk, where a young man suffered severe injuries after being hit by cattle smugglers. Despite his ongoing treatment, the government has not provided any compensation, just as in previous such attacks.

Protesters also questioned the role of various political parties, including the BJP, National Conference, and Aam Aadmi Party, accusing them of neglecting the

cause of cow protection. They argued that without granting Gau Mata the status of "National Mother" and enforcing strict anticow smuggling laws, the Hindu community's concerns would remain upaddressed

community's concerns would remain unaddressed.

Additionally, they demanded the establishment of a Sanatan Board, emphasizing that "The Modi government speaks of Ram Rajya, but without cow

protection, the dream of a Hindu

Rashtra remains incomplete."

Among the key members present at the protest were Sanjeev Dube, Pawan Sharma, Advocate Harmeet Singh, Anuradha Yogi, Sapna Hindu, Pratam Sharma, Karnail Chand, Advocate Someshwar Kohli, Sunny Kaphay, and Dr. Sudesh Kumar.

They collectively voiced Movement Kalki's key demands, which included the official declaration of Gau Mata as the "National Mother," stricter laws against cow smuggling, the formation of a Special Task Force for cow protection, government support for cow welfare efforts, and immediate discussion of the issue in the assembly.

Warning the government of intensified agitation, Movement Kalki declared that if immediate action is not taken, their movement will escalate further. The protesters vowed to continue their fight until their demands are met.

DC Kishtwar holds Banker's meet; Reviews functioning of DLRC



Top News Report

KISHTWAR, Mar 12: A District Level Committee (DLC)/District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting was convened by the District Development Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar Shavan to review the performance of various banks and line departments for the quarter ending December 2024.

The meeting focused on assessing the progress of

financial inclusion initiatives and other developmental programs in the district.

The review covered key areas such as credit flow under government schemes, banking sector achievements and targets, as well as the progress of financial literacy programs across the district.

During the meeting, the DC expressed concerns over the performance of some private sector banks, including IndusInd Bank, Punjab National Bank,

ICICI Bank particularly in the Non-Priority Sector. Additionally, he voiced his dissatisfaction with the performance of certain banks in key areas such as agriculture, exports, Kisan Credit Cards (KCC), and the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). The DC instructed both public and private banks to intensify their efforts to meet the prescribed targets within the specified timelines.

The Deputy Commissioner also directed banks to prioritize loan disbursements to sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, allied development programs (HADP), small businesses, and women entrepreneurs. He further urged officials to identify and address any obstacles that could hinder the smooth execution of projects and ensure the timely and effective implementation of development schemes in Kishtwar.

The DC placed special emphasis on promoting Key targets including Renewable Energy, Social Infrastructure, and the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

He also directed that targeted outreach programs be conducted to engage farmers and unemployed youth, with the aim of improving the socio-economic conditions of the district and bridging the gap between the public and financial institutions.

The DC further emphasized the importance of improving the Credit Deposit (CD) ratio, ensuring hassle-free loan provisions, and fostering greater cooperation among departments. He urged stakeholders to work more collaboratively in order to meet the district's financial and developmental objectives efficiently.

In a key highlight of the meeting, the Chairman of the DLRC (DC Kishtwar) launched the Potential Linked Credit Plan (PLP) Booklet 2025-26 for the district, which was prepared by NABARD. Additionally, the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) 2025-26, prepared by the Lead District Manager (LDM) Kishtwar, was approved.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Kishtwar, Shahnawaz Bali,CAO Kishtwar Amjad Hussain Malik, LDM Kishtwar Harsh Rawal,LDO RBI Anil Kumar, DDM NABARD Nikhil Sharma, as well as officers from line departments and banks.

Indian Men's Ice Hockey team returns from China

Top News Report

LEH, Mar 12: The men's ice hockey team from Ladakh has returned from Harbin, China, after competing in the prestigious 9th Asian Winter Games. Representing India on such a grand stage, the team displayed remarkable skill and determination, securing a historic victory against Macau, China, in their debut appearance.

Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding achievement. Recognizing the significance of their victory, he felicitated each player and wished them success in their future endeavors.

"Ladakh's ice hockey players have once again made us proud on the international stage. Competing and winning at the Asian Winter Games is a monumental achievement. The Council has always supported the development of ice hockey in Ladakh, from providing infrastructure and equipment to extend-

ing incentives for our players," he said. The CEC also highlighted ongoing efforts to bring national recognition to the sport and also mentioned ice hockey's potential in promoting sports tourism in Ladakh. He assured that the Council would continue to provide all necessary support to take the sport forward

As a token of appreciation, a cash reward of Rs 2,50,000 has been announced for the team.

CEC also briefed the team about the Lieutenant Governor Brig. (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd.) crucial role in making their participation in Harbin, China, possible. He highlighted the LG's personal efforts in ensuring the team's representation at the international level and acknowledged the financial assistance provided, along with the support extended by the UT administration which played a crucial role in facilitating the team's journey.

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"Our players have showcased their exceptional talent and resilience, bringing pride to Ladakh and inspiring many along the way. We will continue to work towards strengthening the sports ecosystem in our region and ensuring that ice hockey gets the recognition it deserves at the national level," CEC further added.

CEC Tashi Gyalson chairs meeting on various developmental issues

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LEH, Mar 12: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Adv. Tashi Gyalson, in the presence of Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk chaired a meeting with Sanjeev Khirwar, Principal Secretary School Education; Vikram Singh Malik, Administrative Secretary; CEO Leh, Sonam Wangchuk and District Youth Services and Sports Officer, Tsering Tashi.

Director School Education, Tsering Paldan and Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Tahir Hussain Zubdavi joined online.

The officials held discussions on various issues, including the Samagra Shiksha scheme, particularly the shortage of Physical Education Teachers (PETs) in schools. They explored various ways to address the shortcomings of PETs in different schools and discussed methods to engage them through outsourcing or under SAMAGRA, including the possibility of amending the rules (RR) for PETs. Additionally, the recruitment of Bhoti teachers under the scheme was also discussed

Tourism was another important point of discussion, with members exploring ideas to bring the tourism inventory, including guesthouses and hotels, under the industrial tariff segment so that tourism sector can attain necessary benefits.

They also deliberated on enhancing the salaries of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) teachers and discussed necessary improvements in policies related to the handloom sector and its recruitment rules (RR).

The meeting focused on identifying solutions and exploring policy measures to strengthen education, tourism, and industry in Leh district.

Usha Silai School inaugurated by Mission Director JKRLM



Top News Report

JAMMU, March 12: Care for You NGO announced the inauguration of the Usha Silai School in Ghaink Bhalwal, Jammu.

The event, which took place on Wednesday, was inaugurated by Dr. Shubhra Sharma, Mission Director of Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM). The inauguration was followed by a nine-day capacity-building program aimed at equipping women with the skills to become self-reliant through tailoring

and sewing.

In addition to the inauguration, the program also included the distribution of Usha sewing machines to all participants, marking a significant step toward empowering local women.

This initiative is set to provide these women with the tools and training to create sustainable livelihood and contribute to the community's economic development.

The event was attended by several prominent figure, including Anisa Naib Senior Project Manager JKRLM, Tou-

seef Malik, Founder of Care for You NGO, and other key members of the Care for You team.

Also present was Shayista Ayoub, Program Manager of Usha J&K, state co-ordinator Ramiz raja & Project Manager Care for you Navya, Shruti Uppal, BPM JKRLM who played an instrumental role in the program's success.

Dr. Shubhra praised the efforts of Care for You NGO, commending the organization for its commitment to empowering women across Jammu and Kashmir.

They emphasized that such programs are vital in promoting skill development, self-reliance, and socio-economic empowerment among women. This initiative is part of Care for You NGO's ongoing mission to create positive social impact and uplift underprivileged communities, with a special focus on women's empowerment.

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Music has chosen me, says singer-composer Amaal Malik

come naturally to gifted composer, singer and lyricist Amaal Malik. Words too flow like a torrent, so much so that questions become redundant in this exclusive Zoom interview, where we meet the unplugged composer who wears no filters or guards. Grandson of the legendary composer Sardar Malik, son of Dabboo Malik and nephew of the famous Anu Malik, music races in his blood. Yet, it flows out with an individual stamp. Of course, with influences 'running from 1960s to 2000s', he has no hesitation in admitting, "What you listen to impacts your music, only what emerges is your soul."

Hailing from an illustrious musical family does mean that the atmosphere at home was very melodious; it was rather equally competitive, especially with feisty uncle Anu around! Amaal recalls, "When my song Sooraj Dooba from the movie Roy came out, he patted me on the back, but also told me to wait for his new song, which turned out to be the lilting Moh Moh Ke Dhaage." But he goes on to remind us how his uncle, who debuted in 1977, was still very much around. No mean feat indeed.

Interestingly, Amaal, who thought he would make his mark in the 30s, got his first break at a rather young age of 23, when he composed three songs for Salman Khan's film Jai Ho. Indeed, many dismissed him as not quite the chip of the



old block and the censure even 'pushed me towards depression'.

Now he can afford to joke, "At one point I thought of moving abroad and sell burgers. But then Sooraj Dooba happened and I knew music has chosen me." Since then, there have been many musical milestones, including collaboration with Grammy winner Dua Lipa, for the remix of her song Levitating.

Today, he who has composed for films like Airlift, Badrinath Ki Dulhania, MS Dhoni: The Untold Story and many more, is happy to play big brother to aspiring musicians. For, he sure knows how Bollywood works on the 'stoop to conquer' principle. As for real younger brother Armaan Malik, number one on the Top Triller Global Billboard charts twice, well, together they have given us some phenomenal

numbers like Jab Tak, Hua Hain Aaj Pehli Baar and Ghar Se Nikalte Hi. And a few like Chale Aana, have had over one billion streams. But that does not mean for every song he composes, Armaan is the automatic choice as a singer. Rather, he laughs and shares how the internationally acclaimed younger brother often doubles up as his demo

He reveals, "There are so many songs which I record with him that ultimately go to other singers."

singer

However, make no mistake he is exceptionally proud of Armaan's achievements. To those who want to be one like him, he cautions, "Armaan was not made in a day."

"With soundscape changing every two weeks, it's anyway not easy to survive in this industry where the competition is sky high. The best of best have to eat a humble pie," he says. But on the flip side, he also professes, "It's a great time for music where you don't have to only compose/sing for films." Thus, amidst the bheed of "five lakh singers and 50,000 music composers, artiste Chaar Diwaari, with cutting edge music, could capture your imagination."

To those who continue to dwell in musical nostalgia and lament that melody has all but vanished from the Hindi film industry, he counters, "There is good and bad music in every era. You can't discredit any." And to ensure melody doesn't elude his grasp, he has the nerve to say no to 21 films, 'also removed from 27'.

He asserts, "I can't do a remix for every film. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 was an exception for the song Ami Je Tomar 3.0 was central to the franchise."

Music for him is a very per-

sonal thing and each time his composition goes out into the world, his heart aches for sharing something so close to him. Today, as he is ready with music of upcoming film Inn Galivon Mein, in which he has given a racy tongue-in-cheek song to brother Armaan and Palak Muchhal, he is in no rush to get anywhere. "I just want to remain in people's hearts." With his dance anthems like Kar Gai Chull and Aashig Surrender Hua still rocking the musical scene, he is certainly here to stay. In hearts and on the hit lists!

Govinda says Bollywood conspired against him: They wanted to remove me



Actor Govinda has not been working in films for a while now. During a recent appearance on actor Mukesh Khanna's YouTube channel, Govinda alleged that Bollywood conspired against

"I went through a defamation phase, and it was pre-planned. They wanted to remove me from the industry. I understood that these were all educated people, and I, an uneducated outsider, had

entered their space. So they started playing games with me. I can't take their names because I am still surviving because of the work I did in the industry," shared the actor.

Govinda then went on to claim that there were times when people with guns were clicked and caught outside his residence.

During the same conversation, the actor said that there was a point in his career when he turned down Rs 100 crore projects because he didn't feel connected to it, "When they were writing that I didn't have work, I had actually turned down films worth Rs 100 crore. I would look in the mirror and slap myself for refusing that money. I told myself, 'You have gone mad; you could have financed yourself with that money.' The films had the same kind of roles that are working well these days."

On the work front, Govinda was last seen in the 2019 release, Rangeela Raja, which failed to connect with the audience.

Kareena Kapoor says India is 'still not as open' about sex scenes as the West

Bollywood actor Kareena Kapoor has rarely performed a sex scene on screen in her career spanning over 25 years. In a recent conversation with Hollywood star Gillian Anderson for Dirty Magazine, she revealed the reason behind this choice and reflected on the difference in how a sex scene is perceived in the West and in India.

Kareena Kapoor on not doing sex scenes in films

When asked why she has largely refrained from doing sex scenes in films, Kareena said, "I personally feel like it's not important to take a story forward. It's not something that I feel is required in the narrative to show that. I know that I might not be comfortable doing that on screen. I never have done it. It's just the way we look at the whole idea. We don't look at sexuality or sex as a human experience."

Kareena says India is still not as open as the West to sex scenes

She further compared the way a sex scene is viewed in India and the West, saying, "We have to start looking at and respecting that a



lot more before we put it on screen. It's my belief. Where I am coming from is the fact that we are still not as open as you are, having the narrative out there for you to experience so freely. While female desire is openly tackled in the West, it has always been so open about it"

been so open about it."
Kareena played the role of a sex worker in her 2003 film Chameli. In the same conversation, she revealed how the role helped her tap into her own confidence and sensuality at a young age. She added that it pushed her to be

fearless and made her want to explore darker, more challenging roles even after 25 years in the industry.

Kareena will next be seen in filmmaker Meghna Gulzar's yetto-be-titled film. For the unversed, Meghna is known for making films based on real-life incidents and stories. Her last four directorials have been inspired by true events—Talvar, starring Irrfan Khan; Raazi, starring Alia Bhatt; Chhapaak, starring Deepika Padukone; and Sam Bahadur, starring Vicky Kaushal.

Pratibha Ranta on career after Laapataa Ladies: 'Now, I am aiming for something big with every project'

Actor Pratibha Ranta got wings to fly and dream big with her first film Laapataa Ladies, which was India's official entry to the Oscars 2025. The actor wasn't disappointed about the film missing out on the Oscar, and instead, remains eternally grateful for the recognition and opportunities that the film's success has brought her way.

In an interview with news agency, Pratibha opened up about channelling Urmila Matondkar in a reimagined video of the song Rangeela Re for Crocs as part of their Holi campaign, her Holi plans and life after Laapataa Ladies.

_adies. On her Holi plans This year, it will be a

working Holi for Pratibha. "I am shooting on Holi. I will not be playing Holi this year. But I have great memories associated with the festival. When I was in Shimla, it used to be cold during this time. We avoided playing Holi with water," she tells us.

The actor adds, "I remember I would go out for Holi with umbrellas, so that I can avoid getting drenched till the time I reach my desti-



nation. Since, I didn't want to spoil the start. But Holi in Mumbai is fun because the climate is so nice. We can plan with water, and colours. So, Holi in Mumbai is quite bearable and fun for me".

On channeling Urmila

Matondkar
Pratibha recently
paid homage to Urmila
Matondkar's iconic style,
starring in a reimagined
music video of the hit

song Rangeela Re for a

Holi campaign.

Here, she clears that she has not tried to recreate the song. "Because nobody can surpass what Urmila ma'am has done. We have just tried to have fun with the song because the song is perfect for Holi. Urmila ma'am is a legendary actor and dancer. You can never match that," she says.

The actor reveals, "When I was shooting the video, I was constantly watching the video and wondering how did she do it. The choreography is also inspired by that original choreography only".

Revisiting the shoot day, Pratibha says, "It was a very intense shoot. Before the shoot, I had no idea that it would be intense. I just thought there would be dance and colours. This was the first time I was dancing in front of the camera, and I can now say that a lot of hard work goes into it".

On life after Laapataa Ladies

Pratibha gained popularity for Laapataa Ladies, which gained international recognition after it emerged as India's official entry to the Oscars 2025. The Kiran Rao directorial, however, failed to make

the cut for the shortlist.

"I didn't get disappointed when the film didn't make it to the shortlist. Becoming the country's official entry for the award was a big thing, for me, considering it was my first film. I did not expect that to happen. It was beyond my expectation. I was

happy that it happened and changed things for me," she says.

How did it change things for Pratibha Ranta?

"Now, I am aiming big with my next project. My dreams have become bigger," she says.

Pratibha explains, "The film has changed things for me in a beautiful way. Today, I can make a decision. I can see what I want to do. I can challenge myself as an actor.... Now, I want to try something new, and that can only happen if you have justified yourself in your first project, and audiences have loved you in your first project".

At the moment, she is "at a very exciting place" where she is getting to explore new stories. "I'm so surprised by the fact that there are such brilliant writers out there who are writing such great scripts. The whole energy is so nice. It is a beautiful place to be".

After Laapataa Ladies, Pratibha has worked on multiple projects, which she says will be announced "very soon". "They are going to be fun and different," she ends with a promise.

Magazines banned Amitabh Bachchan after Emergency was lifted, says film critic

Amitabh Bachchan is one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema, whose presence in films and the media has been constant for decades. However, at the height of his career, when almost all of his movies were super hits, the actor faced an unexpected situation during the Emergency of 1975, when some film magazines banned him from being mentioned in their content.

Film critic and author Bharathi S Pradhan spoke about the incident in an interview with ANI and explained that after the Emergency was lifted, a few film magazines believed Bachchan was involved in the censorship of their content and accused him of being responsible for "blue-penciling all copy," including articles in well-known magazines.

"Just after the Emergency was lifted, a few magazines got together and banned Amitabh



Bachchan because they felt that he and VC Shukla... were all one gang of Congress

people and they had been blue-penciling all copy," she said.

Pradhan also revealed that the boycott led to strange situations where magazines started avoiding mentioning his name. "If there was a filmography of, say, Hema Malini, and Amitabh Bachchan was her co-star, they would just put a comma instead of his name because he was banned," Pradhan added.

Pradhan further stated that the Sholay actor was well aware of the situation and, to make it easier for editors to remove his image from group photos, he used to adjust his position.

"Once he got to know that this is what they were up to, when there would be a group picture, he'd go stand on the extreme right or extreme left," she said. He told me, "Just to facilitate their cutting, I would stand on the extreme right or extreme left."

The five-day Women Directors' Theatre Festival at Punjab Kala Bhawan highlighted the resilience of women in theatre

The Punjab Kala Bhawan became the epicentre of artistic brilliance as it invited Chandigarh's theatre enthusiasts and thespians to the five-day Women Directors' Theatre Festival recently. The festival was part of Rebooting Punjab, a mega-festival organised by the Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh. It highlighted the strength, creativity and resilience of women in theatre. The festival, which concluded on March 9, saw ground-breaking performances, and thought-provoking narratives from women directors. The five-day festival featured some exclusive plays by women-led theatre group of the region like Bol Kyu Lab Khamosh Hai Tere.

The Adjustment was one among them. The director, Anita Sharma shared, "The journey of its lead inspired me to adapt; the shocking unravelling of its plot is raw and relatable, making the audience resonate with it."

Together, these narratives create a powerful theatrical experience that sparked conversation, empathy and the call for change. The festival also brought to light the deep-seated social stigma that confines women, questioning traditions that dictate how they should live, behave, and dream. Through these raw and empathetic stories, the festival challenged moral judgments surrounding taboo subjects.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar discharged from AIIMS-Delhi

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar was discharged from AIIMS-Delhi on Wednesday after making a satisfactory recovery, the premier hospital said.

He was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on March 9 following cardiac-related ailments, it said in a



"After receiving necessary care from the medical team at AIIMS,

he made a satisfactory recovery and was discharged on March 12," AIIMS-Delhi said.

"Defining Chapter In India's Freedom": PM Modi On Dandi March Anniversary

Mahatma Gandhi had launched the Dandi march on this day from his Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi to protest the British tax on salt.

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tributes to the participants of the Dandi March led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930, describing it as a defining chapter in India's freedom struggle.

Gandhi had launched the march on this day from his Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi to protest the British tax on salt.

"Today, we pay homage to all those who participated in the historic Dandi March, a defining chapter in India's freedom



struggle. Led by Mahatma Gandhi, this March ignited a nationwide movement for selfreliance and independence," Modi said on X.

"The courage, sacrifice and unwavering commitment to truth and non-violence of all those who took part in the Dandi March continues to inspire generations," he added.

The march garnered massive popular support and is considered a seminal turn in India's Independence movement.

Govt committed to ensure fair conduct of examinations: MoS Education

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): The Government is committed to ensure fair conduct of examinations and trying to strengthen the system to prevent any malpractice, Union Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar said on Wednesday in the Rajva Sabha.

Replying to queries during Question Hour related to irregularities in the NEET (UG) exam held last year, the minister cited a Supreme Court order to assert that there was no systemic failure and the Government has already asked CBI to investigate the matter and five charge sheets have been filed against 45 people in the paper theft case.

Majumdar said the Government has passed a new law 'Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024' and implemented many recommendations of the K Radhakrishnan committee.

"Our Government is committed that examinations are held in a clean system. We assure that under the Modi Govern-

ment, we will not allow any malpractice," he

said. Already, he said, the Supreme Court has given a verdict that there is no systemic leakage. "So, if we call it a leakage then, we are disobeying or disrespecting the verdict of the Supreme Court."

Steps are being taken and will be taken against those who have availed unfair means, Majumdar said.

"In the new Act, we have made some provisions through which we can punish those people who will try to breach the system. We are trying to strengthen our system so that no one can breach our system of examination," he said, adding that the National Testing Agency (NTA) is using CCTV and also metal detectors for searches.

The Minister said that if the recommendations of the Radhakrishnan committee are implemented fully, "then, I think, this type of incident will be curbed".

The NEET (UG) 2024 Examination was con-



ducted by the National Testing Agency on May 5, 2024.

"After the conduct of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination, certain cases of alleged irregularities/ cheating/malpractices were reported," Union **Education Minister** Dharmendra Pradhan had said in a statement earlier.

The ministry had asked the CBI to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities, including conspiracy, cheating, and breach of trust with respect to the NEET(UG) 2024 Exami-

"As on November 21, 2024, the CBI has filed five charge sheets in the NEET(UG) paper theft case against a total of 45 accused," Pradhan

Names of candidates, who are beneficiaries of the paper theft/unfair means and names of the MBBS students who had solved the stolen paper or who had appeared in the exam as impersonators have already been identified and sent to concerned authorities, as the case may be, for necessary action, he had stated.

In order to suggest effective measures for transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations by NTA the ministry constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts (HLCE) on June 22, 2024, headed by K Radhakrishnan, former Chairman ISRO and BoG, IIT Kanpur.

The committee submitted its report on October 21, 2024, and recommended the Reformation of National Common Entrance Testing, including the strengthening of NTA, institutional linkage with states, involvement of Test Indenting Agencies as Knowledge and Examinations partners

The panel also laid out measures and recommended Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent breaches in Pen and Paper Test (PPT) and Computer Based Test (CBT) examinations.

The committee also recommended the constitution of a highpowered steering committee to monitor the implementation of recommendations of HLCE on NTA and the same has already been constituted.

March still inspires us to adopt non-violence in fight against injustice: Adityanath



LUCKNOW, Mar 12 (Agencies): On the 95th anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi-led Dandi March, a key point in India's struggle for Independence, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath Wednesday and said the movement still inspires people to adopt

non-violence in their fight against injustice.

"On this day in the year 1930, the 'Father of the Nation' Mahatma Gandhi started the salt satyagraha from the Sabarmati Ashram to give a new direction to the freedom struggle," Adityanath posted on X. "This historical Satyanon-violently against injustice even today. Millions of salutes to all the Satyagrahis of 'Dandi March'," he added.

Mahatma Gandhi started the Dandi March on March 12, 1930, to protest against tax on salt and the British salt monopoly in colonial India. He began the march from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad, and what ensued was a 24-day walk to Dandi, where many Indians joined along the way.

The march sparked protests across India against British salt laws and was one of the first campaigns to have a large number of Indians participating.

PM Modi providing free foodgrains to 80 cr people in systematic way: Pralhad Joshi

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): UPA government introduced a food security law in 2013 haphazardly eying next year's general elections, but it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who took the initiative to provide free foodgrains to 80 crore people in a systematic way, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Wednesday.

The Union food minister made the remark in the Lok Sabha when Congress member Praniti Shinde said the

National Food Security Act, 2013, which aimed to provide subsidised foodgrains to the poor, was the brainchild of her party's leader Sonia Gandhi.

"The Congress brought the food security act in 2013 only because of the election. It was introduced in a haphazard manner. Even rules under the act were not framed," Joshi

He said when the NDA government assumed charge after the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the initiative to ensure free foodgrains to the poor as he understands their pain.

"Now Prime Minister Modi is providing free foodgrains to 80 crore people in the country," the Union minister said. He also said that peo-

ple's life was made easy by the Modi government with the introduction of the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme under which a ben-



eficiary can avail free foodgrains anywhere in the country, irrespective of the state he or she belongs to.

In 2013, the Congressled UPA was in power and Sonia Gandhi was the chairperson of the

Tantrik rapes cousin's wife under pretext of ritual in Gujarat, arrested

SURAT, Mar 12 (Agencies): Surat Police have arrested a tantrik who allegedly raped his cousin's wife under the pretext of a ritual, promising them that they would soon see their fortunes change for the better. After he fled the spot, the villagers chased him and shaved his head after capturing him, police said.

As per the information, the tantrik identified as Bharat had visited his cousin's house in Surat to stay for a few days. During his stay at his cousin's house, he told him that his fortunes would change if he allowed the ritual to be performed.

After his cousin agreed, he raped his wife in the name of the

Held for impersonating Shah's son, offering CM

post to Manipur MLAs, 3 men brought to Imphal



ritual and ran away after the incident. When the villagers came to know about it, they chased and caught the tantrik. They beat him up and also shaved his head before handing him over to the police.

The police reached the village and arrested the accused tantrik. The police have also registered a rape case on the basis of a complaint filed by the tantrik's cousin.

Police said that tantrik Bharat was a popular face in the village as he had performed rituals for his cousin's neighbours and acquaintances in the past.

Police have launched an investigation into the matter.

Telangana man kills wife after she refuses to cook mutton curry

TELANGANA, Mar 12 (Agencies): A furious husband brutally beat his wife to death after she allegedly refused to cook mutton curry for him in Telangana's Mahabubabad on Wednesday.

The wife has been identified as Maloth Kalavati, 35. Her mother claimed that Kalavati was assaulted and killed by her husband during a fight late at night when no one was around. The argument escalated into violence, leading to Kalavati's tragic death.



Authorities rushed to the scene upon receiving information about the incident. Police have launched an investigation to gather evidence and confirm the details

of the crime. The incident has left locals in disbelief over such extreme violence over a trivial domestic matter. This case highlights the growing concern of domestic violence, emphasizing the need for awareness and stricter legal action.

(Agencies): Three persons, who were recently arrested from Uttarakhand for allegedly impersonating Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son and prom-

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ising several Manipur MLAs the chief ministerial post in lieu of money, were brought here, police said on Wednes-

After the imposition of the President's rule in Manipur, several legislators had received phone calls from the three accused, who allegedly identified themselves



as Shah's son Jay Shah and offered them a chief ministerial position for a sum of Rs 4 crore, a senior officer said.

"Three individuals arrested earlier in Uttarakhand were brought to Imphal by the Manipur Police, following an investigation in connection with two FIRs registered at Imphal Police Station," a police state-

ment said. The accused had made phone calls to several MLAs of Manipur in February, following the resignation of N Biren Singh as the chief minister of the northeastern state, it said.

"They impersonated Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and had asked the MLAs for huge funds promising that they would be considered for the post of CM," the statement said.

They have been identified as Uvaish Ahmed, a native of Nidhauri Kala in Uttar Pradesh's Etah district, Gaurav Nath

and Priyansu Pant. Both hail from Ghazipur in East Delhi, the Manipur Police said More than 250 people

have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups in Manipur since May 2023. The

Centre had imposed the President's rule in the state on February 13 after N Biren Singh resigned. The state assembly, which has a tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation.

"PM Modi and myself have agreed on a Joint **Vision Document for enhanced strategic** partnership," Mauritius PM

Ramgoolam said that through this move, they aim to take India-Mauritius relations to next level.

PORT LOUIS, Mar 12 (Agencies): Mauritus Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam said on Wednesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and he personally agreed to strengthen the relations to Mauritius-India Joint Vision Document for an Enhanced Strategic Partnership.

Ramgoolam said through this move, they aim to take India-Mauritius relations

"During this visit, the Prime Minister and I had constructive discussions on how to take our bilateral relations to even greater heights. In this perspective, I am pleased to announce that His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi and myself have further agreed to strengthen our relations to Mauritius-India Joint Vision Document for an Enhanced Strategic Partnership," Ramgoolam said at their Joint Press Conference.

Ramgoolam said that their shared vision was to increase cooperation across various sectors.

"Our shared vision is to increase our cooperation in existing and emerging sectors, such as space research, AI, digital health, ocean economy,



pharmaceuticals, ICT, FinTech and Cyber security," he said.

Ramgoolam said that he was honoured by PM Modi's presence on their National Day. His presence was symbolic of the unique relations both countries share.

"PM Modi has honoured us by his presence amidst us on the occasion on National Day celebration of the 57th anniversary of our independence. His distinguished presence on this momentous occasion is testimony to the unique and very special relation that binds our countries," he said.

PM Modi said that India will cooperate with Mauritius in building the new Parliament

He said, "Today, Prime Minister Navin Chandra Ramgoolam and I decided to give the India-Mauritius partnership the status of 'Enhanced Strategic Partnership'. We decided that India will cooperate in building the new Parliament building in Mauritius. This will be a gift to Mauritius from the Mother of Democracy."

House there.

PM Modi also congratulated the people of Mauritius on their National Day- for which he was invited to be the Chief Guest.

PM Modi said, "On behalf of the 140 crore Indians, I congratulate the people of Mauritius on their national day. It is my good fortune that I again got a chance to be here on the national day of Mauritius. India and Mauritius are connected not just by Indian Ocean but by shared culture and values...We are each other's partners on the path of economic and social progress."

PM Modi said that Mauritius is an impotant partner for India, hence in 2015, the foundation for SAGAR was laid here- a vision for security in the entire region. On Wednesday, PM Modi expounded it to MAHASAGAR-Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions'

He said, "Be it the Global South, the Indian Ocean, or the African continent, Mauritius is our important partner. Ten years ago, the foundation stone of Vision SAGAR - 'Security and Growth for All in the Region' was laid here in Mauritius. We have come up with SAGAR vision for the stability and prosperity of this entire region. For Global South our vision will be - MAHASAGAR-Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions'," he said.

"Under this, trade for development, capacity building for sustainable growth, and mutual security for shared future will be included," he added.

"Entirely unjustified": Australia's **Anthony Albanese on US** steel tariffs



SYDNEY, Mar 12 (Agencies): Washington's looming tariffs on steel and aluminium are "entirely unjustified", Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Wednesday after failing to secure a last-minute exemp-

"This is not a friendly act," Albanese told reporters, after the White House dashed hopes that Australia would be excluded from blanket 25 percent levies on steel and aluminium.

in our relationship. It is as simple as

US President Donald Trump's decision to slug close ally Australia was "entirely unjustified", Albanese said.

nations' enduring friendship. Friends

"Quite clearly it is not a positive step

"This is against the spirit of our two

need to act in a way that reinforces, to our respective populations, the fact

that we are friends. Despite the setback, Albanese said Australia would not retaliate.

"Tariffs and escalating trade tensions are a form of economic selfharm and a recipe for slower growth and higher inflation", he added.

Albanese hinted that Australia may be one of the few nations to secure an exemption following a phone call with Trump in February.

"The US President agreed that an exemption was under consideration in the interests of both of our countries," Albanese said at the time.

White House officials told Australian media overnight that the exemption was no longer on the table.

"He considered it, and considered against it," spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told national broadcaster

Australia is a minor global player in steel export markets but is a dominant source of iron ore, a key raw

ingredient in the alloy. Australian steel producer Blue-

Scope said it employed around 4,000 staff in the United States.

Russia launches 3 missiles, 133 drones in overnight attack: Ukraine army

KYIV, Mar 12 (Agencies): The Ukrainian military said on Wednesday that Russia launched three missiles and 133 drones in an overnight attack.

It said the air force shot down 98

drones. Another 20 drones did not reach their targets, likely due to electronic warfare countermeasures, it added. It did not say what happened to the remaining 15 drones.

Japanese police arrest several men for alleged sexual assault of their daughters

TOKYO, Mar 12 (Agencies): Japanese media reported this week that police have arrested several men accused of sexual assault of their underaged daughters and sharing their abuse videos online.

Police have so far refused to confirm

The Kyodo News agency, NHK television and other outlets say police in the Aichi prefecture, a region in central Japan, took into custody several men, who are in their 30s, 40s and 50s.

They are accused of repeatedly

raping their daughters or stepdaughters, aged 6-14, filming the scenes of the assaults and sharing the videos on social media. They are also accused of child prostitution and child pornography, the reports said.

They allegedly exchanged messages and footage of their attacks in a group chat. The group was uncovered after one of the men was arrested in November on accusations of raping a child. Police investigated the data on his mobile phone, which led to the arrest of the other men, reports said.

Ship owner says arrested captain of vessel involved in North Sea collision is Russian

LONDON, Mar 12 (Agencies): The captain of a cargo ship that collided with a U.S. tanker is a Russian national who remains in U.K. police custody, the vessel's owner said Wednesday.

The 59-year-old man, who hasn't been named by authorities, was arrested by police in northeast England Tuesday on suspicion of manslaughter by gross negligence over the collision. He hasn't been charged.

Shipping company Ernst Russ, which owns the Portugal-flagged cargo

vessel Solong, said that the ship's 14 crew were a mix of Russian and Filipino

The cargo ship collided Monday with a tanker transporting jet fuel for the U.S. military in the North Sea off eastern England on Monday, setting both vessels ablaze. One sailor from the Solong was presumed dead in the collision, which sparked fears of significant environmental damage.

U.K. authorities say they don't suspect foul play.

Trump says it is up to Russia to accept ceasefire deal in war with Ukraine NEWYORK / WASH-"During today's talks, the US side proposed

INGTON, Mar 12 (Agencies): President Donald Trump said he is hopeful that Russia will agree to a 30-day ceasefire with Ukraine even as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday termed it as a positive step and said it is up to the US to convince Russia to accept it.

Senior officials from the US and Ukraine held talks in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday focussing on ending the over three year war between Moscow and Kyiv, which gave an indication to accept a 30-day ceasefire.

"A while ago, Ukraine has agreed to the ceasefire. Now we go to Russia and hopefully President Putin will agree to it also," Trump said here soon after the Jeddah announcement. "If we get Russia to do



it, that will be great. If we can't, we keep going on and on and people are going to get killed," he said in another video posted on his TruthSocial account.

He also spoke about meetings with Russia soon, in an apparent reference to Steve Witkoff, his special envoy, who is likely to visit Moscow to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin.

President Zelenskyv said the American side understands his country's arguments and als and added that he is "grateful to President Trump for the constructive conversation between our teams."

"Ukraine is ready to accept this proposal we see it as a positive step and are ready to take it. Now, it is up to the United States to convince Russia to do the same. If Russia agrees, the ceasefire will take effect immediately." Zelenskyy said hours after the announcement came from Jeddah.

taking an even bigger first step-a 30-day full interim ceasefire, not only stopping missile, drone, and bomb attacks, not only in the Black Sea, but also along the entire front line," the Ukrainian president said in a video, text for which was posted on his official X handle too. Asserting that

Ukraine's position remains absolutely clear, he said, "Ukraine has been seeking peace from the very first second of this war, and we want to do everything to achieve it as soon as possible and in a reliable way—so that war does not return."

Zelenskyy also talked about the three key points that his team proposed during the meeting with the Americans in Jeddah: silence in the skies—stopping missile strikes, bombs, and long-range drone attacks; silence at sea; real confidence-building measures in this whole situation, "in which diplomacy is ongoing, which primarily means the release of prisoners of war and detaineesboth military and civilian-and the return of Ukrainian children who were forcibly transferred to Russia.

There has been no official reaction from Russia

Meanwhile, soon after the announcement coming in from Jeddah, the Trump government lifted its suspension of military aid and intelligence sharing with Ukraine, measures that were imposed a week ago in an apparent effort to push Zelenskyy for talks about ending the

Yemen's Houthi rebels say 'any Israeli vessel' in nearby Mideast waterways again a target

(Agencies): Yemen's Houthi rebels warned shippers early Wednesday that "any Israeli vessel" traveling through nearby Mideast waters is now a target as Israel continues to block aid to the Gaza Strip.

The warning from the Houthis again throws into chaos a crucial maritime waterway between Asia and Europe, threatens revenue from Egypt's Suez Canal and possibly will halt aid shipments to war zones. The rebels in the past have also had a loose definition of what constitutes an Israeli ship, meaning other vessels could be targeted as well.

The statement from

the Houthis' Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center follows a four-day deadline set by the rebels for Israel to resume aid shipments.

"We hope it is understood that the actions taken by the (Houthi military) ... stem from a deep sense of religious, humanitarian and moral responsibility toward the oppressed Palestinian people and aim to pressure the Israeli usurper entity to reopen the crossings to the Gaza Strip and allow the entry of aid, including food and medical supplies," the statement said.

It described the warning as taking hold in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the Arabian Sea.

The statement added: "Any Israeli vessel attempting to violate this ban will be subject to military targeting in the declared operational area."

There was no immediate sign of an attack on ships. Israel's military did not respond to a request for comment. Israel earlier this

month halted all aid coming into the Gaza Strip and has warned of "additional consequences" for Hamas if the fragile ceasefire in the war isn't extended as negotiations continue over starting a second phase of the pause in fighting. The move drew intense international criticism as even before the war

the over 2 million Palestinians living in Gaza relied on international aid, something that's only intensified after a grinding Israeli military offensive destroyed the enclave.

The maritime security firm Ambrey warned the statements from the Houthis were "ambiguous," likely putting more ships at risk.

It's "likely to have extended once more toward ships partially owned by Israeli individuals or entities, vessels managed and/or operated by Israeli individuals or entities, vessels heading to Israel and to ships of companies that call Israel," the firm said. There was no direct

threat made against

the U.S. Navy, whose Bahrain-based 5th Fleet patrols the Mideast. However, the earlier Houthi campaign saw American and Western warships repeatedly targeted, sparking the most-serious combat the Navy had seen since World War II.

The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman and other ships associated with its carrier group are operating in the Red Sea now. The U.S. military said Wednesday that its forces in the region "remain vigilant."

"We will do what is necessary to protect and defend U.S. personnel, assets and partners," it said.

The rebels' secretive leader, Abdul-Malik alHouthi, warned Friday that attacks against Israel-linked vessels would resume within four days if Israel didn't let aid into Gaza. That deadline passed Tuesday. The rebels had target-

ed over 100 merchant vessels with missiles and drones, sinking two vessels and killing four sailors during their campaign targeting ships from November 2023 until January of this year.

The attacks greatly raised the Houthis' profile as they faced economic problems and launched a crackdown targeting any dissent and aid workers at home amid Yemen's decadelong stalemated war that's torn apart the Arab world's poorest nation.

EU says its countermeasures to Trump's tariffs will go into effect on April 1

BRUSSELS, Mar 12 (Agencies): The European Union announced on Wednesday its own countermeasures, saying they will enter into force on April 1, after the Trump administration officially increased tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports to 25%.

"As the US are applying tariffs worth 28 billion dollars, we are responding with countermeasures worth 26 billion euros (\$28 billion)," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement.

The commission manages trade and commercial conflicts on behalf of the 27 member countries.

"We will always remain open to negotiation. We firmly believe that in a world fraught with geopolitical and economic uncertainties, it is not in our common interest to burden our economies with tariffs," von der Leyen said.

The commission also said that steel and aluminum products would be hit in return, but also textiles, leather goods, home appliances, house tools plastics and

Agricultural products will also be impacted—including poultry, beef, some seafood, nuts, eggs, sugar and vegetables.

Modi getting Mauritius's highest award

PM's foreign visits bring honour to the nation: Sat

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12 Conferring Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Mauritius's highest civilian award, once again highlights India's growing stature on the global stage and is a testament to Modi's leadership and diplomatic outreach.

Sat Sharma, President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, said this during his meeting with party's prominent activists.

He emphasized that PM Modi's foreign visits have significantly enhanced India's global reputation, fostering strong diplomatic ties, economic cooperation, and cultural exchanges with various nations.

"Every international recognition that PM Modi receives is not just a personal achievement but a moment of pride for 1.4 billion Indians,"



he said, adding that our PM's tireless efforts to strengthen India's global footprint are being acknowledged world-

Sat Sharma said that the Prime Minister's latest honour from Mauritius adds to a long list of international accolades. Over the years, Modi has been recognized with numerous prestigious awards from various countries,

ship and India's rising influence. Some of the notable awards conferred upon him include "The Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud (Saudi Arabia), The Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award (Palestine), The Order of Zayed (UAE), The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle (Russia), The

Legion of Merit (United

States), Champions

of The Earth Award

(United Nations)", are few to mention and the list is very long.

Sat Sharma highlighted that such international recognitions reflect India's growing diplomatic strength and its emergence as a global leader under Modi's leadership. He added that these awards symbolize India's commitment to global peace, cooperation, and develister continues to receive such honours, it reinforces our national pride and motivates us to contribute to India's progress in every field," he said.

Sat Sharma further said that with every foreign visit, PM Modi strengthens India's strategic partnerships, fosters economic growth, and showcases India's cultural heritage on a global platform. His recent honour from Mauritius is yet another milestone in this remarkable journey.

Prominent among those in the meeting included Additional Treasurer, Prem Gupta, senior leaders, S. Amrik Singh, Bawa Sharma, Nand Kishore, Rinku Choudhary, Ishant Mahajan, Jaideep Sambyal and others.

Army, IAF conduct synergised exercise to enhance inter-operability



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: In a significant demonstration of joint operational readiness, the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a Synergized Interoperability Exercise in the Jammu region.

The exercise aimed to strengthen coordination between ground and air forces, ensuring seamless integration of aerial and land-based operations in dynamic battlefield scenarios.

By refining joint operational tactics, this exercise reinforced the ability of both forces to respond swiftly and effectively to real-time challenges, particularly in high-threat environments.

Under the aegis of Tiger Division, the exercise simulated real-world operational conditions, with IAF helicopters executing a precise airlift of Army

troops from a designated mounting base. The troops were then inserted into terrain characterized by dense vegetation and thick undergrowth. This complex insertion manoeuvre tested the forces' ability to operate cohesively in challenging environments, where mobility and coordination are crucial for mission success. Following the insertion, the troops executed a simulated combat assault, engaging in coordinated manoeuvres designed to neutralize threats in a high-risk environment.

The exercise also incorporated surveillance operations, precision firepower tactics, and rapid troop extraction, ensuring that personnel were prepared for complex missions requiring agility and strategic decision-making.

The training provided an opportunity for soldiers and aircrew to rehearse real-time battlefield contingencies, improving reaction times and enhancing overall preparedness.

The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force continue to invest in joint training initiatives, enhancing their ability to conduct multi-domain operations in varied terrains.

This synergized interoperability exercise reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining a high state of operational readiness, ensuring that both forces remain well-prepared to safeguard national security and respond to emerging threats effectively.

Army conducts motivational lecture for youth at Parori Gujjaran



Top News Report

RAJOURI, Mar 12: Indian Army conducted a motivational lecture for local residents in Parori Gujjaran village, Rajouri District.

The lecture aimed to educate and motivate the local youth on various topics, including cyber security, sports, tree plantation, and the Clean and Green India initiative.

A total of 43 local villagers attended the event. The lecture was well-received by the attendees, who appreciated the Indian Army's efforts to engage with the local community and promote awareness on important issues.

The event was a significant milestone in the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to connect with local residents and promote community development.

By conducting such events, the Indian Army aims to foster a sense of trust and cooperation with the local population, while also promoting education, awareness, and social welfare.

The success of the event is a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to serving the nation and supporting local communities.

By engaging with locals and promoting awareness on important issues, the Indian Army is contributing to the creation of a more informed, aware, and empowered society

Nothing Phone (3a) sale started; available for as low as Rs 19,999

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Nothing, the London-based technology company announced the open sales for the Nothing Phone (3a) Series across Flipkart, Vijay Sales, Croma and all leading retail stores in India, starting 11 March. As a special introductory offer on day 1, Phone (3a) will be available for as low as Rs 19,999, and the Phone (3a) Pro for as low as Rs 24,999 (including all offers).

Nothing launched the Phone (3a) Series globally on March 4, 2025, with major camera upgrades. The Phone (3a) features a 50MP main sensor, a Sony ultra-wide sensor, and a 50MP telephoto lens with 2x optical zoom, while the Phone (3a) Pro with a periscope



camera, boasts 60x ultra zoom. For selfies, the Phone (3a) has a 32MP front camera, while the Pro model features a 50MP sensor with 4K video recording.

Both phones feature the Snapdragon® 7s Gen 3 Mobile Platform and 5000mAh batteries delivering up to two days of use on a full charge. With upgraded fast charging now at 50W, the Phone (3a) Series delivers a full day's power (50%) in under 20 minutes. Furthermore, both phones boast an immersive display of 6.77 inches with Full HD+ resolution. Visuals look crisp with 387 pixels in every inch of screen, and a fluid 120Hz adaptive refresh rate. The display offers 1000 hz sampling rate in gaming mode making gaming smooth and responsive.

The Nothing Phone (3a) Series runs Nothing OS 3.1 on Android 15, optimized for stability, utility, and customization. It includes updates

to the Nothing Gallery, Camera, and Weather apps and guarantees six years of updatesthree years of Android updates and six years of security updates. The series also introduces Essential Space, an Al-powered hub for notes and ideas, and the Essential Key (on the right side of the phone) for quick access—press to save content, longpress for voice notes, and double-tap to view saved items.

Phone (3a) will be available in Black, White, and Blue colour. 8+128 GB at the price Rs 22,999 (Including bank offers) and 8+256 GB at the price Rs 24,999 (Including bank offers).;

Phone (3a) Pro will be available in Grev and Black colour with 8+128 GB at the price

Rs 27,999 (Including bank offers), 8+256 GB at the price Rs 29,999 (Including bank offers) and 12+256 GB at the price Rs 31,999 (Including bank offers).

The Phone (3a) is available on sale via Flipkart, Flipkart Minutes, Vijay Sales, Croma, and all leading retail stores starting from 11 March

The Phone (3a) Pro is available on sale via Flipkart and Flipkart Minutes starting from 11 March. The Flipkart deliveries and sales on Vijay Sales, Croma and all leading retail stores will start from 15 March.

Additionally for the first time the Nothing Phone (3a) series will be available on Flipkart minutes which means the phone can be delivered to your home within 10 minutes of open sales.

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Need to develop infrastructure at **Gulmarg to make it World-Class des**tination for Skiers: **Omar**

trainer and will develop Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Doodpathri for skiing courses, " he said.

Pakistan Train Attack: 27 terrorists killed, 155 passengers rescued

some innocent hostages

In anticipation of possible defeat, the terrorists are using innocent people as human shields and the suicide bombers have taken women and children hostage at three different locations, they said. Due to the presence of women and children with the suicide bombers, the operation is being

conducted with utmost caution. The security sources said the operation by security forces to eliminate the remaining terrorists

is continuing. "The militants have now formed small groups to try to escape in the dark, but the security forces have surrounded the tunnel and the remaining passengers will also

be rescued soon," a source said. The Pakistan media reported intense firing and explosion near the tunnel, where the militants hijacked the train.

Pakistan Railways have set up an emergency desk at the Peshawar

and Quetta Railway stations as frantic relatives and friends try to get some information about their loved ones on the train. The rebels claimed that they had

set women and children free but the claim was contested by officials and Minister of State for Interior Talal Chaudhry said that the hostages were released by the security forces

Rana Muhammad Dilawar, a district police officer in the area where the train was stopped, said the security forces had surrounded the area but there were reports that the militants had taken some women and children as hostages.

There were around four to five government officials on the train, he added.

Tariq Mahmood, a senior official of Peshawar Railway Station, said that people should not pay heed to rumours on social media and otherwise.

The BLA claimed it seized control of the train by derailing it. The group said it had killed six security personnel

In a statement on Tuesday, the BLA warned that if the Pakistan military launches an operation, "all hostages will be executed". The group is banned in Pakistan, the UK and the US.

Balochistan has witnessed an uptick in terrorist attacks over the past vear. In November 2024, at least 26 people were killed and 62 injured after a suicide blast ripped through a Quetta Railway Station.

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a longrunning violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups frequently carry out attacks targeting security personnel, government projects and the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects in the oil and mineral-rich

Balloon with Pakistan Flag found in Samba

"At present, the police are investigating the matter as to where this balloon came from and whether there is any conspiracy behind it. Earlier also, incidents of finding such balloons have come to the fore in the border areas. Security agencies are seriously investigating the matter", officials added.

J&K Police books six infamous drug peddlers under **PIT NDPS Act in Sri**nagar

have been detained and subsequently lodged in district jails of Udhampur, Poonch, and Rajouri.

The accused drug peddlers were found involved in the peddling of narcotics among the youth of Srinagar on an alarming scale. Besides, they were also involved in several NDPS Act cases of various police stations of Srinagar.

"Despite several NDPS Act cases registered against them, they did not mend their ways after getting bailed out from courts and were brazenly promoting drugs among the youth of the valley, especially in Srinagar, through their illegal narcotics network," police said, adding that "police have also set into motion the process to attach their properties under the provisions of the PIT-NDPS Act.'

"J&K Police affirms its steadfast commitment of eliminating drug peddling in the region with the full might of law. We also caution those engaged in this unlawful activity that the long arm of law would catch them sooner than anticipated, and every offender will face justice", police warned.

Police have also informed people to provide any information related to drug dealers/peddlers in Srinagar through the official helpline number 9596770550.

LoP Sunil Sharma criticizes Mehbooba Mufti for opposing ban on ACC, **JKIM**

Asked about the latest statement of Congress leader Rashid Alvi about the alleged targeting of Muslims, Sharma said, "These parties lived on the policy of divide and appease, which is not in line with the spirit of the Constitution, and such actions will not be acceptable

It must be mentioned that the Union Home Ministry has banned both the ACC and the JKIM for a period of five years.

PDP MLA raises issue of ban on J&K outfits in Assembly

significance for all of us. We stand united with him. We want religious freedom." However, the leader of the Opposition and BJP MLA Sunil Sharma welcomed the ban on the two organisations "Two organisations were undermining India's unity. MHA's ban on these organisations is commendable. BJP supports this decision," he told reporters outside the assembly.

Sharma emphasised "no individual or organisation should be allowed to work against the integrity and unity of our country." Responding to criticism from PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, he said "PDP's foundation is rooted in separatist sentiments. Whenever radical and anti-India groups are confronted, Mehbooba ji expresses distress." MLA Sheikh Khursheed, brother of jailed MP Engineer Rashid, also criticised the ban, stating, "Banning any individual or political party is undemocratic. We condemn such actions. On one hand, the Centre is engaging with Mirwaiz Sahib, and on the other hand, his party is being banned. This is unfortunate." BJP MLA Yudhvir Sethi said there should more strictness on the people advocating cause of Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We welcome this ban. It is aimed to curb separatist and other elements in the region", he told report-

The notification from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs stated that members of the Awami Action Committee headed by Umar Farooq have been involved in supporting terrorist activities and promoting anti-India propaganda to fuel secessionism in Jammu and

J&K Govt suspends officer after ACB action

Pahalgam, 7.4 mm; Kokernag; Gulmarg, 5.0 mm; and Srinagar, 4.8 mm during the past 24 hours.

The Met Office forecast of light to moderate rain and snow at many places during the next 36 hours, while there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain/snow at many places during March 15 and

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

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

The farmers have also been advised to suspend farm operations 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 in 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 2.8°C below the normal of 14.7°C on Tuesday.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar improved and settled at 7.4°C during the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday. This was 3.7°C above the average for the place

during this period of the season. The ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir remained the coldest place with a low of -1.2°C, and this was still 2.1°C above the average for the place during this period of the season, while at Pahalgam it improved by a notch to 2.7°C and Kokernag to 5.2°C, the MeT office

Govt identifies 5000 kanal land for establishment of Industrial estates in Kashmir: Dy CM

Intends for 9661 kanal land submitted to Revenue deptt in Jammu

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Wednesday informed the House that about 5000 kanal of land has been identified for establishment of industrial estates in different districts of Kashmir division while intends for 9661 kanal of land has been submitted to the Revenue department in Jammu division.

The Deputy Chief Minister was replying to a question raised by Rajiv Jasrotia in the Legislative Assembly.

He said that the intends of 14956. 15 kanal land have been placed for establishment of Industrial estates in different districts of Jammu division while 5532.19 kanal land has been transferred during the past two years in Kashmir.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that focus sectors for Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-30 included Manufacturing, IT and ITeS, Agriculture and Food Processing, Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, Infrastructure and Real Estate.

Skill Development, Tourism and Hospitality, Film Tourism, Horticulture and Post-Harvest Management, Renewable Energy, Handloom and Handicrafts and Agriculture.

He said that package

of incentives, including up to 100 percent subsidy components, turnover incentives, entrepreneurship and skill development fund, ease of doing business, investment promotion agency for promotion of investment and exports besides establishing industrial grievance forum are among various salient features of Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy 2021-

Minister said that several important reforms and measures are being implemented by the departments like Health & Drug Controller, Agriculture, Pollution Control Board, Public Health Engineering, Labour, Forest, Power Development Department, Fire, High Courts, Housing & Urban Development, Industries and Commerce to ensure

The Deputy Chief

a smoother regulatory ecosystem. These reforms are being taken up in areas like labour, property registration, single window clearance system and central inspection framework under District level BRAP.

"Various policy initiatives are being taken up by Jammu and Kashmir government to boost the industry sector and making it as investor friendly destination. These included New Central Sector Scheme, 2021, J&K Industrial Policy 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy, Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in Industrial Sector in J&K 2022, J&K Single Window Rules 2021, Turnover Incentive Scheme 2021, J&K Wool Processing, Handloom and Handicraft Policy 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/Self Help Groups 2020, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, Karkhandar Scheme for Development of Craft Sector in J&K 2021, Export Subsidy Scheme 2021, Revised Education Scheme 2022 for Artisans/Weavers of Handicrafts and Handloom Department and J&K Start Up Policy 2024-27", informed the Deputy Chief Minister.

The Deputy Minister said that the special marks have been kept in the evaluation criteria of land allotment applications, so that Women get a higher merit by virtue of their participation. He said that sanction has been accorded to establishment of an exclusive Industrial Estate for Women' on 329 kanal land, out of 1347 kanal land at Seen, Thakran, District Udhampur under the Prime Ministers' Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of new micro enterprises.

He added that any business enterprise having 51 percent stake held by women entrepreneurs shall qualify to apply for allotment in the designated industrial estate. He said that the department has also granted short

term/disposal permits to various executing agencies of National Highway Authority of India, NHIDCL, IRCON, the Ring Road, PWD (R&B), PMGSY, Irrigation and Flood Control, Airport Authority of India and others engaged in developments projects of National/UT importance during the past 2

years. He said that the department has granted 36 limestone mining leases, 24 mineral gypsum mining leases besides 202 mining leases of e-auctioned minor mineral blocks. Besides, it has reserved/ granted 8 mining leases in favour of J&K Public Sector Undertakings (J&K Mineral Limited and J&K PCC limited), 6 mining leases on private land, 2 quarry licenses on private land, one cluster quarry on state land and 23 quarry licenses in favour of government projects for providing key construction material to various developmental projects

across J&K.

Mubarakh Gul and
Saifuddin Bhat raised
the supplementaries.

BJP stands firm with daily wagers, demands immediate regularization: Dr. Abhijeet

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Senior BJP leader Dr. Abhijeet Jasrotia strongly reiterated the party's unwavering commitment to securing justice for daily wagers, highlighting the decades of betrayal they have endured at the hands of successive governments.

Addressing the media, Dr. Jasrotia said that daily wagers have been struggling since 1996-97, initially appointed on false promises made by the National Conference (NC), followed by the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Congress — all of whom played the same role of misleading and exploiting them. For over two decades, these workers have toiled under harsh conditions, surviving on meager wages of 500-700 per month, while their hopes for regularization were repeatedly crushed.

Dr. Jasrotia asserted that it was the BJP that first took a proactive stand, ensuring a significant increase in their salaries, raising it to 9,000 per month.



He further pointed out that during the previous elections, the BJP had made a clear promise to the daily wagers — that the first decision of the assembly would be their regularization. However, despite securing 1.5 lakh votes more than the NC, the BJP unfortunately found itself in the opposition.

Dr. Jasrotia criticized the Omar Abdullahled NC government for deceiving daily wagers. He highlighted that when BJP Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma raised the issue, Omar Abdullah tried to deflect the matter. According to Dr. Jasrotia, Omar Abdullah's statement suggested a six-month timeline for forming a committee to review the issue, followed by potential consideration in the next year's budget
— a move BJP condemns as an eyewash
designed to delay and
mislead

Backing Sunil Sharma's strong intervention in the assembly, Dr. Jasrotia emphasized that the BJP continues to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the daily wagers in their fight for regularization. He assured that BJP remains dedicated to ensuring these workers receive the justice they deserve.

"In every protest and agitation led by the daily wagers, BJP leaders have stood with them, offering unwavering support," Dr. Jasrotia said, reaffirming the party's commitment to their cause.

Dr. Jasrotia concluded by stating that the BJP will continue to fight for the immediate regularization of daily wagers and will hold the current government accountable for their promises. He urged the administration to stop playing with the lives and livelihoods of these hardworking people and take swift, concrete steps to secure their future.

JKMEF forms new unit at Jagti Hospital



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: A meeting of the Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF), Jammu Province, was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Sushil Sudan at Sub District Hospital Jagti. Nagrota.

The meeting focused on addressing the grievances of medical employees and improving healthcare services.

After thorough discussions with the employees, a new unit of the JKMEF was unanimously formed for Jagti Hospital.

The newly elected

office bearers are Sandeep Pandita—President, Monik Gupta—Vice President, Sanjay Parihar—General Secretary, Rajni Sharma—General Secretary, Vikas Gupta—Treasurer, and Ashir Bhat—Joint Secretary.

While addressing the gathering, Jaswinder Singh, President of JKMEF, congratulated the newly elected team and assured them of full support from the Federation.

He emphasized that healthcare professionals have a noble duty, and patient care should always remain their top priority. General Secretary of JKMEF, Parfulat Singh, also spoke at the meeting, urging the authorities to fill all vacant positions in healthcare facilities

He stressed that a shortage of medical staff adversely affects patient care and that immediate steps must be taken to strengthen the healthcare system.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment from the newly formed unit to work diligently for the welfare of medical employees and to ensure the best possible healthcare services for patients at Jagti Hospital.

Rashtriya Ekta Yatra inaugurated in Ladakh

ABVP is empowering youth for national unity: Adv. Tashi Gyalson

Top News Report

LEH, Mar 12: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Jammu Kashmir inaugurated the Rashtriya Ekta Yatra on Wednesday which is a unique initiative aimed at strengthening the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

The inaugural ceremony took place at the CEC Office, Leh, Ladakh, and was graced by the presence of Adv. Tashi Gyaltson, Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh.

'Students Exposure in Regional Understanding' (SERU) initiated by ABVP is an exposure tour which started in 1991 to provide students with an opportunity to explore diverse cultures and foster

regional understanding. In this exposure tour students from Ladakh visit other parts of the country and similarly students from other parts of the country visit Ladakh.

In 1991 a diverse



group of 30 students ranging from Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Jammu visited Ladakh for 05 days and stayed at homes of local people of Ladakh.

The delegates to Ladakh visited various educational institutes, cultural sites and interacted with local people and students.

This year, Twenty students from different parts of Ladakh, including Nubra, Kargil, Leh, Lamayuru, Shang, Nyoma, and Zanskar and all corner of Ladakh will embark on a journey to Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, with the purpose of experiencing, understanding, and assimilating India's cultural unity.

The tour aims to provide a unique opportunity to students for showcasing the country's cultural diversity and raising awareness among youth about the importance of national unity.

Tashi Gyalson, CEC, LAHDC Leh stated, "This tour is a unique opportunity to showcase our country's cultural diversity and raise awareness among youth about the importance of national unity. We hope this tour will inspire the youth of our country to unite and work towards

national unity."
Dorjay Namgyal, Tour
Coordinator, added,
"We are excited to
embark on this journey,
which will not only provide a platform for cul-

tural exchange but also foster national unity and brotherhood among the students. We believe that this tour will be a life-changing experience for the participants and will help in shaping their perspective on national unity."

The group will visit iconic locations such as Rajya Sabha, Prime Minister Museum and Library, Wagah Border, Dharamshala and Many other Personalities and Institute of Historic Importance and will engage in cultural exchange programs, discussions and various activities, sightseeing and will give the message of national integration.

On this Occasion the Director of Sowa - Rigpa Padma Gurmet and State Organising Secretary of ABVP Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Tilak Thakur and LPT organising secretary Balvinder Singh were also present.

Army conducts awareness lecture on 'Drug Abuse' for youth in Dessa

Top News Report

DODA, Mar 12: In a continued effort to engage with and uplift local communities, Gei Company of Indian Army organised an awareness lecture on Drug Abuse for the youth of Dessa area. The session aimed to educate young individuals about the detrimental effect of drug addiction and the importance of leading a healthy and disciplined life.

During the lecture, 70 attendees including stu-

ents at High School, Gei were informed about the physical, mental and social consequences of drug consumption. It was highlighted how substance abuse negatively impacts personal well-being, family relationships and career opportunities. The session also focused on legal consequences and preventive measures, encouraging the youth to stay away from drugs and contribute positively to society.

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The Indian Army

remains committed to the welfare of the nation's youth and will continue conducting such awareness programs to foster a drugfree and progressive

society. Local residents appreciated this initiative and expressed gratitude for the Army's efforts in shaping a brighter future for the younger generation.

Shiv Sena warns to refrain from communal terrorism, demands stronger intelligence agencies

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has demanded strict crushing of the module of communal terrorism and strengthening of intelligence system, fixing accountability.

In a press conference held today at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that Pak-sponsored terrorism, along with narco terror, is now continuing its activities in Jammu division with the help of 'communal terrorism'. Hiding behind the forests and hilly areas, security forces and innocent, unarmed people are being targeted.

In the year 2024, 8 out of 10 districts of Jammu division have



been shaken by terrorist attacks. In about 10 major terrorist attacks, about a dozen soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and about the same number of innocent and unarmed people were killed.

The recent disappearances and suspicious deaths of people in Billawar of Kathua district are a clear picture of the nefarious and cowardly activities of terrorists. In the last 25 days, five innocent and unarmed people have been killed. Sahni has demanded strict action against the terrorists camping in the jungles and hilly areas along with strengthening the modern communication network and intelligence system.

Sahni has demanded a warning to those who adopt the module of spoiling the communal atmosphere and a stop to these nefarious and cowardly activities.

Guru Gambhir balances experience and youth to shape India's cricketing future

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): People who know Gautam Gambhir, describe him as someone "boringly consistent", someone who has not even changed his eating pattern in the last 20 years. An experiment is out of question.

He loves wearing his denims for casual gatherings and it has not changed for years.

But when it comes to cricket, his brain is always ticking and seeking solutions to various strategic problems.

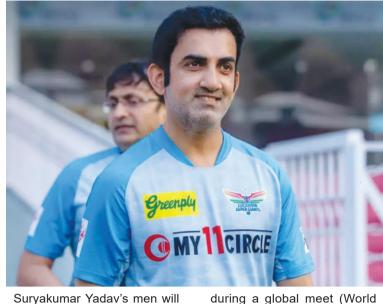
It has been eight months

since Gambhir took charge of the national team after Rahul Dravid ended his stint with the T20 World Cup triumph in July. He has seen both ends of the spectrum with high of Champions Trophy and low of six Test losses. The CT win has come like a breath of fresh air and 'Guru Gambhir' will get a chance to analyse the big picture as Indian cricket is expected to

next two crucial years. It won't be wrong to say that Gambhir has completed his probation period and will get into a phase where he would have three distinct challenges, starting with the Test tour of England.

undergo a sea-change in the

That will be, as usual, right after the T20 spectacle known as IPL with no time for preparation. His second big challenge will be the 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka where



T20) those eight overs would be

a nightmare for batters. Sanju

Samson has found his mojo

although Rishabh Pant will be

around and so would be Yas-

There is a prolific power-

play wicket-taker in Arshdeep

Singh and at least three seam

all-rounders in Hardik Pandya,

Nitish Kumar Reddy and

Shivam Dube. Surva and Axar

along with Hardik are old guards

in this team. It is a team which

has all its bases covered and

is running on auto-pilot with a

But it is the other two formats

where Gambhir, the strategist,

the disciplinarian and the man-

manager would have to merge

tweak here and there.

hasvi Jaiswal.

Suryakumar Yadav's men will be defending their title.

And last but certainly not the least is 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa, which will be a helluva challenge.

If one segregates Gambhir's coaching across formats, he has already built a fabulous core for the T20 team with Surya at the helm. Even as Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja walked into the sunset in shortest format, their absence was hardly felt as the new brand of cricket that India has been playing in T20 is earning them fans globally.

He has unearthed a gem in Abhishek Sharma.

When Varun Chakravarthy and Jasprit Bumrah would bowl

for results.

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have made it clear that they are not retiring from ODIs anytime soon. Here, Gambhir will have to step in. Gambhir's, 'team first' philosophy won't change.

He loaths the superstar culture. He has immense respect for performers which is seniority neutral. It will not be a surprise if he demands a bit of clarity both from the board as well as national selection committee as to how they plan to see Rohit in ODI scheme of things with only 27 ODI games ahead of World

would be the next captain? Shubman Gill is a terrific ODI player and has been Rohit's deputy but Hardik Pandya is also a good leader, who believes in implementing the coach's strategy to the 'T'.

He did that well in Gujarat Titans with another football team-like head coach Ashish Nehra at the helm.

Another issue to ponder over

In immediate future, Gambhir will also have to deal with Test cricket squad where he would face the maximum challenge. In case Rohit plays and has Jaiswal and KL Rahul in topthree, where will it place Gill, the Test cricketer. 'Guru Gambhir' has some really tough choices to make.

India Masters to play first semi-final of International Masters League on March 13

Sri Lanka Masters, India Masters, West Indies Masters and Australia Masters have qualified for the semi-finals of the inaugural International Masters League.



RAIPUR (CHHAT-TISGARH), Mar 12 (Agencies): Sri Lanka Masters, India Masters, West Indies Masters and Australia Masters have qualified for the semi-finals of the inaugural International Masters League.

India Masters, who are second in the points table with eight points from their five league games, will play the first semi-final at Raipur on Thursday, March 13. They will play the team that finishes third in the points table.

Sri Lanka Masters, who have topped the points table with eight points and a superior NRR, will play the team that finished fourth at the league stage in the second semi-final on Friday, March 14, at

Raipur.

The third and fourth places in the points table will become clear after the last league game between Australia Masters and England Masters, which will be played in Raipur later today. Currently, the Australia Masters are at four points with one game to play, and the West Indies Masters are at six points after playing all their matches. The final of the IML will also be played at Raipur on Sunday, 16 March.

Earlier on Saturday, India Masters gave the final touches to their preparations for the semifinals of the International Masters League (IML) 2025, registering a spectacular seven-run win against West Indies Masters to kick off the final leg of the tournament in Raipur.

The home side rode Stuart Binny's threewicket burst and a smart final over from Irfan Pathan to get over the line in the high-scoring thriller.

The stage was set for a nostalgic showdown, rekindling one of cricket's most legendary rivalries--Sachin Tendulkar vs. Brian Lara. While the Indian icon was rested, the contest still lived up to its billing, delivering a captivating blend of nostalgia and exhilarating action.

Arshdeep opens up on senior debut experience following Hockey India Jugraj Singh award nomination

NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): The 20-year-old forward Arshdeep Singh has recently been in the spotlight for his consistent performances, earning him his senior India debut at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 (Men) in Bhubaneswar. The federation has also recognised his talent and hard work as he has been nominated for the Hockey India Jugraj Singh Award for Upcoming Player of the Year (Men - Under 21).

Arshdeep has been nominated alongside his junior squad teammates, Amir Ali, Shardanand Tiwari and Araijeet

Talking about the awards, he said as quoted by a Hockey India press release, "I did not expect to be nominated for such a prestigious award. I am honoured and grateful to Hockey India. Even if I do not win the award, this has highly motivated me to do better and work harder on my game."

About his debut, Arshdeep said, "My debut experience was very good. I got to play two matches and I learned a lot, especially how structured the top teams in the world are. Playing with the senior players has boosted my confidence and has motivated me to improve my game.'

Arshdeep first made headlines during the 2024 Men's Junior Asia Cup in December last year as he scored six goals in the tournament and was impressive with the stick. "It was a very good tournament for me and I scored some good goals. Especially winning against Pakistan in the final was a special moment for me. I thought I would get a chance to play for the seniors after the Junior World Cup later this year, but I did not expect to make it into the senior squad so early," he commented.

Although he did catch eyes during the Junior Asia Cup, Arshdeep Singh's breakout tournament was the Hockey



India League (HIL) earlier this year, where he was named the Upcoming Player of the tournament. He was one of the first names in the Hyderabad Toofans team sheet and scored three goals to help his side reach the final.

Talking about his HIL experience, Arshdeep shared, "The atmosphere in my team, Hyderabad Toofans, was very positive, which is why I could play so freely and thrive in the tournament."

"I was with the team when I got to know that I have been selected in the national team. I called my mom first because it was truly a proud moment for me." he added.

Although it was a big day for Arshdeep when his name was in the lineup against Spain, he was more excited than nervous since the senior players in the squad helped him cope with the pre-match blues. "I was excited because I wanted to make the most of this chance. The Senior players really helped me. Sukhjeet advised me to play freely and not think about the mistakes I make. He told me the way I react after making mistakes is more important."

"Captain Harmanpreet Singh told me he will try his best to win the match to make it memorable for me and told me to try my hardest to score a debut goal." Arshdeep has now joined the junior squad camp in Bengaluru and is preparing for the Men's Junior Hockey World Cup, set to happen in December.

him to not play "more than two Tests in a row" NEW DELHI, Mar 12 (Agencies): Former

New Zealand pacer and ex-Mumbai Indians (MI) bowling coach said that another injury at the same spot where Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah had his surgery could be a career-ender and added that in future, he would not like to see him play more than two Test matches in one go, ESPNCricinfo reported.

Bumrah has been

nursing a lower back injury, which ruled him out of India's famous run to Champions Trophy victory on Sunday. The bowler who has been branded as a "national treasure" by star batter Virat Kohli, fought a lone battle for India during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2024-25, taking 32 wickets in five matches, before breaking down in the final Test match at Sydney earlier this year in January, suffering what turned out to be a stress-related injury. He has not played any competitive cricket since then and also missed India's victorious ICC Champions Trophy campaign.

Bumrah is completing his rehab at Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru and there is no clarity

over his availability for Mumbai Indians (MI) during the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) starting from March 22 onwards.

Bumrah has not suffered a back injury for the first time, as he had surgery for it in March 2023. Bond, who worked with MI in the past as a bowling coach and is currently Rajasthan Royals' bowling coach, said that Bumrah's workload needs careful management to

avoid another injury. Bond is also notably known for having a back-injury-affected career himself. He played just 120 matches and picked 259 scalps for Kiwis from 2001-10. Like Bumrah, he had his first back surgery at 29. Despite his persistent injuries, Bond played till the age of 34, first retiring from Tests, then from all formats within less than six months.

Speaking ESPNCricinfo about Bumrah, he said, "When he went off for scans, it was at Sydney, there was some messaging coming up around that he had sprains and stuff like that. I worried that it was not going to be a sprain, it might be a bony injury around that

area [the back]. I thought

he may struggle to make the Champions Trophy if it was.'

Bond warns Bumrah of "career-ender injury", wants

Bond highlighted that the danger zone lies in the the quick transition from T20 to Test cricket. The former pacer highlighted it as a challenge as India prepares for the England tour of five Test matches, barely a month after the IPL ends on May 25.

"Look, I think Booms will be fine, but it is just that [workload] management [matters]," Bond said

"Looking at the tours and the schedule going forward, where are the opportunities to give him a break, but really where are the danger periods? And often it is that the [transition from] IPL to the Test championship will be a risk."

"Anywhere you transition from, particularly T20 to a Test match, it is challenging. If you are playing a one-day series, it is generally not too bad. You will play three games a week, you will have a practice, you are sort of in around that 40 overs [range], that is pretty close to a Test match week anyway. But in T20, particularly in the IPL, when you might be playing three games in a week, there is two days one training [session], you are sort of bowling 20 overs maybe if you are lucky. That's sort of half of a Test match load or even under a half of, which then is a big jump and you are not bowling back-to-back days. That is a big jump when you transition out of that." he concluded his point.

of travel, you might get

India's tour to England will be a tight one, with five Tests between June 28 to August 3. Bond said that India should not give Bumrah the workload he endured on the Australia tour, bowling a total of 151.2 overs, including 52 during the fourth Test, a Boxing Day game at Melbourne, his most in

a Test match.

"He is too valuable for the next World Cup and stuff. So you would be looking at five Tests in England, I would not want to be playing him in any more than two in a row. Coming out of the back end of the IPL into a Test match is going to be a huge risk. And so how do they manage that is going to be key."

"They may say, look, it is four Test matches in total. Or three. If we can get him through the English summer and he is fit, we can probably then go with some confidence that we can carry him across the rest of the formats. So that is hard because he is your best bowler, but if he has another injury in the same spot, that could be a career-ender, potentially, because I am not sure you can have surgery on that spot again."

With Indian domestic season over, IPL is the only competitive cricket Bumrah can play before England tour. Bond feels IPL is "maybe touch and go" for Bumrah and "there will be an element of risk depending on the intensity that he is bowling at by the time he gets back".

Bond said that it is

Bumrah's responsibility to work with the decisionmakers in Indian cricket to plan a safe path that would help him secure longevity. "So it is going to take some good management and just some open conversations with the player and say, look. we are doing this with your best interest in your career. Any player who has gone through that, and having myself [gone through it], you are desperate to play, but you also understand there are some risks at certain times and you have to make some compro-

Football legends Figo, Puyol, Morientes, Quaresma to star in 'Legends face-off' in Mumbai

MUMBAI, Mar 12 (Agencies): On April 6 at DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, the legends of Real Madrid and FC Barcelona will reignite their iconic battle in Legends Faceoff, an electrifying spectacle featuring some of the most celebrated names in world football, as per The Sports Front press release

Among the football greats confirmed for this highly anticipated showdown are Luis Figo, Carles Puyol, Fernando Morientes, and Ricardo Quaresma, each a legend in

Luis Figo, a Ballon d'Or winner (2000) and a key figure in Portuguese football history, played for both FC Barcelona and Real Madrid, winning multiple La Liga titles and the 2002 UEFA Champions League with Los Blancos.

Carles Puyol, a defensive powerhouse for FC Barcelona and Spain, captained Barca

to six La Liga titles and three UEFA Champions League trophies while also playing a crucial role in Spain's 2010 FIFA World Cup triumph and UEFA Euro 2008 victory.

Fernando Morientes, a prolific goalscorer, was instrumental in Real Madrid's dominance, securing three UEFA Champions League titles (1998, 2000, 2002) and representing Spain in two FIFA World Cups (1998, 2002) and UEFA Euro 2004.

Ricardo Quaresma, known for his flair and creativity, was a key part of Portugal's UEFA Euro 2016-winning squad. The former FC Barcelona and FC Porto winger also won league titles in Portugal and Turkey, along with the UEFA Europa League with Porto (2011), cementing his reputation as one of the game's most skil-

Legends share their excitement ahead of the faceoff in Mumbai.

Luis Figo said, as quoted by The Sport Front press release, "India, I know you love football, and I can't wait to bring the magic to Mumbai. Let's make this an unforgettable night!'

Carles Puyol said, "India, I've seen your passion for football from afar--now it's time to witness it up close. Can't wait to feel the energy in Mumbai!"

Fernando Morientes said, "I've played in some of the most electric stadiums in the world, and now it's time to experience India's football madness. See you soon,

Ricardo Quaresma said, "I've heard incredible things about football fans in India. Excited to finally experience it in

Speaking about this landmark event, John Zaidi, CEO & Co-Founder of The Sports Front, said, as quoted by a press release, "At The Sports Front, we are committed to creating world-class sporting experiences that bring global legends closer to fans. 'Legends Faceoff' is a historic moment for Indian football, and we are thrilled to bring these iconic players to Mumbai. This match is not just about football; it's about celebrating the passion and love for the game that Indian fans have always shown. We can't wait for an unforgettable night on April 6th." Speaking on the initiative, Anirudh

Poddar, COO & CFO and CO-Founder of

The Sports Front, said, "The excitement surrounding El Clasico Legends Mumbai has been incredible. With the lineup taking shape and fan engagement growing, we are set for an unforgettable night on April 6. This is just the beginning of something special for football in India.

Speaking on the association, Josep Maria Meseguer, Head of Barcelona Legends, said, "We truly appreciate India's efforts in bringing a historic match like El Clasico to Mumbai. Football holds a special place in the hearts of Indian fans, and events like these help strengthen the global football community. A special thanks to John Zaidi and The Sports Front team for their dedication and passion in making this possible. Their vision and hard work have created an incredible platform for fans to experience the magic of Barca Legends and Real Madrid Leyendas live."

International Women's week celebrated by Centre for **Women's Studies at GCW Parade**

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: An International Women's week was celebrated by Centre for Women's Studies at GCW Parade Ground, Jammu under the supervision of Principal, Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo on the theme 'Accelerate Action'. 'Health Talk' was organized in collaboration with Department of Home Science.

Dr. Nitu Sharma, Hod Home Science welcomed resource persons of the event, Dr. Nancy Sharma, clinical nutritionist and physiotherapist.

The resource person delivered an engaging presentation on "Women's Health" and shared valuable insights on the importance of health education, nutritious diet, healthy life style habits, exercise to keep oneself healthy, early disease detection etc.

A dynamic quiz competition was done by Dr. Aakriti Verma and Dr. Samriti Gupta. The students participated with great enthusiasm and winners were felicitated with gift hampers.

On 8th March, poetry recitation was organized in collaboration with MKM (International Organization J&K).

The programme started with lighting of the traditional lamp followed

by Sarswati Vandana by students of Music Dept. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Nalini Kohli, Former Director Colleges and Special Guest was Dr. Ravender Kumar Tickoo, Principal GCW Parade, Jammu.

A total of 22 par-

ticipants from different

streams of the college

and Dr. Arti Devi and Dr. Mamta Sharma of the college also participated in poetry recitation. A heart touching and emotional skit based on the theme 'Survivors of Acid Attacks' was performed by the students of the college. Mementos were awarded to all the participants. Chief Guest elaborated on the significance of the day and focused on the theme. Suman Pal and other members of MKM also graced the occasion with their presence. The programme was sponsored by Silver lines and

In continuation of the celebration of International Women's Week, the Centre for Women's Studies, Govt. College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu, organised an awareness talk on 'Cervical Cancer: Screening and Prevention on 11th march, 2025. The Resource person of the program was Dr Neha Gupta Sr. Consultant, Obste-

Formation.

trician & Gynaecologist, Medanta Medicity, Gurugram. Dr Neha Gupta delivered a comprehensive presentation on Cervical Cancer, its risk factors, symptoms, and its prevention tips. She also discussed in detail about screening methods, PAP smear procedure, HPV vaccine, FOGSI recommendation & Breast Cancer. The session concluded

with an engaging ques-

tion-and-answer seg-

ment fostering greater

awareness and under-

standing. Sandeep Singh Jamwal from Medanta Medi consult Centre, Jammu along with Dr Seema Malhotra, Convener, CWS coordinated the whole event. Dr. Ravinder Kumar Tickoo principal of the college appreciated the efforts of the convener and members of CWS Prof. Anita Sharma, Dr. Shally Chadha, Prof. Usha Devi, Prof. Sukhvinder Kaur, Dr. Pallavi Jamwal for organising the programme. The event was attended by students of all semesters, senior faculty members and members of the organising committee. The events were compered by Dr Iesha Sharma. On the whole the events honored the spirit, strength and achievements of women.

NSF celebrates 112th birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Chavan

Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: National Secular Forum (NSF) University Unit organized a program in University Campus, and on the Birth anniversary of Yashwantrao Balwantrao Chavan who laid his life for the country.

A programme in this connection was organized wherein Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary JKNC was the Chief Guest while Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF, Presided over the function. Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF, was the quest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Yashwantrao Chavan and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the

Yashwantrao was born in a Kunbi-Maratha family on 12th March 1913 in the village of Devrashtre in Satara District of Maharashtra. Chavan lost his father in his early childhood and was brought up by his uncle and mother. His mother taught him about self-dependency and patriotism. From his childhood he was fascinated by the freedom struggle of India. He was very closely associated with many poets, editors and several Marathi and Hindi writers.

On this occasion, Dr Sukhdev Singh threw light on the life and supreme sacrifices of "Yashwantrao Chavan". He said that the real tributes to Yashwantrao Chavan would be eradicating evils prevailing in the society like drug addiction.

Dr Sukhdev also said that Yashwantrao Chavan was a follower of Mahatma Gandhi and played a significant role in the Indian National Movement, which aimed to achieve independence for the nation. After independence, he also became the last first Chief Minister of Bombay State and the first of Maharashtra after the latter was created by the division of Bombay state.

Vikshay Vashist also addressed this occasion and said that Chavan was an active participant in the struggle for independence of India. As a schoolboy in Karad in 1930, he was fined for his participation in the Non-cooperation Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. In 1932, he was sentenced to 18 months in prison for hoisting the Indian flag in Satara. During this period, he came in contact with Swami Ramanand Bharti, Dhulappa Bhaurao Navale V and Govind Kruparam Wani. Their friendship lasted forever.

Gourav Partap Singh President University Unit delivered the welcome address, Abhishek Uppal Jammu District Chairman was delivering the vote of thanks.

Amit chairs twin MeitY eGovernance related Workshops in Mizoram



Top News Report

JAMMU /MIZORAM, Mar 12: Amit Sharma, Secretary to Government, Information, Technology and Communications Department, Government of Mizoram chaired two important Digital India related Workshops held here in Aizawl, capital of Mizoram which have been organised with the primary objective of preparing Mizoram for knowledge-based transformation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Amit Sharma, while inaugurating these Workshops, emphasized that in order to achieve desired goals towards technology implementation across the board in all states of the nation, uniform e-Governance Standards and Guidelines are very important.

He also expressed that these kinds of Workshops must be held on a regular basis especially in North-Eastern states, which are constantly pushing towards implementing e-Governance reforms.

Amit also shared various perspectives, views, experiences and insights on various Government initiatives, whole of Govt. approach, Digitization, Digi Locker (an Initiative towards paperless Governance), BHASHINI (National Language Translation Mission), and many more.

Another parallel Workshop on Digilocker/Entry Locker and other MeitY initiatives was held in the Conference Hall of Mizoram Secretariat in which Amit Sharma addressed the Secretariat officials and requested them to take maximum advantage of these lead programmes and softwares meant for citizens of the nation and after attend-

ing the Workshop, he requested that all officials should disseminate this knowledge gained here with other colleagues, families and friends so that maximum people can take advantage of same.

The twin Workshops featured expert talks, presentations, discussions & deliberations on the Digital Signature Standards, Localization & Language Technology Standards, Cyber Security Standards & Guidelines, Open API Policy for e-Governance Applications in India, Indian Accessibility Standards for ICT Products & Services, Interoperability Framework for e-Governance (IFEG) and India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA) 1.0 Framework.

Amit Sharma expressed gratitude towards Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, and Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate, New Delhi who organised these Workshops in Mizoram on his request, with the support of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. He especially thanked Karimullah Shaikh, Scientist G, C-DAC Pune, Dr M. Srinivasa Rao, Scientist E, C-DAC Pune and Anoop Kumar, Deputy General Manager, National eGovernance Division (NeGD) and the entire team for organising these two important state-level awareness workshops on "e-Governance Standards and Guidelines" and "Digilocker/Entry Locker" in which about 150 participants including senior officials and representatives from various Central and State Government departments, agencies, academicians, researchers, subject matter experts and students from various renowned organizations attended and shared their positive experiences and insights here.

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CLUJ student Ridima Bajpai wins 1st prize at 38th National Youth Festival



Top News Report

JAMMU, Mar 12: Ridima Bajpai, a talented student of Government College for Women (GCW), Gandhi Nagar, a constituent college of Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), has brought immense pride to the institution, Cluster University of Jammu and the region by securing the 1st prize in the Indian Classical Vocal Solo Event at the prestigious 38th National Youth Festival.

The festival was being organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and hosted by Amity University, Noida.

The competition witnessed participation from 147 universities across India. representing all zones and competing in various categories, including Music, Theatre, Fine Arts, and Literary events. Ridimas victory is particularly significant as she is the first student from Jammu and Kashmir to clinch the top position in the Classical Vocal Solo Category.

A dedicated disciple of renowned

music mentor V.K. Sambyal (Rangeeley Thakur), Ridima delivered a spellbinding performance, accompanied by Rahul Bhardwaj on Tabla and Vishal

University of Jammu was accompanied by Teacher In-charges Asha Rani and Vishal Pandita.

He also commended the efforts of the Department of Students Welfare, led by Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, for their continued dedication to fostering young talent in

Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, Dean Student Welfare CLUJ added that Ridimas remarkable success marks a milestone in the regions cultural landscape, inspiring aspiring artists and reinforcing Cluster University of Jammu's commitment

Pandita on Harmonium. The contingent representing Cluster

Expressing immense pride in Ridimas achievement, Vice-Chancellor of Cluster University of Jammu, Sr. Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, extended his heartfelt congratulations.

cultural and literary activities.

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Bike lifter arrested with stolen bike

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SAMBA, Mar 12: Samba Police has arrested an accused person involved in a theft case registered at Police Station Vijaypur and recovered stolen bike from his possession.

As per report, on February 17, 2025, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by one Jarnail Singh, son of Partab Singh, resident of Vijaypur regarding theft of his motorcycle Hero Splender bearing registration No. JK21F-5938 from Hospital Vijaypur.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 22/2025 under Section 303(2)

BNS was registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur after hectic efforts coupled with technical analysis has rounded up suspect namely Mohd Saleem, son of Mohd Munshi, resident of Beli Charana district Jammu who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case.

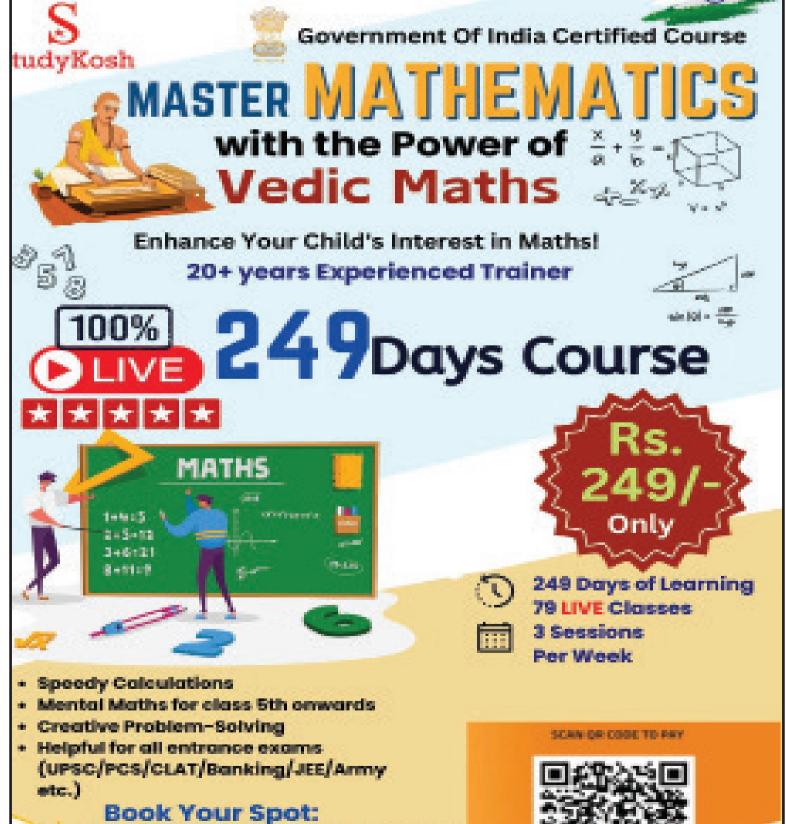
The said accused has been arrested and stolen bike has been recovered from his possession. Further investigation of case is going on.

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