

## J&K Forging Ahead the Path of Rapid Transformation for Bright Future: LG Manoj Sinha

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**NEW DELHI, NOV 18:** Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha attended the Jammu Kashmir Union Territory Day celebration at 42nd India International Trade Fair 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the marketing excellence endeavour of India Trade Promotion Organization for bringing together exhibitors, buyers, sellers, distributors, customers, small and medium enterprises, entrepreneurs and artisan under one roof.

He said the India International Trade Fair's (IITF) theme this year is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-United by trade'



is offering an ideal platform

technologies, innovations and infinite variety of creative

products.

"J&K Pavilion at IITF is getting extraordinary response from domestic and international buyers. It has become most effective instrument to promote tremendous market potential of J&K UT and build and strengthen the trade ties," the Lt Governor said.

Sharing J&K's journey over the past few years, the Lt Governor said the UT is undergoing a rapid process of transformation. He said the change taking place in diverse sectors has given our entrepreneurs a new set of wings to achieve the new goals and tap into international markets.

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## Will fight planned and sustainable war against terror-recruitment drives in valley: DGP Swain

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**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** Director General of Police (DGP) Rashmi Ranjan Swain on Saturday said that recruitment drives by terror groups won't be allowed to happen as police and other security agencies will fight a decisive war against terror recruitment drives in valley.

Swain who recently took over the reins of Director General of Police (DGP) J&K was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a maiden public grievance meeting which took place at PHQ Peerbagh in Srinagar district.

"We want to make it sure that terror recruitment drives in valley should end. If any youth joins terrorist ranks we will talk to his parents, teacher, principal, imam sahib as there is role of everyone. We can save lives of our youth when there is a community support," DGP Swain as per KNS said.

He said police and other security agencies do not gauge everyone with the same yardstick. "The handlers sitting across the borders need



to be cut off. They use money and other means to incite our youth, so it needs planned

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### Transport officials intensifies checks to Curb Overloading Concerns

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** Responding to growing concerns about overloading in passenger vehicles across the city, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, emphasized the gravity of the issue for both authorities and passengers.

Recognizing the potential compromise in safety and comfort, the RTO highlighted the increased risk of accidents associated with overloading, emphasizing the particular discomfort experienced by female passengers sharing limited space.

Taking a stern stance on the  
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#### 'Golden Glory Eco Park' mesmerises environmentally-conscious visitors

**GANDERBAL, NOV 18:** Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district is witnessing an increase in tourist arrivals following the inauguration of the 'Golden Glory Eco Park' in the famous tourist destination of Sonamarg.

Launched under the initiative 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, the park has quickly become a preferred destination for visitors seeking a harmonious blend of natural beauty and eco-friendly experiences.

The park's attraction lies in its commitment to sustainable tourism.  
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#### J&K records over 6,000 dengue cases, eight deaths this year so far, says official

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** Over 6000 cases of dengue were reported this year while eight persons have died due to the disease so far in Jammu and Kashmir, an official said.

The official of State Epidemiology told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the majority of the cases (3841) were reported from Jammu district. It was followed by Udhampur district (881 cases) followed by Kathua (549 cases) and Samba  
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#### Bangladesh emerges as potential market for Kashmiri apple

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** Moin-ud-din, a Bangladeshi trader has been camping in north Kashmir's Sopore for the last three months. As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), every day, Moin-ud-din exports more



than two trucks of apples to his native country, where the demand for Kashmiri apples is growing with each passing day.  
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#### Kashmir shivers as minimum temperature settles below freezing point

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**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** The sub-zero temperatures were recorded at multiple places in Kashmir while a weak western disturbance has affected Jammu & Kashmir from Saturday, increasing the chances of light snowfall or rainfall at isolated places of the Union Territory.

As per the details available with the news agency—Kashmir News  
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#### Tourism boom in Kashmir:

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**27000 foreigners among 21 lakh tourists visit Kashmir in first seven months of 2023**

'33 works taken up to promote pilgrim tourism under Sufi circuit'

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** There has been a significant surge in the foreign and domestic tourist arrivals in Kashmir this year as 21 lakh tourists including 27000 foreign guests have arrived in the Valley in the first seven months of the current year.

The official figures accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveals that the number of  
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#### 'BJP is committed to ensure all citizens have equal opportunities': Mehjabeen

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** BJP National Convener Zafreen Mehjabeen on Saturday said the "party is committed to ensure that all citizens have equal opportunities to succeed."

Addressing a press conference in Srinagar, after the conclusion of an awareness programme Shukriya Modi Abhiyan" (Thank You Modi Campaign), he said their policies are designed to create a society where everyone feels empowered and included.

The Shukriya Modi Abhiyan is a nation-

wide campaign launched by the BJP to express gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for his leadership and commitment to the nation's development, the local BJP unit said in a statement.

The campaign is being organized in all parts of the country, with a focus on highlighting the government's achievements in various sectors, it said.

In her address, Mehjabeen highlighted the policies and ground results of the BJP government, with a particular focus on minorities and women empowerment. She emphasized the government's  
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#### Former Minister Lal Singh Sent To 14 Days Judicial Custody In Money Laundering Case

■ HT News Network

**JAMMU, NOV 18:** Former J-K minister Lal Singh, arrested on November 7 by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged money laundering case, was sent to judicial custody for two weeks by a special court here.

Singh, the chairman of the Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party (DSSP), was produced through the virtual mode before Special Judge Bala Jyoti after the expiry of his 12-day ED remand.



"Since the investigation of the case is ongoing and the accused

is involved in a serious and  
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#### IUST gets 4-Star Innovation Ranking from IIC

■ HT News Network

**SRINAGAR, NOV 18:** The Ministry of Education, Government of India's Institution Innovation Council (IIC) has awarded Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) the prestigious 4/5 star ranking for its commendable efforts in nurturing innovation, entrepreneurial ecosystem, and capacity building of the youth, a spokesman of the University said.

In the all-India IIC ranking made public today, IUST is among few of  
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#### Div Com Kashmir assesses ongoing Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls at Ganderbal

Also, reviews work progress of Z-Morh & Zojila Tunnels

■ HT News Network

**GANDERBAL, NOV 18:** The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri who is also Electoral Roll Observer chaired a meeting to assess the ongoing Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls, here at VC Room, Mini Secretariat Ganderbal.  
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#### 11 lakh children missing first measles dose "inaccurate": Health Ministry

■ HT News Network

**NEW DELHI, NOV 18:** Union health ministry on Saturday said that media reports claiming that an estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their first measles vaccine in 2022 are "ill-informed and inaccurate."

A total of 2,63,63,270 children out of the eligible 2,63,84,580 children received their first dose of Measles Containing Vaccine in the FinancThere have been some media reports alleging that an estimated 11 lakh  
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# Baramulla Celebrates 70th All India Cooperative Week

## Showcases Sector's achievements in District & Emphasizes on Community Awareness

■ HT News Network

BARAMULLA NOVEMBER, 18: The Department of Cooperatives, Baramulla, today held a day long mega function at Dak Bunglow here to celebrate the 70th All India Cooperative Week aimed at showcasing the remarkable achievements within the cooperative sector and fostering awareness among the public.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Baramulla,

Aijaz Abdullah Sarad was the chief guest on the occasion who inaugurated the event by hoisting the cooperative flag at the complex in presence of officials of different cooperative societies of the district.

Highlighting the indispensable contribution of Cooperative Societies to socio-economic advancement, the ADDC urged the officials to actively engage in disseminating information about the initiatives and schemes undertaken by the department through awareness campaigns.



Aijaz Abdullah further urged stakeholders to intensify efforts towards making these societies more dynamic by generating ample employment prospects for the youth. Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies, Baramulla, Arif Ahmad Shah, while elucidating the importance of celebrating Cooperative Week with its theme "Role of Cooperative in \$5 Trillion Economy and SDGs", highlighted the achievements of Cooperative Societies in the district. He offered detailed insights into the diverse range of schemes

initiated by the Cooperative department, emphasizing the importance of encouraging educated youth, women, and marginalized sections to participate actively in cooperative ventures for sustainable livelihoods. The event culminated by honoring exceptional cooperative entities and their personnel with certificates and mementos as tokens of appreciation. The event culminated by honoring exceptional cooperative entities and their personnel with certificates and mementos as tokens of appreciation.

## DC Kulgam inaugurates Inter-District Athletic Meet for Girls

Organization of those events, indispensable for honing skills: DC

■ Farooq Rather

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 18: Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi ud Din Bhat today inaugurated the Inter-District Athletic Meet 2023, for all age group of Girls at Sports Stadium Kulgam.

The mega event is being organised by the Joint Directorate, Youth Services and Sports Kashmir and hosted by DYSSO Kulgam.

About three hundred (300) girl athletes from all districts of Kashmir Province are taking part in this athletics meet.

Speaking at the occasion, DC Kulgam appreciated the determination of the athletes for participating in the meet while highlighting the significance of the sports.

He underlined the benefits of the sports competition in the physical and mental development of the individuals.

He appreciated the sports atmosphere and infrastructure in place in the district for the smooth conduct of provincial and district level com-



petitions and credited the Khelo India initiative of the department for honing the sports skills of the young talented lot. The DC also emphasised upon the students to take keen interest in sports as it will not only boost their academics, but will prepare them for future competitions and for pursuing sports as career.

Principal, GHSS Kulgam was the Guest of Honor at the occasion. DYSSO Kulgam, Mushtaq Ahmad

Pampori in his welcome address presented the schedule of the mega event and also assured the participants, guests and athletes that the department has kept all the arrangements in place for the smooth conduct of the meet.

The DYSSO Kulgam also thanked the District Administration for its support and cooperation in organising various sports programs from time to time.

## DC Budgam dedicates State of the Art Truenat Quattro Machine to District TB Centre, Budgam

■ HT News Network

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 18: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today dedicated a first of its kind 4-Model Truenat Quattro machine to District Tuberculosis Centre (DTC), Budgam.

The machine was sanctioned under District funds to improve diagnostics in the District. The machine is used for diagnosis of TB, Hepatitis, Malaria, HIV etc by molecular technology as well as tests for drug resistance (Rifampicin).

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the facility will enhance and improve healthcare and patients



would get largely benefitted, without waiting for long time for diagnosis.

He said that the district administration is committed to improve patient care in all capacities and efforts are on to equip our health Institutions with latest and modern machinery and facilities across the District.

The DC appreciated the District Tuberculosis Officer for timely projection for the important machinery and for its timely installation at the DTC, Budgam. He encouraged health authorities to ensure timely procurement and installation of all other sanctioned health equipment and machinery at other health facilities also.

The Truenat Machine gives result in one hour and all the tests are done free of cost to the patients with Tuberculosis symptoms.

State TB Officer, Dr Adfar said that this is the first Quattro machine in the UT and added that till now we had only DUO model of the machine.

## 70th Cooperative Week Celebrated at Bandipora

■ HT News Network

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 18: The 70th Cooperative Week celebrations held on Saturday in district Bandipora, marking a significant milestone of cooperative movement within the region.

The week-long celebration, organized by the Department of Cooperatives Bandipora, was attended by Deputy Registrar Cooperatives Bandipora, Adnan Nazir, officials, farmers besides residents to commemorate seven decades of cooperative success and resilience.



The event was organised to highlight the crucial role cooperatives play in fostering economic development, social inclusion, and sustainable growth.

On the occasion, interactive sessions were conducted to promote awareness about the benefits of

cooperative enterprises. These sessions focused on empowering individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to establish and sustain successful cooperative ventures.

One of the central themes of the event was agriculture and rural development.

A special exhibition showcased the achievements of local farmers' cooperatives, underscoring their vital role in enhancing agricultural productivity and improving livelihoods.

The celebrations featured activities designed to inspire and engage youth in cooperative initiatives. Youth-led discussions and forums emphasized the relevance of cooperatives in addressing contemporary challenges.

On the occasion, the Deputy Registrar said that over the past seven decades, there has been a positive impact of cooperatives on our community.

## Kulgam Traffic Department SO's Relentless Work to Contain Road Violations

■ Farooq Rather

Kulgam 18 Nov : Kulgam Traffic Department's section officer, Abdul Rasheed, has been to some extent an instrumental in curbing traffic violation and instilling a traffic sense in road users here with his unwavering efforts.

Rasheed's participation in different traffic drives in the district has proved fruitful to mitigate accidents and traffic violations. With his active role in containing the violations and organising traffic drives thereof, he has prevented the offences like helmet-less riding, frequent traffic jams, overloading by

erring drivers, driving without licence etc.

The things pertaining to traffic violations have been improving in Kulgam since a couple of months after Rasheed's lot has improved with regard to a traffic scenario in Kulgam and less violations have been observed in the wake of

drivers and two-wheeler riders following rules.

Section officer Abdul Rasheed was said to have been advising from some weeks to riders in the district to use helmets, with restraint on their motorcycles' speed. He has also been disseminating the information pertaining.

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eNIT No. 15/e-tendering/2072-79 of 2023-24,

DATED:-18-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Bid Security (In Rupees)	Cost of 77 Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of Completion (Calendar days)	Ref. to Authority / AAA	Ref. to / T/S	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1.	Augmentation of Office Building of FCR at Srinagar Phase-II	Rs. 9.98 lacs	19960/-	600/-	30 days	FC/P&S/Plan/39 of 2023, Dt: 02-11-2023	EE/R&B/KNR/12/TS/2023-24, Dt: 16-11-2023	CEE & DEE	4059-Capital Outlay
2.	Construction of new Septic Tank and Soakage pit in Divisional Commissioner Kashmir's Office at Amar Nawas Srinagar	Rs. 6.76 lacs	13520/-	300/-	20 days	433-DivComK/Dev of 2023, Dt: 21-10-2023	EE/R&B/KNR/13/TS/2023-24, Dt: 16-11-2023	CEE & DEE	UT 4059-Capex Budget

- Position of funds: Available
- Project Authority:- i. Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K.  
ii. Divisional Commissioner Kashmir

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	18-11-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 18-11-2023 3.00 P.M upto 24-11-2023 4.00 P.M.
3.	Bid submission <b>Start Date</b>	18-11-2023 from 4.00 P.M
4.	Bid Submission <b>End Date</b>	24-11-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	25-11-2023 at 11:00 A.M in the Office of the, <u>Executive Engineer (R&amp;B Division) Karan Nagar Srinagar</u>

DIPK-12471/23  
Date: Nov 18 2023

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
R&B Div. Karan Nagar Sgr.

### Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION LJHP GANTAMULLA BARAMULLA Email: [xeneljhp@gmail.com](mailto:xeneljhp@gmail.com) EXTENSION NOTICE No. 01

Due to poor response to this office E-NIT No. 12 of 2023-24 dated 27-10-2023 issued vide this office No. GD/LJHP/1274-80 dated: 27-10-2023 for **Extension of 33KV line from Peernia to Barrage by utilizing existing 11KV Barrage line structure with new 100KVA 33/0.4 KVA Transformer at Barrage along with stabilization of line by way of replacement of deteriorated wooden poles and other allied accessories complete job at LJHP (ID: 2023\_SPDC\_234948\_1),** the critical dates are re-scheduled as under:

S.No	Activity	Date already tendered	Dates as per new schedule
1.	Date of Issue of tender notice	27.10.2023	27.10.2023
2.	Bid document download start date	27.10.2023 to 17.11.2023	27.10.2023 to 28.11.2023
3.	Bid uploading start date	27.10.2023	27.10.2023
4.	Bid uploading last date	17.11.2023	28.11.2023
5.	Last date for receipt of hard copies of techno commercial (RFQ ) (one original plus one copy)	18.11.2023	29.11.2023
6.	Opening of techno commercial bids (RFQ)	20.11.2023	30.11.2023

All the terms and conditions shall remain the same.

DIPK-NB-4299/23  
DATED: - 18.11.2023

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EDITORIAL

## Now Drinking Water Crisis in Kashmir...

We need to Act, Before it gets too Late

In Kashmir, where nature's beauty is unparalleled, a less conspicuous but pervasive crisis has taken root – the scarcity of drinking water. Despite living in the 21st century, a significant portion of the population in Kashmir continues to grapple with a basic necessity that many take for granted. This crisis is not merely a reflection of natural resource constraints but also underscores systemic shortcomings and the urgency for comprehensive solutions.

The sources of this crisis are multifaceted. Climate change has altered precipitation patterns, leading to erratic water supply. Rapid urbanization and population growth have strained existing infrastructure, exacerbating the demand-supply gap. Additionally, political and social factors have hindered the development of sustainable water management strategies.

The repercussions are felt deeply in everyday life. Families are forced to travel long distances in search of potable water, with women and children often bearing the brunt of this burden. Health issues stemming from contaminated water sources compound the problem, turning it into a public health crisis.

Addressing Kashmir's drinking water crisis demands a holistic approach. Investments in infrastructure, coupled with community engagement and awareness programs, can pave the way for sustainable solutions. It is imperative for both local and national authorities to prioritize and expedite action, ensuring that every resident in Kashmir has access to the most basic of human needs, clean and safe drinking water.

# Balancing Concerns; The Role of Coaching Centres

■ [Aubaid Ahmad Akhooon](#)

I recently had the opportunity to read an insightful article titled "Education as a Business: The Dark Side of Coaching Centers." While I appreciate the concerns raised by the author regarding the commercialization of education, I believe it is crucial to acknowledge the positive contributions that coaching centers make to the academic landscape. As such, I would like to present a well-rounded perspective that highlights the benefits of coaching centers in nurturing students' educational growth.

**Specialized Guidance and Expertise:** Coaching centers employ highly skilled and experienced teachers who possess in-depth knowledge of the subjects they teach. These educators, including professionals like myself who hold a Master's degree in Urdu and Education, bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the classroom. With my strong foundation in Urdu and education, combined with a good understanding of computer technology, I have been working in the coaching industry for the past eight years, helping students excel in their academic pursuits. By providing personalized guidance, we assist students in navigating complex concepts and expanding their understanding of various subjects.

**Supplementing Traditional Education:** Coaching centers serve as valuable supplements to traditional educational institutions. They offer additional resources, study materials, and practice sessions that may not be readily available in regular schools or colleges. Drawing on my own experience, I have witnessed the positive impact of these supplementary resources on students' learning outcomes. By incorporating my knowledge of Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have contributed to the development of comprehensive study materials and digital resources that cater to students' diverse needs and enhance their educational experience.

**Skill Development and Exam Preparation:** Coaching centers contribute significantly to the development of essential skills such as discipline, effective study habits, and time management. Through structured study plans, mock tests, and practice sessions, students acquire valuable examination strategies and enhance their problem-solving abilities. Having worked in the coaching industry for several years, I have witnessed firsthand how students benefit from this comprehensive approach. By leveraging my expertise in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have helped students develop the necessary skills to excel in their examinations and achieve their academic goals.

**Collaborative Learning and Motivation:** Coaching centers provide opportunities for students to interact with like-minded peers who share similar educational goals. These interactions foster a sense of healthy competition, collaborative learning, and personal growth. With my background in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have facilitated collaborative learning environments where students engage with motivated peers and benefit from group discussions and interactive activities. Through such experiences, students are encouraged to push their boundaries, strive for excellence, and continuously improve their



academic performance.

**Quality Education and Supportive Environment:** Reputable coaching centers prioritize their students' success by investing in well-trained teachers and comprehensive study materials. They create a supportive learning environment that nurtures students' intellectual growth and instills a passion for knowledge. As someone who has dedicated several years to the coaching industry, I have consistently strived to provide quality education and create a supportive atmosphere for students. Drawing on my expertise in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have developed innovative teaching methods, mentored students, and offered individualized attention to maximize their learning potential.

**Job Opportunities for Educated Youth:** It is worth mentioning that coaching centers also provide employment opportunities for highly educated individuals. Drawing from my own experience of working in coaching centers for the past eight years, I have witnessed how these institutes effectively utilize the knowledge and skills of professionals, including individuals with expertise like myself, to benefit students and contribute to their educational growth. By offering job opportunities to highly educated youth, coaching centers not only empower individuals but also tap into their expertise to enhance the overall quality of education provided. With my specialization in Urdu, education, and computer technology, I have been able to actively contribute to the development of comprehensive study materials, implement innovative teaching methods, and integrate technology

into the learning process. This multifaceted approach has played a vital role in enriching the educational experience for students.

In essence, while concerns regarding the commercialization of education are valid, it is important to recognize the invaluable role coaching centers play in the educational system. These centers offer specialized guidance, supplementary resources, and a supportive learning environment that significantly contribute to students' academic success. Moreover, coaching centers provide employment opportunities for highly educated individuals to utilize their knowledge and expertise in serving students' educational needs. By acknowledging the positive aspects of coaching centers and addressing the concerns raised, we can work towards a balanced and effective education system that benefits all students.

To the author: Thank you for your thought-provoking article, which prompted me to consider the multifaceted nature of coaching centers. I hope my perspective, drawing upon my experience in the coaching industry, provides a more comprehensive understanding of the subject.

**About the Author:** Aubaid Ahmad Akhooon is a renowned Motivational Speaker and an Associate Editor of the weekly publication 'Education Quill.' With a Master's degree in Urdu and Education, and expertise in computer technology, he has been working in the coaching industry for the past eight years. Follow the author on Instagram at @UBI9305.

## Be Ambitious With Goals, Not Deadlines

■ [Jaswinder Pal](#)

In today's fast-paced world, we are often driven by deadlines and the constant pressure to achieve results quickly. While deadlines can provide structure and motivation, they can also hinder our ability to think creatively and pursue ambitious goals. In this article, we will explore the importance of setting ambitious goals and why they should take precedence over rigid deadlines.

### **The Power of Ambition:**

Ambition is the driving force behind innovation, progress, and personal growth. It pushes us to aim higher, dream bigger, and reach for the extraordinary. When we set ambitious goals, we tap into our full potential and expand the limits of what we believe is possible. Ambition fuels passion and determination, leading to breakthroughs and remarkable achievements.

### **Fostering Creativity:**

Ambitious goals require us to think outside the box and explore unconventional approaches. They encourage us to take risks, experiment with new ideas, and challenge the status quo. When we focus solely on deadlines, we may resort to safe and predictable solutions, limiting our ability to innovate and find better alternatives. By prioritizing ambitious goals, we create an environment that nurtures creativity and fosters groundbreaking discoveries.

### **Long-Term Vision:**

Deadlines often narrow our focus to short-term objectives, leaving little room for long-term planning and strategic thinking. Ambitious goals, on the other hand, allow us to envision a bigger picture and set a trajectory



for our future. They provide a sense of purpose and direction, guiding our actions and decisions in a way that aligns with our ultimate

aspirations. By prioritizing long-term vision over immediate deadlines, we can build a roadmap to success that goes beyond short-

lived achievements.

### **Sustainable Growth:**

Rigid deadlines can lead to burnout and a

constant cycle of stress and exhaustion. When we prioritize deadlines above all else, we risk sacrificing our well-being and sacrificing the quality of our work. Ambitious goals, on the other hand, encourage us to adopt a sustainable approach to growth. They allow us to set realistic milestones and pace ourselves accordingly, ensuring that we maintain a healthy work-life balance while striving for greatness.

### **Adaptability and Resilience:**

The pursuit of ambitious goals requires adaptability and resilience in the face of setbacks and challenges. Deadlines, by their very nature, leave little room for adjustment or unforeseen circumstances. In contrast, ambitious goals acknowledge that the path to success is rarely linear and that we may encounter obstacles along the way. By focusing on the goal itself rather than a fixed timeline, we empower ourselves to adapt, learn from failures, and persevere until we achieve what we set out to accomplish.

### **Conclusion:**

While deadlines can be useful for managing projects and maintaining productivity, it is essential to prioritize ambitious goals over rigid timelines. By embracing ambition, fostering creativity, nurturing a long-term vision, and promoting sustainable growth, we can unlock our full potential and achieve remarkable success. So, let us dare to dream big, set ambitious goals, and embrace the journey towards greatness, knowing that it is not the destination that matters most, but the ambition and passion that drive us along the way.

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# DLC approves 808 HADP, 8 PMMY schemes applications at Kathua

Twin Govt progs bound to transform farm economy from subsistence to self-reliance: DC

## HT News Network

KATHUA, NOVEMBER 18: The District Level Committee (DLC) on the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) headed by Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Minhas today approved 808 loan applications here at its meeting held in the Conference hall of DC Complex.

While chairing a review meeting to assess the progress and achievements of the Agriculture and allied Departments, the Deputy Commissioner laid stress on achieving the set targets assigned under the HADP to the Kathua district.

The DC exhorted the stakeholder departments for effective implementation of HADP as the initiative is expected to transform the farm economy from

subsistence to self-reliance and create equitable opportunities for livelihood, employment, and market economy. He stressed close coordination with district administration for the implementation of different initiatives at the district level.

"Reaching out to the farmers of far-flung areas and making them aware of the latest technologies in the agriculture sector besides working in collaboration with the representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) for the successful implementation of different schemes at the grassroots level will foster agriculture economy in the district", he added.

After thorough scrutiny of the applications, the committee approved 629 applications under Integrated Farming System (IFS) and 118 applications



under other agriculture projects of the Agriculture Sector received on Kisan Sathi Portal.

Likewise, 26 applications were approved under Assistance for construction of the Rearing House scheme of the Sericulture sector. Similarly, 24 applications were approved who have applied for Development of Fodder Resource and 11 applications under Poultry Development components of Animal Husbandry sector.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee for Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to finalise the applications received under different components of the scheme.

The Committee approved 6 applications found fit for establishing Carp Units besides 2 applications under Motorcycle equipped with Icebox scheme through draw of lots which pri-

marily aimed to enhance the livelihoods of fishermen and fish farmers involved in fisheries activities. "Reaching out to the farmers of far-flung areas and making them aware of the latest technologies in the agriculture sector besides working in collaboration with the representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs) for the successful implementation of different schemes at the grassroots level will foster agriculture economy in the district", he added.

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## Special Summary Revision meeting held at Handwara

### DR Abdul Qayoom



KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 18: Following the directions of District Election Officer Kupwara, a review meeting of all Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Supervisors and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROS) of assembly Constituency -5 Handwara regarding Special Summary Revision (SSR) was held at Environment Hall Handwara.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Handwara, Nazir Ahmed Mir who is also Electoral Registration Officer of AC-5 Handwara.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC directed all the Tehsildars to organize workshops cum awareness camps at prominent places like Higher Secondary Schools and Darul-Uloms. He asked them to involve Traders Federation members, PRIs and other role models from PWD community for greater participation and registration of maximum number of voters.

## DDC, Vice-chairperson Shopian inaugurates Hotline for SDH Keller

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SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER, 18: Vice-Chairperson, DDC Shopian, Irfan Manhas today inaugurated Hotline for Sub-District Hospital Keller, a project under Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) in presence of DDC Member, Ch. Fazil Din, ACR Shopian, Shahbaz Ahmad Bodha and other concerned officers, officials and public. The Hotline from Receiving Station Mastpora to Sub-District Hospital Keller was executed by KPDCCL Shopian and came up with an estimated cost of Rs. 30 lakh. While speaking on the occasion, Irfan Manhas said that this project would fulfill the long pending demand of the local population of Keller and the hospital management. The ADC emphasized upon all the BLOs to gear up and achieve the desired targets timely. Tehsildar Handwara, District Election Trainer, Naib Tehsildars of Taratpora and Vilgam, besides, BLOs were present in the meeting.

## Special camps held under SSR of electoral rolls across district Kulgam

### Farooq Rather

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 18: Special camps were conducted across the district today under special Summary revision of Photo Electoral Rolls. Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, (District Election Officer), Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat today visited polling stations in Kulgam area and took stock of process of Registration of eligible voters during special camp organised in these polling stations. During his visit the DEO interacted with BLOs and instructed the BLOs to ensure 100% enrollment of new and eligible voters during this special summary Revision. Accompanying the DEO were ERO Kulgam Mir Imtiyaz ul Aziz, Dy-DEO Kulgam, Bilal Kamgar, Bilal Naseem (AERO) Kulgam and other

officers. It was informed that as per the directions of the Election Commission of India, the special summary Revision is being carried out throughout the district for addition of new voters, deletion, transposition and correction of the Parliament & Assembly electoral Rolls.

It was also informed that anyone attaining the age of 18 Years till 01-01-2024 can fill the form of inclusion, however persons attaining age of 18 from 02-01-2024 upto 01-10-2024 can also fill form in advance and the last date for filing of claims & objections is 09-12-2023 and Final Publication of Electoral Roll has been fixed as 05-01-2024. During these camps which are held across the district, EROs & AEROS also visited their respective constituencies and interacted with BLOs and people so that no eligible voter.

## District Road Safety Committee reviews implementation of Action Plan

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RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 18: In a proactive stride towards bolstering road safety and mitigating road incidents in the district, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Saturday chaired a pivotal meeting of the District Road Safety Committee. To kick off the meeting, Pankaj Sabharwal, District Rollout Manager, delivered a detailed presentation on Integrated Road Accident Database/Electronic Detailed Accident Report. He skillfully illuminated the intricate dimensions of road safety by using i-RAD web portal, outlining proactive measures aimed at significantly reducing road accidents

in the district. He also presented a detailed report as per the accidents according to the classification of the road from the dash board of the i-RAD besides giving details of the month wise accidents. While giving details of the road Accidents as per the classification of tbr roads, he apprised that 50, 35, 32 and 76 accidents have occurred on National Highway, State Highway,

Major Distt Road and Village/ Local Road respectively. Additionally, it was disclosed that a total of 362 accidents have been recorded in the district since July 2022 all of which have been documented and uploaded onto the i-RAD platform for comprehensive analysis and action. The committee extensively discussed awareness campaigns, the identification of blackspots,

and the installation of crash barriers, among other crucial measures aimed at bolstering road safety.

The Deputy Commissioner, emphasizing the paramount importance of widespread public awareness, underscored the significance of averting road accidents, injuries, and fatalities. He passionately encouraged all stakeholder departments to champion.

## Sangeeta Gupta reviews Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on reparations in Reasi

### HT News Network

REASI, NOVEMBER 18: In preparation for the upcoming Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a meeting was chaired by Director Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI, Sangeeta Gupta, today at PWD Guest House Katra here.

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Reasi, Amit Gupta, ADDC Jyoti Slathia, Joint Director Planning Sunita Kanchan, ACR Anshumali Sharma, ACD Anirudh Rai, SDM Katra Deepak Dubey and other concerned officer participated in the meeting, demonstrating a collaborative approach towards success of the Yatra.

Sangeeta Gupta who is District Prabhari, Reasi for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, asked the officers to ensure robust public involvement, with a particular focus on engaging the youth. The Yatra aims to amplify awareness regarding the Government's accomplishments and extend the benefits of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to the ben-



eficiaries. She highlighted the deployment of a Digital Van that will traverse all Panchayats, delivering the Prime Minister's message and hosting promotional events. Emphasizing the significance of flagship schemes, District Prabhari Gupta stressed the need for effective projection to maximize their impact on the ground.

District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan, speaking on the occasion, shared that the district administration is committed to prepare a comprehensive schedule covering all blocks and urban areas. Nodal Officers have been assigned specific duties to ensure a smooth passage for the Yatra.

## Judicial Academy holds special training on "Duties of Process Servers, Service of Processes, Different Modes of Service"

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 18: J&K Judicial Academy under

Committee for Judicial Academy. Besides, Subash Gupta, former District & Session Judge and Anoop Sharma, Registrar Com-

must communicate with defendants and adhere strictly to the deadlines for service.

In the first technical ses-



the patronage of Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy), N Kotiswar Singh and guidance of Chairperson, Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Moksha Kazmi, members of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, organized one day special training programme on "Duties of the Process Servers, Service of Processes, Different Modes of Service including Service through E-mail, Filing of Report, understanding relevant provisions of CPC, CrPC applicable to the duties of Process Servers in the District Courts, Maintenance of Record of Process and Services and Identifying Difficulties faced by the Process Servers and Evolving Solutions" for SOs/ Nazir Tameelaat and Process Servers of Jammu Province at Judicial Academy, Jammu.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Rahul Bharti, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Member, Governing

puter (IT), High Court of J&K and Ladakh were the resource persons for the training programme.

Justice Rahul Bharti, in his inaugural address, emphasised that the process server's job is to ensure that the legal documents are delivered in a timely and appropriate manner to the correct individuals. Process servers are critical to a wide array of legal tasks making their job role a little complex. He highlighted that the process serving mechanism has changed a lot due to the advent of technology and training programmes like this will enhance the ability of the process servers and help them to adapt to the changing times.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bourne presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He highlighted that the process servers/orderlies being at the temple of justice must exhibit the highest standards of personal and professional conduct and must inspire the trust and confidence of people through their ability and efficacy. He added that Process servers

sion, Subash Gupta, Former District & Session Judge trained the participants representing various district courts about the relevant provisions of CPC & CrPC applicable to the duties of SOs/ Nazir Tameelaat & Process Servers. The resource person discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Process Servers and Service of Processes including filing of report. The difficulties in day to day functioning were also identified during the interactive session and practical solutions were suggested. He also guided the participants on the maintenance aspects of files, registers, record of process & service, cause list & that of execution of summons and assisting the presiding officers in the day-to-day work. In the second technical session, the resource person Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computer (IT) discussed different modes of online services including service through e-mail, WhatsApp and NSTEP (National Service and Tracking of Electronic Processes). He highlighted that NSTEP is collaboration.

# VC KVIB chairs performance review meeting of Jammu division

Emphasizes need for active involvement of field officers in propagating aims, objectives of JKREGP & PMEGP

## HT News Network

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 18: Dr. Vice Chairperson, Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB), Hina Shafi Bhat, today chaired performance review meeting of Jammu Division at Udhayog Bhawan, here.

The meeting was attended by Secretary/CEO J&K KVIB and other senior officers of the Board.

During the meeting, it was divulged that during the current financial year margin money to the



tune of Rs 86.16 crore involving Bank loan of Rs. 286 crore has been released for establishment of 3914 units. Besides, employment opportunities for 31312 persons were

created during the period and further employment opportunities for more than one lakh persons are being envisaged by the end of current financial year.

Vice Chairperson stressed the need for active involvement of field officers in propagating and disseminating the aims and objectives of JKREGP and PMEGP schemes among all sections of the society. She asked the district officers to follow up the cases at bank level and ensure that instances of bank rejection are minimized. She also asked the district officers to work in close coordination with banks and allied agencies to ensure maximum participation of youth and aspirants.



## Big Lapse? Escape Route Was Planned For Uttarakhand Tunnel, But Not Built

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Dehradun: Over 160 hours since 41 workers got trapped in a tunnel in Uttarakhand, a map has emerged that points to an alleged serious lapse on the part of the company involved in its construction. According to the Standard Operating Procedure, all tunnels over 3 km long are supposed to have an escape route to rescue people in case there is a calamity. The map proves that such an escape route was also planned for the 4.5 km Silk-yara tunnel, but never executed.

The teams are now also coming up with alternative plans to rescue the workers, who have been stranded inside the tunnel since Sunday morning. Family members of the 41 construction workers, most of whom are migrants, are now beginning to worry after the American auger, or drill machine, also stopped working last evening after a loud "cracking sound" was heard in the tunnel. Some of the family members and other workers involved in



the construction said the labourers could have been saved by now if the escape route had been built.

Such escape routes are meant to be used even after tunnels are built to rescue people passing through them in vehicles if there is a collapse, landslide or any other disaster.

The map was displayed when Union Minister VK Singh had visited the site of the tunnel collapse on Thursday, and said that the workers would be rescued in two-three days. The minister of state for road transport and highways had said the rescue could be finished sooner, even as early as Friday, but the government

was keeping a longer timeline in mind to account for unexpected difficulties.

Three ways of getting the labourers out have been tried so far and three more are now being worked out.

Plan A was to use a bull-dozzer to remove the debris and reach the labourers, but it was abandoned after the teams realised that the rock was loose and there was a chance of more rubble taking the place of the material that was removed.

Plan B was using an auger machine to push a 900 mm pipe through to the trapped labourers, which would be used by them to crawl out. The machine was not very powerful and proved inef-

fective.

Plan C involved getting a stronger, more powerful American auger machine, which was flown in on IAF aircraft. The machine began drilling through the rubble, which had increased to 70 metres from the initial 40, on Thursday but stopped work on Friday evening after the cracking sound was heard. Sources told NDTV that the machine has malfunctioned but officials have denied this.

Plan D has now reached the rescue site in the form of another horizontal drilling machine from Indore. It is hoped that this piece of equipment will be able to push the pipe through and finally reach the labourers.

Plans E and F are contingency plans in case Plan D fails. The first contingency plan is exploring whether a hole can be drilled vertically, from the top of the rock that the tunnel is passing through, and get the workers out that way.

The final plan, suggested by the railways, is digging a parallel tunnel horizontally, but from the other end of the rock.

## "Continues To Be Resistance For...": S Jaishankar On Role Of Global South

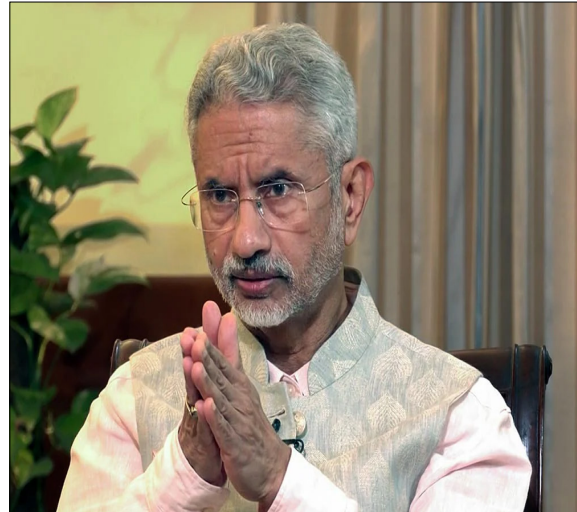
■ HT News Network

New Delhi: India called on the countries of the Global South on Saturday to work towards self-reliance to mitigate vulnerabilities vis-a-vis economic concentrations, noting that the COVID-19 era was a stark reminder of the perils of dependence for basic necessities on far-away geographies.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said this while addressing the second edition of the India-hosted Voice of Global South Summit.

He also highlighted the achievements of India's G20 presidency and how it sincerely worked to address challenges facing the Global South or the developing nations. "The New Delhi Leaders' Declaration will be remembered for bringing back the G20 focus on the real and serious concerns of the Global South," Jaishankar said, adding that the document is a "comprehensive message" on promoting strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.

Without making any specific references, the external affairs minister said



there continues to be a "resistance" for a greater role for the Global South in shaping solutions for the key issues of present times.

"As we look ahead, our vision of everyone's growth, with everyone's trust is far from accomplished. While change is the natural order, there continues to be a resistance for a greater role for the Global South in shaping solutions for the key issues of our times," he said.

"But together, we need to continue putting greater emphasis on the need to take everyone along and everyone's views along while we deliberate at multilateral and plurilateral

forums," he said. Jaishankar argued that the Voice of Global South Summit can be greatly impactful by amplifying "our individual voices and projecting our shared interests for the emerging world order".

"We also need to work towards self-reliance to mitigate our vulnerabilities vis-a-vis economic concentrations. The Covid era is a stark reminder of the perils of dependence for basic necessities on far-away geographies," he said.

"We need to not only democratise and diversify production, but build resilient and reliable supply chains and promote local

solutions. Only then can the Global South secure its future," he added.

Jaishankar also referred to the African Union's entry into the G20 as a permanent member at the New Delhi summit of the grouping. "Perhaps, the most satisfying outcome of our G20 presidency was the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member. By doing so, we have given voice to 1.4 billion people of Africa," he said. PTI MPB RC "We also need to work towards self-reliance to mitigate our vulnerabilities vis-a-vis economic concentrations. The Covid era is a stark reminder of the perils of dependence for basic necessities on far-away geographies," he said.

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## Vast opportunity in India's eldercare sector, say Investors

■ HT News Network

New Delhi, Nov 18 (UNI) Top industry officials on Friday termed the eldercare sector, which is undergoing a profound transformation, as a big emerging market with India ready to play a pivotal role by providing a vast space of opportunities to investors.

"The senior care industry in India holds immense potential, but we acknowledge the challenges it faces, be it regulatory frameworks or infra development. We are dedicated to advocating transformative approaches that prioritise wellbeing and dignity of seniors," said Adarsh Narahari, Chairman, Association of Senior Living India (ASLI) at the 4th ASLI Ageing Fest in the national capital.

Notably, the United Nations projects that India will become home to one of the world's largest elderly populations by 2050, with an estimated 319 million individuals aged 60 and above.

## PM Modi to participate in Gita Path celebration in Kolkata on Dec 24

■ HT News Network

Kolkata, Nov 18 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave his consent to participate in the Gita Path celebration, to be chanted by over a lakh of people in unison at the massive Brigade Parade Ground in the city on December 24, BJP West Bengal unit president Sukanta Majumdar said on Saturday.

Talking to reporters here, he said 'a delegation of the Lokha Kontay Gita Path Committee visited the National Capital on Friday to invite Modi to join in the Gita Chanting celebration and he readily accepted our invitation."

Incidentally, the Gita path is being organised in Bengali with a chorus of voices of lakhs of people at Brigade Parade Ground, considered a significant move to unite the saffron forces ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha poll.

## Indo-Japan education conference in Pune on Nov 24

■ HT News Network

Pune, Nov 18 (UNI) Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai and the Indo-Japan Business Council will jointly organize the Indo-Japan Education Conference in Pune on next Friday. The conference will be held at the Swami Vivekanand Auditorium. MIT World Peace University in Kothrud, Pune. The conference is supported by Japan Foundation, New Delhi and MIT WPU. It will be inaugurated by Toshihiro Kaneko, Deputy Chief of Missions, Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai. Rahul Karad, Managing Trustee & Executive President, MIT Group of Institutions would be the Guest of honour at the inauguration function along with Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor of MIT WPU. Toshihiro Kaneko will deliver the keynote address during the inauguration ceremony. Speaking about the conference, Siddharth Deshmukh, Co-Founder and President of the Indo-Japan Business Council (IJBC) said, "This conference is an attempt to create a platform which can help Indian students to identify the openings in the education.

## UP govt to crackdown on 'Halal' certification, ban likely soon:CM

■ HT News Network

Lucknow, Nov 18 (UNI) The Uttar Pradesh government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is set to clamp down on the illicit practice of issuing 'Halal certificates' to food and cosmetic products without proper authority.

Recognising the malicious attempt to exploit a specific religious sentiment and potentially incite discord among communities, the Chief Minister has directed stringent actions against such practices.

There is a suspicion that money obtained illegally under the guise of a halal certificate through the use of forged documents is funding terrorist groups and anti-national activities.

An FIR has also been lodged at Hazratganj police station in this regard in Lucknow on Friday. According to the filed FIR, entities such as Halal India Private Limited Chennai, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind Halal Trust Delhi, Halal Council of India Mumbai, Jamiat Ulama Maharashtra, and others exploited religious sentiments to boost sales by providing Halal certificates to customers of a specific religion. Illegal businesses are being run for financial gain.



In the case lodged by Shailendra Kumar Sharma it has been alleged that the entities have no authority to give certification to any product. It has been alleged that the said entities were preparing forged certificates and issuing Halal certificates to various companies for financial gain, fostering not only social animosity but also violating public trust.

The complainant has raised concerns over a potential large-scale conspiracy, indicating attempts to decrease the sales of products from companies lacking the Halal certificate, which is illegal. It stated that there is apprehension that this unfair advantage is being passed on to anti-social and anti-national elements.

## Tamil Nadu Passes 10 Bills That Governor Had Returned Without Reason

■ HT News Network

Chennai: Tamil Nadu assembly today unanimously passed the 10 bills that were cleared but returned by Governor RN Ravi. The move came after Chief Minister MK Stalin put forth a resolution to revive the bills that RN Ravi had sent back without giving any reasons.

While 2 bills each were adopted by the House in 2020 and 2023, six others were passed last year. The bills aim to clip the powers of the Governor by elevating vice-chancellors of state universities to the position of chancellor.

Though AIADMK supported the move the party walked out over another issue. The BJP, which has four MLAs too, walked out. Stalin, in a stinging attack on Mr Ravi, told the assembly that withholding assent without any reason was unacceptable.

"He returned the bills due to his personal whims and fancies... it is undemocratic and anti-people to not give assent. The Governor can't withhold assent if the bills are passed in the assembly again and sent to him," he said.

Stalin also alleged that non-BJP-ruled states were being targeted through Gov-



ernors, apparently by the Centre.

The tussle between the Tamil Nadu Raj Bhavan and the ruling DMK has been going on over the last two years. RN Ravi a BJP Government appointee had returned the NEET exemption bill after much delay and sent it to the President for assent only after the assembly passed it for the second time.

He had even skipped reading portions of the official speech given to him during his assembly address. He avoided reading names of leaders including Ambedkar, Periyar, Kamaraj, Annadurai and Karunanidhi. The assembly however adopted a resolution to not record his deviated speech.

In the past, Gujarat had made the Chief Minister as the Chancellor of state universities for some time. Several states have also clipped powers.

## 27 Companies Approved Under PLI Scheme For IT Hardware, Says Minister

■ HT News Network

New Delhi: Union Minister for Communications, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced a significant milestone in India's IT hardware sector, stating that 27 companies have received approval under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) within a short time-frame.

Mr Vaishnaw said, "As you're aware, a few months back, PM Modi approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) scheme for IT hardware. And within the very short time frame, I'm very happy to announce that 27 companies have been approved for the PLI."

During a press conference, Mr Vaishnaw highlighted that nearly 95 per cent of these approved companies, totalling 23, are ready to commence immediate manufacturing.

Mr Vaishaw said, "The best part is almost 95 per-



cent of these, the exact number is 23 out of these are ready to start their manufacturing on day 0. And about 4 companies will start their manufacturing within 90 days".

He added, "These 27 applications will lead to about investment of 3 thousand crores additional production amount 3 lacs 50 thousand crores and direct employment of about 50 thousand and indirect employment about 1 lac and 50 thousand. So total employment about 2 lac will be created. The value chain is shifting to India".

The remaining four com-

panies are expected to initiate manufacturing within the next 90 days. The approved applications are projected to result in an additional investment of 3,000 crores, with an overall production value of 3.5 lakh crores.

The direct employment generated is estimated at around 50,000, while indirect employment opportunities will reach approximately 1.5 lakh, contributing to a total employment boost of 2 lakh.

Mr Vaishnaw mentioned 27 companies that have received the PLI approval include Dell, Foxconn, HP,

Flextronics, Padgett, Lenovo, New Link, Zenus, Mega, and Optimus, signalling a significant shift in the value chain towards India.

The PLI Scheme for IT Hardware, introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and notified on May 29, 2023, with a budgetary outlay of 17,000 crores, aims to enhance the IT hardware manufacturing ecosystem in the country.

The scheme is anticipated to stimulate local manufacturing, encouraging the localization of components and sub-assemblies and fostering the development of a robust supply chain within India. Ashwini Vaishnaw previously reported an outstanding response to the PLI scheme for laptops and PCs, with 32 applications received, including major players like HP India, Dell, Acer, Lenovo, and Thomson.

The scheme is poised to bring expected incremental production of 3,35,000 crores, an incremental investment of 2,430 crores.

## India and Australia to hold two-plu84s-two ministerial dialogue in Delhi on Nov 2

■ HT News Network

New Delhi, Nov 18 (UNI) The second two-plus-two ministerial dialogue between the Defence and Foreign Ministers of India and Australia will be held here on Monday. Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles and Foreign Minister Penny Wong will arrive in India on Sunday on a two-day visit for the dialogue.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will co-chair the talks with their Australian counterparts.

Before the two-plus-two talks, the Ministers of the two countries will also hold a bilateral meeting. The first two-plus-two ministerial dialogue between the two countries was held in September 2021.

India and Australia are pursuing a comprehensive strategic partnership and Minister Marles' visit is expected to give further impetus to bilateral defence cooperation.

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# 32 Killed In Israeli Air Strikes In South Gaza Amid Calls For Civilians To Flee

■ HT News Network

San Francisco, Nov 17 (UNI) Chinese President Xi Jinping on Gaza: Israeli air strikes on residential blocks in south Gaza killed at least 32 Palestinians on Saturday, medics said after Israel again warned civilians to relocate as it turns to attack Hamas in the enclave's south after subduing the north. Such a move could compel hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who fled south from the Israeli assault on Gaza City to move again, along with residents of Khan Younis, a city of more than 400,000, worsening a dire humanitarian crisis.

"We're asking people to relocate. I know it's not easy for many of them, but we don't want to see civilians caught up in the cross-fire," Mark Regev, an aide to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, told MSNBC on Friday.

Israel vowed to annihilate the Hamas group that controls the Gaza Strip after its October 7 rampage into Israel in which its fighters killed 1,200 people and dragged 240 hostages into the enclave, according to Israeli tallies.

Since then, Israel has bombed much of Gaza City - the enclave's urban core - to rubble, ordered the depopulation of the northern half of the narrow strip and displaced around two-thirds of Gaza's 2.3 million Palestinians. Many of those who have fled fear their homelessness could become permanent.

Gaza health authorities raised their death



count on Friday to more than 12,000, 5,000 of them children. The United Nations deems those figures credible, though they are now updated infrequently due to the difficulty of collecting information.

Overnight on Saturday, 26 Palestinians were killed and 23 injured by an air strike on two apartments in a multi-storey block in a busy residential district of Khan Younis, according to health officials.

A few km (miles) to the north, six Palestinians were killed when a house was bombed from the air in Deir Al-Balah,

according to health authorities.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military, which says Hamas militants use residential buildings and districts in densely populated Gaza as cover for operations posts and weaponry, something the Islamist movement denies.

Israel dropped leaflets over Khan Younis telling residents to evacuate to shelters, suggesting military operations there were imminent.

Regev said Israeli troops would have to advance into the city to oust Hamas fight-

ers from underground tunnels and bunkers but that no such "enormous infrastructure" existed in less built-up areas to the west, closer to the Mediterranean coast.

"I'm pretty sure that they won't have to move again" if they move west, he said, referring to people in the area. "We're asking them to move to an area where hopefully there will be tents and a field hospital."

Regev said that since western areas were closer to the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, humanitarian aid could be brought in "as quickly as possible".

Al-Shifa hospital

At Gaza's largest hospital, Al Shifa in Gaza City, Israel said its forces had found a vehicle with a large number of weapons and what it called a Hamas tunnel shaft as it combs the complex in search of what it says is a Hamas command centre.

Al Shifa has been a primary target of Israel's ground advance, with its military saying that the hospital sits above a vast underground Hamas bunker. Hamas and hospital staff say this is false and that Israel's findings there have so far established no such thing.

The Israeli army said it briefly fought militants outside the hospital earlier this week before entering it to search it and question staff, and there had been no violence inside.

It released a video on Friday that it said showed a tunnel entrance in an outdoor area of the hospital. It appeared the area had been excavated. A bulldozer appeared in the background.

## Helicopter crashes in Uzbekistan killing entire crew

■ HT News Network

Tashkent, Nov 18 (UNI) A Mi-8 helicopter crashed in Uzbekistan's Samarkand region during a training flight Friday night, killing the entire crew, the Ministry of Defence said.

A helicopter of the Uzbekistan Air Force and Air Defence Forces crashed when it was performing a training flight at the Kattakurgan training ground, killing the entire crew, the ministry said in a statement.

The statement did not specify the number of people in the crew.

The Ministry of Defense conveyed deep condolences to the family members and relatives of the crew, the statement said.

The cause of the accident is being investigated.

## 38 injured in SKorea's hospital fire

■ HT News Network

Seoul, Nov 18 (UNI) Thirty-eight people were injured on Saturday from a hospital fire in southeastern South Korea, according to Yonhap news agency.

The fire broke out at around 8:10 a.m. local time (2310 GMT Friday) at a six-story hospital in Gumi, some 200 km southeast of the capital Seoul.

Thirty-eight out of 91 evacuees, including patients, suffered minor injuries such as smoke inhalation.

The hospitalized patients were taken to another nearby hospital.

The fire authorities conducted several search operations inside the hospital building, but no additional casualty was confirmed.

The fire was believed to have started outside the first floor of the hospital before going up along the outer wall.

Police and the fire authorities were investigating the exact cause of the incident.

## Muizzu sworn in as 8th president of Maldives

■ HT News Network

Male, Nov 18 (UNI) Mohamed Muizzu was sworn in as the 8th president of the Maldives at a ceremony in the capital of Male on Friday, according to the President's Office.

The president took his oath of office at the Special Assembly of the People's Majlis held at the Republic Square.

Following his oath-taking, Muizzu signed the Instrument of Oath, with Chief Justice Ahmed Muthasim Adnan and Speaker of Parliament Mohamed Aslam signing as witnesses.

The president in his inaugural address expressed his commitment to prioritizing the interests of the citizens of the Maldives, ensuring that no external nation's interests will supersede those of the Maldives and its people. He elaborated on his vision for the Maldives' foreign policy, emphasizing the preservation of amicable relations with neighboring and distant countries. The president declared that his administration would highly prioritize the tourism industry, saying that the government would develop new approaches to managing and furthering the tourism industry. His speech also touched on topics including economy, education, youth development, women's rights and housing policy.

Vice President Hussain Mohamed Latheef was also sworn into office at the ceremony.

The cabinet ministers took their oath of office in the President's Office following the ceremony.

Muizzu was elected as the new president of the island nation after he won the presidential election on Sept. 30, defeating the then-incumbent president Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.

## Erdogan says Israel holding 'many times more' hostages than Hamas

■ HT News Network

Ankara, Nov 18 (UNI) Turkey advocates a hostage exchange in the Gaza Strip, but the problem is that Israel is holding "many times more" hostages than Palestinian movement Hamas, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Friday.

"The exchange of hostages. Yes, we also advocate this. If we talk about the number of hostages, then what is the number of hostages being held by Israel and what is the number being held by Hamas? If you look at this, Israel is holding many times more hostages. It would be unfair if we turned a blind eye to this," Erdogan said at a joint press conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin.

The Turkish leader noted he could "speak freely" of his country's position on the Gaza conflict as Turkey "is not indebted to Israel." Scholz, for his part, said at the joint press conference with the Turkish leader that the lives of civilians "are of equal value" both in Israel and in the Gaza Strip, although underscoring Israel's right to self-defense. At the same time, the German chancellor also recalled that Berlin had increased humanitarian aid to the people of Palestine by over 160 million euros (\$174.5 million) in 2023. "Mr. President [Erdogan], it is no secret that we sometimes have very different views on the current conflict. That is why our conversations are important. It is in difficult moments when we need a direct conversation with each other," Scholz stated. The German chancellor announced that after the press confer-



ence, he and Erdogan would discuss humanitarian aid for the residents of Gaza and a possible ceasefire in the enclave to free the hostages. The leaders are also expected to discuss the Ukraine conflict and Sweden's NATO aspirations. Earlier in the day, Erdogan, accompanied by Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Trade Minister Omer Bolat, arrived in Berlin for a two-day visit. Last time the Turkish leader visited Berlin was in 2018, when Germany was headed by then-Chancellor Angela Merkel. Prior to the joint press conference with Scholz on Friday, Erdogan met with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The two presidents discussed the conflicts in the Gaza Strip and Ukraine, the future of NATO, bilateral ties, EU-Turkey relations and migration issues. On October 7, Palestinian group Hamas launched a surprise large-scale rocket attack against Israel from the Gaza Strip and breached the border, killing and abducting people in neighboring Israeli communities. Israel launched retaliatory strikes.

## Ukraine, Germany launch talks on bilateral security guarantees

■ HT News Network

Ukraine, Nov 18 (UNI) Ukraine and Germany have started the first round of negotiations on bilateral security guarantees, the Ukrainian presidential office said, adding that the sides have agreed on a plan of further actions.

"Upon instructions of the President of Ukraine and the Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine the first round of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Germany on bilateral security commitments has started today, as envisaged by the Joint Declaration of Support for Ukraine, adopted on 12 July 2023 in Vilnius," the presidential office said in a statement on Friday.

The deputy head of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office, Ihor Zhovkva, headed the country's negotiating team, the statement read.

"During the negotiations, the parties exchanged their vision of the future bilateral security commitments, their format and content, and agreed on a plan of fur-



ther actions," the statement said. Germany has joined five other G7 member states in negotiating the security guarantees issue with Ukraine, the statement added. On Tuesday, the head of Zelenskyy's office, Andriy Yermak, discussed the next steps in providing security guarantees to Kiev with the advisers of the leaders of the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and France in Washington.

Zelenskyy's office said the sides continued the dialogue on the conclusion of bilateral agreements on security guarantees within the framework of the Joint Declaration of Support for Ukraine adopted by the G7 countries in Vilnius.

On July 12, the G7 mem-

ber states unveiled the Joint Declaration of Support for Ukraine, which provides for the provision of additional military equipment, expanded intelligence sharing and new training programs for the Ukrainian military, as well as the development of industrial capacity.

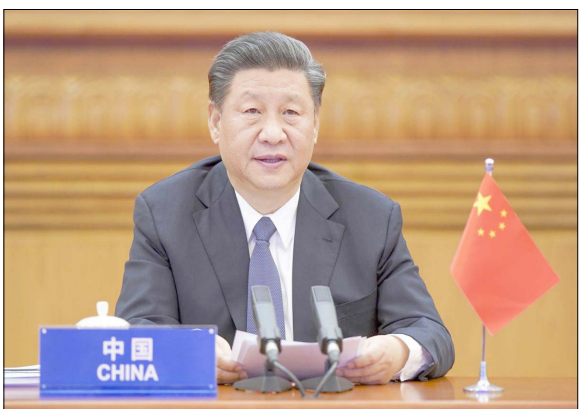
In August, Zelenskyy said he was preparing a package of security guarantees for the period when Ukraine is not part of NATO.

Kiev plans to sign a number of bilateral agreements with the US and 12 European countries in the near future, including with Belgium, Denmark, the Czech Republic and several other nations, the Ukrainian president added.

## Xi puts forward proposals on APEC cooperation in next "golden 30 years"

■ HT News Network

San Francisco, Nov 18 (UNI) Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday called on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members to stick to innovation, openness, green and inclusive development in promoting regional cooperation in order for the region to usher in another "golden 30 years." Addressing the 30th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting held at Moscone Center here, Xi said that since the establishment of the economic leaders' regular meeting mechanism, APEC has always stood at the global forefront of openness and development, and has played a robust role in promoting Asia-Pacific trade and



investment liberalization and facilitation, economic growth and technological progress, and the flow of goods and people. It has helped create the "Asia-Pacific miracle" that has staggered the world.

Xi regarded it imperative to remain steadfast in our commitment to APEC's

founding mission, respond to the calls of our times responsibly, meet global challenges together, fully deliver on the Putrajaya Vision of building an open, dynamic, resilient and peaceful Asia-Pacific community for the prosperity of all our people and future generations.

He called on APEC members to stay committed to innovation-driven development, saying it is important to follow the trends of scientific and technological advancement, more proactively promote exchanges and cooperation in science and technology, and work together for an open, fair, equitable and non-discriminatory environment for scientific and technological progress. Xi stressed the necessity to accelerate digital transformation, narrow the digital divide, support the application of big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, quantum computing and other new technologies, and create new momentum and new drivers of growth in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Pak Province To Launch Major Op To Evict Illegal Afghan Migrants: Report

■ HT News Network

Peshawar: Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to launch a major operation to evict thousands of illegal Afghans from the provincial capital Peshawar, a senior official said on Saturday. The move by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) government came amid the ongoing deportation of illegal Afghan nationals residing in Pakistan. The crackdown has so far forced about 340,000 Afghans in recent weeks to leave Pakistan after spending years in the neighbouring country. "The KPK Provincial Government has decided to launch a grand operation for the eviction of illegal Afghans from this northwestern city of Peshawar," said the official. Pakistan's caretaker government has previously said security concerns were behind the deportation order. Islamabad has claimed that Afghan nationals had carried out 14 of the 24 major terrorist attacks that have taken place in the country this year. However, the Taliban-led government in Kabul has rejected Pakistan's claim. On Friday, a joint meeting of Deputy Commissioner Peshawar Fahd Wazir and Senior Superintendent of Police of Operations department in Peshawar Kashif Abbasi chaired a special meeting to discuss the issue and made a foolproof plan for evictions of the illegal Afghans. The Peshawar district Administration and police set up special teams.

## IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE SPECIAL JUDGE DESIGNATED UNDER NIA ACT SRINAGA

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Proclamation requiring the appearance of the accused Namely Asif Maqbool Dar S/o Mohammad Maqbool Dar R/o Bandai payeen Wagoora A/P H. No. 275 MIG Colony Bemina Srinagar. Whereas, in the above titled case FIR No. 107/2020, Offences U/S 13 /UA P Act, 153 -A, 124-A, 295-A IPC of P/S Parimpora Srinagar the accused Asif Maqbool Dar S/o Mohammad Maqbool Dar R/o Bandai payeen Wagoora A/P H. No. 275 MIG Colony Bemina Srinagar has been arrayed as one of the accused and general warrant of arrest issued by the court of Id. 2nd Addl. Munsiff (JMJC) Srinagar has been returned with the report that the said accused could not be found and it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant. Proclamation is hereby made that the accused Asif Maqbool Dar S/o Mohammad Maqbool Dar R/o Bandai payeen Wagoora A/P H. No. 275 MIG Colony Bemina Srinagar is required to appear before this court within the period of 30 days from the date of Publication of Proclamation failing which proceedings under Section 83 Cr. P. C. shall be launched against him. Given under my hand and seal of the court today i.e. on 18-09-2023, Announced 18,09,2023

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# FINAL MATCH OF WC TO BEGIN WITH SKY SALUTE BY INDIAN AIR FORCE

**AHMEDABAD, NOV 18:** As the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 ends on Sunday, a 4-part ceremony has been planned at the final at Narendra Modi Stadium here, the largest cricket stadium in the world.

The final match starts with a 10-minute air show by the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team led by Flight Commander and Deputy Team Leader Wing Commander Sidesh Kartik, beginning at 12.30 pm.

For the first time ever, an enthralling 9 hawk acrobatic display over the Narendra Modi Stadium, in sync with music will pay tribute to the New India. The flights will take off from Ahmedabad airport and will do a vertical airshow above Narendra Modi Stadium.



Stadium.

The second ceremony- Parade of Champions - will be conducted at the innings break for 15

minutes, beginning 5.30 pm.

For the first time, World Cup winning captains will be honoured by the BCCI in the biggest-

ever arena in cricket. A 20-second reel highlights of their winning moment along with the ever-changing ICC Men's CWCTrophy will be played out on the big screen as every Champion walks onto the FOP.

The captains will then recount their World Cup triumph in conversation with a designated BCCI/Star anchor.

The third ceremony will heat up with India's No.1 Music Director Pritam, and his entourage of 500+ dancers. The finale of Dil Jashn Bole will rock the Narendra Modi Stadium after a medley of hits.

Pritam and his entourage will bring alive their performance on customised floats as they take a 360 lap around the FOP, giving

the audience an immersive experience. The 500-odd dancers will create formations on the FOP to create a visual delight.

At the second drinks break, fans will witness a spectacle of a unique visual countdown where the entire roof of the stadium will be used as a canvas along with an internationally programmed lights and laser show for 90 seconds, beginning at 8.30 pm.

Moreover, for the first time in any sporting event, the crowning of champions will be done from the sky with 1,200 drones creating magic in the night. It will be followed by a mesmerising fireworks display by the winners of the biggest fireworks competition in the world.

## Don't try to win the Cup, just hit the damn ball: Sadhguru tells Team India

**BENGALURU, NOV 18:** Sports fever has gripped the nation never before, thanks to Team India reaching the Cricket World Cup finals. As the support for 'Men in Blue' is fervently pouring in, thoughts about victory mantra are playing upon the minds of the people.

One such thought played upon a person who inquisitively asked Sadhguru for a tip for Team India to bring the World Cup back, a video of which has gone viral on social media.

Responding in his inimitable style, Sadhguru said, "Don't try to win the Cup, just hit the damn ball! If you think of this 1 billion people baying for the Cup, you will miss the ball, or if you think of all the other fanciful things that will happen if you win the World Cup, the ball will knock off your wickets."

"So, how to win this World Cup? Don't think about that. How to hit the damn ball? How to knock off the opposition's wickets. That's all you have to think about. Don't think about the World Cup. Then you will knock off the World Cup."

Earlier, sharing best wishes with Team India before the semifinal match against New Zealand, Sadhguru's channel on X posted a video highlighting the importance of the process.

He said, "Nobody can work on a consequence; you can only work on a process... Now, the process is a daily ongoing thing. Success is only in other people's eyes. They think you are successful; they think you are a failure. But essentially, what you are doing is the process, right?" he said.

The Cricket World Cup 2023 is set to take place at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium between India and Australia on November 19.

With the Indian team winning all the matches on the way to the finale, this match promises to be an electrifying one, with a resurgent Australian team competing on the back of consecutive wins in the last eight World Cup matches.

## Bhilwara Kings all set for season 2 of LLC

**RANCHI, NOV 18:** Bhilwara Kings are all geared up for the Legends League Cricket (LLC) second season.

Last season, the franchise owned by the LNJ Bhilwara Group, a multi-diversified conglomerate, was runner-up.

The latest season of the franchise edition is expected to have 19 matches and is scheduled to begin on November 18, to December 9.

This season's matches will be held across the country in cities such as Ranchi, Jammu, Dehradun, Vizag, and Surat.

Bhilwara Kings will be competing with the likes of Gujarat Giants, India Capitals, Manipal Tigers along with Southern Super Stars and Urbanisers Hyderabad.

Furthermore, they've retained icons like Irfan Pathan, Yusuf Pathan and Tilakaratne Dilshan, boosting their chances of victory. Additionally, it has brought 12 players from a pool of more than 200 players at a recently held auction, further strengthening the team.

Sharing the team's enthusiasm, Irfan Pathan, captain of Bhilwara Kings said, Legends League of Cricket Season 2 will be a showcase of talent, strategies, and sportsmanship.

The LNJ Bhilwara Group is committed to making a significant contribution both on and off the field.

The group's association with the league aligns with its vision of using sports as an agent of change.

Through Jawahar Foundation, LNJ Bhilwara group has been extensively undertaking short to medium-term projects that bring immediate impact on different verticals such as, healthcare, education, water



and environment, food security, and employment.

The foundation currently operates a food security program under the banner of Swabhiman Bhoj, which serves meals at INR 1 and has served more than 14,30,063 lakh meals.

Jawahar foundation has also helped certify 23,000 school students in digital literacy programs after partnering with 54 schools (40% of whom are girl children).

The foundation also distributed 1,31,200 litres of safe drinking water through our 2 water ATMs in Rajasthan to 1,366 registered members.

Riju Jhunjhunwala, Chairman and Managing Director, RSWM Ltd. (LNJ Bhilwara Group's textile venture) said, "As a group, we value excellence and teamwork; we were proud to finish as finalists last season. This season, we are eager to witness exceptional performances and create memorable experiences for our fans, and of course, winning the league. We are delighted to be part of the Legends League of Cricket for the second consecutive season".

Gurpreet Sareen CEO, Bhilwara Kings said, "As we embark on the upcoming season, I am confident that the foundation of integrity, resilience, and camaraderie we've built will propel us to new heights.

## Alcaraz sets semifinal showdown with Djokovic at ATP Finals

**ROME, NOV 18:** Carlos Alcaraz avenged his loss in the US Open semifinals as the Spaniard defeated the third seed Daniil Medvedev in straight sets at his maiden ATP Finals in Turin on Friday.

"I think the most important thing that I did today was to stay strong mentally," said Alcaraz following his 6-4, 6-4 victory over the Russian.

"There were a few games on my serve that I was struggling a bit. His return game is amazing and he puts so much pressure on your serve, so



I think to stay calm and stay strong mentally in those moments was the key to give myself a chance to win this match."

20-year-old Alcaraz, the youngest ATP Finals semifinalist since Rafael Nadal in 2006, will stage a semifinal

showdown with top-ranked Novak Djokovic, a six-time champion at the men's tennis year-end tournament.

"It's one of the most difficult challenges that I'm going to face," Alcaraz noted. "Novak is Novak. He is the best player in the world right now. He's lost just six matches this year, he's unbelievable. I'm going to play my best tennis and enjoy it the same way I did the past few matches."

Also qualifying for the semis, Medvedev will play against home favorite Jannik Sinner on Saturday.

## Shanto to lead Bangladesh in home Tests against New Zealand

**DHAKA, NOV 18:** Najmul Hossain Shanto has been named Bangladesh Test captain for the two-match series at home against New Zealand starting later this month. Shanto was elevated after Litton Das, who was captain for the one-off Test against Afghanistan in Dhaka in June, was granted paternity leave for a month. Shakib Al Hasan, who Litton had replaced at the helm, is out with a fractured finger.

"Litton has been granted leave for one month, he is not available for the two Tests. He wants to spend time with his new-born baby," Jalal Yunus, chairman of the BCB's cricket operations committee, said. "We had requested him to play at least the second Test match but he insisted on [being away for] the whole series. That's why we granted him leave. As a result, Najmul Hossain Shanto will captain the side in these two Tests."

Shanto has played 23 Tests so far, and averages 29.83 with four centuries, but hasn't led Bangladesh in the format prior to this. He has, however, captained them in three ODIs, including twice at the 2023 ODI World Cup when Shakib was out injured for the games against India and Australia.

Shakib's immediate future in international cricket - including as the ODI captain for the series in New Zealand next month - remains unclear. There is the finger injury, of course, plus there was the TV interview before the World Cup, where he had outlined his retirement plans. Yunus said that the BCB hasn't heard directly about his plans to leave the captaincy after the World Cup.

As for Tamim Iqbal, who missed the World Cup after



a dramatic sequence of events, Yunus said that the BCB will meet the player on November 22. Tamim has been out of action since the ODI series against New Zealand at home in September.

Three uncapped players in 15-man Test squad Hasan Murad, the 22-year-old left-arm spinner, has earned a first call-up to the Test squad, just two years after making his first-class debut. It's been an impressive first-class career for him so far, though, with 121 wickets from just 25 matches.

The other new faces have both played in other formats internationally: Hasan Mahmud, one of the brightest young fast bowlers in Bangladesh, has played 20 ODIs, including at the World Cup, and 17 T20Is, and has 44 wickets from 15 first-class games so far; top-order batter Shahadat Hossain Dipu has three T20 appearances to his name, and has a first-class batting average of 35.02 from 21 games.

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