

Climate change must be addressed on cooperative global level: Dalai Lama

DHARAMSALA, Oct 31:

Ahead of the crucial climate conference in Glasgow, the Dalai Lama on Sunday said issues of climate change must be addressed on a cooperative global level for everyone's benefit.

In his message to the UN conference on climate change known as the Conference of Parties (COP26), the Tibetan spiritual leader said realistic action founded on scientific understanding was needed to tackle climate change.

The COP26 summit starting on Sunday will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

"Today, we need to address the future not with prayers prompted by fear, but by taking realistic action founded on scientific understanding. The inhabitants of our planet are interdependent as never before. Everything we do affects our human companions, as well as innumerable animal and plant species," he said.

"We must confront issues of climate change on a cooperative global level for everyone's benefit. But we must also do what we can on a personal level," he said.

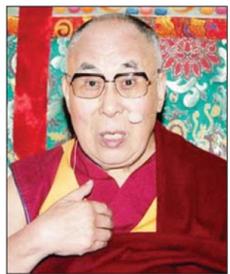
"Even small daily actions, such as how we use water and how we dispose of what we don't need, have consequences. We must make taking care of our natural environment a part of our daily life, and learn what science has to teach us," he added.

The Dalai Lama said he was encouraged to see that the

younger generations were demanding concrete action on climate change as it gives some hope for the future.

The efforts of young activists such as Greta Thunberg to raise awareness about the need to listen to science and act accordingly are crucial. Since their stance is realistic, we must encourage them, he said.

"Global warming is an



urgent reality. None of us is able to change the past. But we are all in a position to contribute to a better future. Indeed, we have a responsibility to ourselves and to the more than seven billion human beings alive today to ensure that all of us can continue to live in peace and safety," he said.

"With hope and determination, we must take care of both our own lives and those of all our neighbours," he added.

Our ancestors viewed the earth as rich and bountiful, which it is, but what's more it is our only home. We must protect it not only for ourselves, but also for future generations, and for the countless species with which we share the planet, he said.

'Jammu city to get total face lift'

Mayor tours Anuradhapuram, assures development

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Chander Mohan Gupta said that Jammu city under the new Smart City Project will get a complete face lift and many development projects sanctioned already will be taken up in hand soon.

Addressing a public function jointly organised by Durga Nag Trust (DNT), Anuradhapuram Welfare Committee, Sector One and Sector Two at Durga Nag Community Hall near, here, the Mayor assured the people that the construction of all roads, lanes, by-lanes and drains will be taken up in hand soon.

The Ward 65 Corporator, Anita Sharma assured him that all the works have been included in the plan and construction work will be taken up in hand soon. The Mayor also gave instructions about the covering of drainage nullah flowing from Bantalab via the community hall, Sharda Colony and Sarwasat Vihar be taken up priority basis and the work near the community hall be taken up in hand in first instance.

Chander Mohan Gupta also assured the people that black-topping of all roads in the area, lanes and by lanes, besides construction of road from Durga Nag Community Hall to Bantalab will also be started soon. The Mayor also assured the residents that the

JTC, SKF dharna enters 394th day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: The dharna launched by the Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC) and Soan Kashmir Front (SKF) at Jagti township near Nagrota has entered 394th day today.

Addressing the protestors Shadi Lal Pandita president, JTC and SKF said that the Government is ignoring Kashmiri Pandits and also the BJP Government has not resolved any issue of displaced people from Kashmir till date.

Pandita said that they have been protesting for 394 days but the Government is still not meeting the demands. He urged the Government to increase the monthly cash relief from Rs 13,000 to 25,000 as relief holders are living a very difficult life in the exile.

He said unemployment in the community has reached its peak due to which the educated youth are worried and demanded a new package of 20,000 jobs for the displaced youth.

He further said that the long pending demands such as permanent resettlement and three satellite townships should be built in Kashmir Valley near Baramull, Srinagar and Anantnag. He said the property loss of 32 years be compensated and illegal occupation of land, property and religious places be removed with community given minority status and political empowerment.

PDP workers from Lolab join PC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: A number of prominent political workers including a BDC member and several Sarpanchs from Lolab Assembly Constituency joined the People's Conference today in presence of PC president Sajad Gani Lone.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, People's Conference Chairman Sajad Gani Lone said that their joining will immensely strengthen and benefit the PC.

"I wholeheartedly welcome all of you into the PC. The People's Conference wants to play a pivotal role and contribute to the politics and welfare of J&K. I am hopeful that all of us will continue to work for the cause of people and further strengthen the party at the grassroots level", PC president said on the occasion.

The new entrants pledged to work with utmost diligence and passion to strengthen the party. They expressed full faith in PC leadership to address the concerns of the people.

Those who joined the party include BDC Member Mohd Shafi Peer, Sarpanchs Nazir Ahmed Ganaie, Bashir Ahmed Ganaie, Shabir Ahmed Bhat, Bashir Ahmed Bhat, Ghulam Ahmed, Fayaz Ahmed Najar, Deputy Sarpanchs Fayaz Ahmed Wani, Bajo Badana, Fayaz Ahmed Lone and Bilal Ahmed Ganaie.

The Tibetan plateau, the largest reservoir of snow and ice outside the North and the South Poles, has often been called "the Third Pole", he said.

"Tibet is the source of some of the world's major rivers, among them the Brahmaputra, the Ganges, the Indus, the Mekong, the Salween, the Yellow River and the Yangtze. These rivers are the source of life because they provide drinking water, irrigation for agriculture, and hydropower, for nearly two billion people across Asia," he said.

"The melting of Tibet's numerous glaciers, the damming and diversion of rivers, and widespread deforestation, exemplify how ecological neglect in one area can have consequences almost everywhere," he added.

The Dalai Lama said he regularly emphasises on the importance of maintaining a sense of the oneness of humanity, the idea that every human being is a part of us.

"The threat of global warming and climate change is not limited by national boundaries; it affects us all. As we face this crisis together, it is imperative that we act in a spirit of solidarity and cooperation in order to limit its consequences," he said.

"I hope and pray that our leaders will gather the strength to lead collective action to address this emergency, and set a timetable for change. We have to act to make this a safer, greener, happier world," he added. (PTI)



PC leader AG Vakil addressing workers in Nowpora Rafiabad on Sunday.

Restore statehood to J&K without further delay: Vakil

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 31: Former minister and senior leader of People's Conference, Abdul Gani Vakil today reminded Government of India to stay to its promise of restoring statehood in J&K without any further delay and said that it was surprising that the Govt was not fulfilling its promise made in the Parliament till now.

"Both Prime Minister and Home Minister have committed to the people of J&K on different occasions that statehood will be restored but dilly delaying tactics are alienating people. Delimitation and elections should not be a condition to restore statehood. Restoration of statehood to J&K is not charity, it is the right of the people and nobody will be allowed to snatch the rights of people at any cost," Vakil asserted.

"Article 370 was the bridge between J&K and the Centre. It was the reason for the emotional attachment between the two. People's Conference will struggle for the restoration of Art 370 through peaceful means and dialogue," Vakil said while addressing the workers convention in Nowpora Rafiabad today.

Vakil lambasted the Government for not fulfilling the

JKTJAC demands release of pending salary of NPS employees

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) has demanded immediate release of two months pending salary of NPS employees of UT of J&K.

In a press statement, UT President Vinod Sharma said that NPS employees, mostly of Education Department are without salary for the last two months and celebrated Navratras and Karva Chauth dry.

Driver killed as tanker rolls down

Excelsior Correspondent

RAMBAN, Oct 31: A driver was killed after an oil tanker he was driving rolled down into deep gorge near Ratanbass area today evening, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Rajesh Kumar, son of Dwarka Nath, a resident of District Udhampur.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of SDH Banihal for post-mortem. A case under relevant Sections has been registered at Police Station Banihal and investigation started.

Amid Diwali shopping, COVID protocol compliance hits new lows in India: Survey

NEW DELHI, Oct 31:

As the country gets ready to celebrate Diwali, only 2 per cent of Indians think that masking compliance around them is effective, while only 3 per cent feel that people in their localities and districts are following social distancing norms, according to a survey.

The survey conducted by LocalCircles, a digital community-based platform, received more than 39,000 responses from over 20,000 citizens in 366 districts of India on how people are complying with masking and social distancing protocols during the festive season and travel.

Forty-seven per cent of respondents were from tier 1 districts, 30 per cent from tier 2 districts and 23 per cent from tier 3, 4 and rural districts. While 65 per cent of respondents were men, 35 per cent were women.

On the masking front, the survey found that only 2 per cent of respondents said that "more than 90 per cent" people in their area, district or city are compliant and only 16 per cent respondents said that masking compliance is effective at airports, stations and bus stands, etc. During travel.

According to a survey conducted by LocalCircles in September, 13 per cent of citizens felt that masking compliance in their area, district or city was high, while 30 per cent of respondents felt that

masking compliance during travel was effective.

In the latest survey, just 3 per cent of respondents said that social distancing compliance is effective in their area, district or city and 9 per cent of respondents said that social distancing compliance during travel is non-existent now.

According to the September survey, 6 per cent of respondents had said that social distancing compliance in their area, district or city was high. The survey had not measured effective social distancing compliance during travel. A LocalCircles survey from June, which was shared by the Union health ministry in its July 6 briefing, had found that 29 per cent of people felt that masking compliance around them was effective, while 11 per cent felt that social distancing compliance around them was effective.

"The drop in masking compliance ratings from 29 per cent to 2 per cent and in social distancing compliance ratings from 11 per cent to 3 per cent indicates that the vast majority of Indians believe that masking and social distancing compliance are practically non-existent in most of the country," said Sachin Taparia, founder of LocalCircles.

Similarly, on the travel

36th Varshik Utsav at Shree Krishan Mandir

Lord Krishna continues to be inspiration for all: Yudhvir

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: The 36th Varshik Utsav of Shree Krishna Mandir was held with great enthusiasm, religious fervour and gaiety at Janipur here, today.

Yudhvir Sethi, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir vice president was the chief guest on the occasion.

The celebrations at the sanctum sanctorum of Shree Krishna Mandir Janipur commenced with the Pooja of Bhagwan Krishna performed with utmost devotion and sanctity by Shree Jugeshwar Mahatma amidst the large number of devotees present on the occasion. The Pooja was followed by Dwaj Aarohan ceremony which was performed by the BJP vice president, Yudhvir Sethi along with Shree Jugeshwar Mahatma amidst devotees chanting bhajans and slogans in praise of Lord Shree Krishna.

The main attraction of today's programme was that the renowned singer Rajiv Kumar joined by the Temple Committee

Bovines smuggling bids foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Batote, Chanderkote and Bagh-e-Bahu Police foiled bovines smuggling bids.

As per police sources, teams from Police Stations Batote and Chanderkote laid a naka and intercepted 8 vehicles.

During checking, police team rescued 82 bovine animals from the vehicles and arrested seven smugglers, who were identified as Yasir Ahmad, son of Liyaqat Ali Khatana of Nar Kokernag, Arshad Ahmad, son of Sardar Mohammad of Qazigund Kulgam, Mohammad Junaid, son of Mohammad Shafi of Maitra Ramban, Manshad Din, son of Khan Mohammad of Mand Tikri,

Notorious lady drug peddler arrested with ganja, heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Narwal Police arrested a notorious lady drug peddler along with ganja and heroin. As per police sources, on reliable information a team from Police Post Narwal led by SI Achal Rana under the supervision of SHO Bahu Fort Inspector Deepak Pathania and SDPO East Sajad Sarwar laid a naka and intercepted a lady, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered 2,300 kilograms ganja and 6.50 grams heroin from the possession of the lady and arrested her. The arrested lady was identified as Shakeela Devi, wife of Late Ashok Kumar of Rajeev Nagar Narwal District Jammu.

A case FIR Number 353/2021 under Section 8/20/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort and investigation started to ascertain the source of the consignment and other persons involved in this illegal trade.

Rashly driven truck damages car, electric pole

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: A rashly driven truck damaged a car and electric pole in Talab Tillo area.

As per police sources, during the intervening night of October 30 and 31, 2021, a rashly driven truck bearing registration number JK02AN-5637 fell on a Swift car bearing registration number JK02BGM-8052 owned by Narinder Sharma at Talab Tillo Chowk thereby damaging the car totally.

The truck driver also damaged an electric pole at the same site and later fled from the spot, leaving behind the vehicle.

On getting information, police cops rushed to the spot and took the truck into their custody. No injury or casualty has been reported in the incident. However, a case FIR Number 168/2021 under Sections 279, 427 and 3 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act has been registered at Police Station Nowabad and hunt has been launched to nab the truck driver.



DDC, Chairman Kathua Col Mahan Singh kick starting construction of road from Nagrota Fort to shrine of Baba Rajamandlik in Palak Panchayat on Sunday.

Focused strategy needed to exploit tourism potential: Col Mahan

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Oct 31: Religious tourism has a great potential in Jammu and Kashmir and it was one of the major contributors to the Union Territory's economy.

This was stated by Col (ret) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua while starting earth work of 500 Mtrs long link road from Nagrota-Farnot road to the much revered Shrine of Baba Rajamandlik in Palak Panchayat. The Shrine visualizing mesmerizing Ranjit Sagar Dam Reservoir in Basohli region is visited by thousands of devotees every year.

The DDC Chairman said that religious shrines constitute rich wealth of our cultural heritage. "Jammu region has beautiful places of Gods and deities. It has a vast variety of tourist attraction places having a great potential pilgrimage as well as site seeing tourism and these places need to be exploited for the tourism," he added.

Recommending expansion of facilities for pilgrims and promoting infrastructure projects to enhance connectivity within the different regions of J&K, Col Mahan said a focused strategy and initiatives were required to fully exploit the tourism potential in the Union Territory.

The DDC Chairman said that

there was long standing demand of people of Basohli region for blacktopping of road uptill the revered Shrine of Baba Rajamandlik near Village Farnot. He said that the project to construct this 500 meter road is under State plan and Rs 24 Lakhs has been allocated during current financial year. The proposed road will facilitate thousands of devotees of Rajamandlik who come from different parts of the J&K and neighbouring State of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

The work is being carried out under the supervision of PWD (R&B) Division Executive Engineer, Basohli.

The DDC Chairman said that BJP Government at the Centre is fully sensitive towards the issues of the people and is taking comprehensive measures for redressal of the same at the earliest. "Central Government headed by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is working with the agenda of holistic development of all the regions of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, besides putting in concerted efforts to meet the developmental aspirations of the people."

Besides DDC Chairman, prominent residents Capt Harnam Singh, Hoshair Singh, Angeez Singh, Sher Singh and others were present in large number.



OBC community members protesting before taking out car-bike rally in Akhnoor on Sunday.

AIBCU members protest, take out car-bike rally

Excelsior Correspondent

AKHNOOR, Oct 31: All India Backward Classes Union (AIBCU) took out a large car-bike rally which started from Vishwakarma Temple, Sungal Morh, Akhnoor and ended at Jourian town today.

The rally was formally flagged off by Col Parkash Singh and routed through Sohal, Jad, Jourian, Devipur and Gura Brahmana.

Large gatherings took place at several places to receive the rally. The public was addressed by M R Bangotra, state working

president, Balkar Singh, S Gurmeet Singh, SD Malhotra, Prof Lal Chand, Ashok Kumar-Panch, Deepak Verma and Prof Kanchi Dass.

People from all OBC communities including Lobana community members also participated.

The speakers said when Art 370 has been abrogated and all Central laws have been implemented in J&K UT then why Mandal Commission report has not been implemented in J&K. It was appealed not to support BJP or any political party which is against OBCs.

NMC highlights DA release, other demands

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: National Mazdoor Conference (NMC) president, Subash Shastri has urged upon the J&K Lieutenant Governor to release pending installment of 3 per cent DA due from July this year in favour of J&K Government employees and pensioners before Diwali festival.

Addressing NMC workers here today he claimed that the same DA has already been released by the Central Government to its employees and pensioners.

Shastri also demanded exemption of DA from the ambit of Income Tax as it is linked with price index.

Man found dead in canal

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: A man was found dead in Ranbir Canal near Muthi here today, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Sunil Pandita, son of Moti Lal Bhat, a resident of Amit Nagar Muthi District Jammu. He was adopted by a man namely Late Prem Nath Pandita, a resident of Quarter Number 16, Block-A Gole Quarters, Muthi Camp District Jammu.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) here for autopsy.

Domana Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Youth commits suicide

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: A youth allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at his residence in Badyal Qazia area of teshil RS Pura, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Aman (20), son of Gharu Ram, a resident of Badyal Qazia RS Pura District Jammu.

He was admitted in GMCH Jammu on October 29, 2021 and breathed his last during the intervening night of October 30 and 31, 2021.

After conducting post-mortem, the body of the deceased was handed over to legal heirs for last rites.

RS Pura Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

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