

Construction of Ayodhya mosque likely to be completed by December 2023: Trust

LUCKNOW, Nov 13:

The construction of a mosque in Ayodhya, being built pursuant to the Supreme Court verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case, is expected to be completed by December next year, the trust entrusted with the task has said.

"We hope to get approval to the map of the proposed mosque, hospital, community kitchen, library and research centre from the Ayodhya Development Authority by the end of this month. Soon after we will start the construction of the mosque," Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation Trust secretary Athar Hussain told PTI.

The construction of the Dhanipur Ayodhya Mosque is likely to be completed by the end of December 2023, while the remaining structures on the five-acre Maulvi Ahmadullah Shah Complex will be completed subsequently, he said.

The Supreme Court, in its verdict in the long-standing Ayodhya dispute, ordered the construction of a Ram temple on the 2.77-acre plot where the Babri Masjid once stood, and directed that five acres be allotted for building a mosque in the Uttar Pradesh district.

The 'bhoomi puja' for the temple was performed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2020 and, according to the temple trust, it is likely to be opened to devotees in January 2024.

The timing of the completion of the temple and the mosque is significant as the next parliamentary election is scheduled for early 2024.

The Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation Trust, formed by the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board for the construction of the mosque, has also decided to build a hospital, community kitchen, library and a research institute.

"The trust will start the construction of all proposed structures simultaneously and the mosque is likely to be completed first because of its small size. Although no deadline has been fixed, it will hopefully be constructed within a year's time," Hussain said.

Efforts are being made to raise funds for the construction of the mosque and other structures in the complex, he said.

Hussain said the hospital will begin with 100 beds and

later upgraded to a 200-bed facility. The community kitchen will initially have the capacity to serve 1,000 people daily and subsequently expanded to cater to 2,000 people.

He said the trust decided to build an Indo-Islamic Research Centre and a library so that the people of the area can benefit from them.

Hussain said that about a month ago, during perusal of the application for obtaining NOC from the fire department for the mosque and other facilities, the department had objected to the narrow approach road.

The district administration was immediately informed about this. Taking prompt action, the administration has completed the process of measurement of additional land to be given to widen the approach road, the trust secretary said.

He said the land given by the government to the Waqf Board is recorded in the revenue records as agricultural land, so no construction can be done on it without changing its use.

"The trust has already applied for change in its land use and the administration has assured it of completing the entire process and approve the map within 15 days," he said. (PTI)

Maan reaches Kathau, to appear before court today

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Nov 13: Member Parliament, Sangroor, Punjab, Simranjeet Singh Maan reached here this evening in connection with a court case, the hearing of which will be held tomorrow.

He is staying in Hotel Grand Plaza which is being guarded by police and security forces.

It may be recalled that on October 17, Simranjeet Singh Maan was stopped to enter in J&K at Gateway of Lakhnampur by police with order of district administration as Section 144 was imposed in the area. He had knocked the door of District Court, Kathua. On hearing the case, the Court gave the next date of hearing on November 14.

The general secretary of Akali Dal Maan, Harpal Singh said that they came to Kathua to appear before the District Court tomorrow.



DDC Councillor Shazia Kausar inaugurating work on Koteranka-Khawas road on Sunday.

DDC Councillor Shazia launches blacktopping on Koteranka-Khawas road

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Nov 13: Addressing a long pending grievance of the hilly areas of Budhal Constituency, DDC Councillor Shazia Kausar today launched the blacktopping work on the Koteranka-Khawas Road.

The road work launched in late 1980s was in dilapidated condition for decades. DDC Councillor Shazia Kausar and BDC Koteranka chairman Javed Iqbal Choudhary actively took up the matter with Principal Secretary Roads and Buildings

Shaileendra Kumar and the district administration for having the blacktopping work initiated. A vital link between Koteranka and Khawas, this road was neglected and ignored leading to huge inconvenience and under-development of the Khawas area.

During the BDC and DDC elections, Javed Iqbal Choudhary and Shazia Kausar had made commitment to the people of Khawas and Koteranka that they will get the road completed and properly travel worthy.

Successive Govts, political parties ditched KPs: ADKUF

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: All Displaced Kashmiri United Forum (ADKUF) today reiterated its appeal to the Kashmiri Pandit community for unity which it said is key to achieve objectives.

The appeal was made in an impressive programme organised by the ADKUF here, today.

The speakers said that half hearted and indifferent attitude of successive governments towards the displaced community reflects amply that the Government and political parties are least concerned about addressing issues of the community which is passing through a crucial phase as one generation has vanished waiting return and rehabilitation in their motherland. "It is our problem and we have to find its solution. Our community has enough talent to find a solution of the problem and time has come for all organizations and intellectuals of displaced community to come forward and unite under one umbrella to form a common platform, hold discussions to find a solution", they said.

Prominent speakers were

Prof BL Zutshi, president Hindu Education Society Kashmir (HESK), Kuldeep Raina, Chand J Bhat, Bal Bhat, Prof Veena Pandita, former chairperson, JKBOSE, Dr TK Bhat, AK Raina, Prof AN Sadhu, Hari Krishan Koul, Roshan Lal Raina, Kashmiri Lal, Sanjay Dhar, Dr Ramesh Bhat, Hira Lal Bhat, Vikram Koul and others.

On the occasion floral tributes were paid to D N Kissu former Chairman of the Forum and all martyrs from displaced community and other communities who dedicated their entire life to the welfare and cause of the country. Tributes were paid to then Governor Jagmohan, Balasaheb Thakre, Brig Rajinder Singh security force personnel who sacrificed their lives protecting borders and fought against armed terrorists.

PN Raina general secretary of Forum presented its brief history aims and objectives. Prof GL Koul chief advisor of the Forum read the welcome address and Satish Kissu vice president presented the vote of thanks. PK Raina spokesperson of the Forum conducted the proceedings.

Excise policy: BJP challenges CM Kejriwal to undergo lie detector test

NEW DELHI, Nov 13:

The BJP on Sunday mounted a fresh attack on Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on the Delhi excise policy issue and asked him to prove his "honesty" by undergoing a lie detector test as sought by jailed coman Sukesh Chandrashekar.

Addressing a press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala targeted Kejriwal on the issue of alleged scams and said a 'Lootera' film directed by the Delhi Chief Minister was going on in the national capital for the last eight years.

Referring to the 2013

Ranveer Singh starrer 'Lootera', the party also shared a poster on Twitter which showcased Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia as 'Lootera'.

Poonawala's remarks came a day after Kejriwal said the BJP should make Chandrashekar its national president as he was speaking the same language as the party.

"It's a good chance for Kejriwal to undergo a lie detector test along with his ministers Satyendar Jain and Kailash Gahlot in a live telecast and prove Chandrashekar's claims wrong," he said.

Chandrashekar has written letters to the LG, levelling various allegations of extortion against AAP leaders and said he was ready for a lie detector test along with Kejriwal and his ministers.

Poonawala said Kejriwal can prove his honesty through a lie detector test but he would not do it. He could have approached the court for quashing of FIR in "liquor scam" but he did not do so either, he said.

"The cast of Lootera film directed by Kejriwal has Manish Sisodia who is an accused in the liquor scam case," he said and claimed the Kejriwal government's now scrapped Excise Policy 2021-22 caused a loss of Rs 1800 crore to the state exchequer.

"The AAP has never cared to answer the BJP's questions on corruption in the policy that during its 7.5 months operation led to loss of Rs 1800 crore to the government," he said.

Kejriwal has also failed to tell the people why he withdrew the Excise Policy 2021-22, he added.

The alleged irregularities in the policy are currently being probed by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate. (PTI)



HOD Cardiology Dr Sushil Sharma at the medical camp on Sunday.

Diabetes, CVD interlinked, intertwined Dr Sushil

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: To educate the people about the increasing prevalence of diabetes, Head Department of Cardiology SSH Jammu, Dr Sushil Sharma today organized a screening cum awareness camp at British International School, Sainik Colony Jammu.

The camp was inaugurated by Dr Sushil Sharma along with Gita Sharma (Chairperson) British International School. Children of the school, parents and staff participated and were educated about the importance of ever rising incidence of diabetes and its relation with the cardiac ailments and primary interventions to reduce them. The relevant screening tests like Blood Sugar, HBA1C, ECG, Bone Density were performed and medicine were distributed as per the requirement.

While interacting with the People Dr Sushil stated that the incidence of diabetes mellitus (DM) continues to rise and has quickly become one of the most prevalent and costly chronic diseases worldwide. A close link exists between DM and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), which is the most prevalent cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients.

Cardiovascular (CV) risk factors such as obesity, hypertension and dyslipidemia are common in patients with DM, placing them at increased risk for cardiac events.

In addition, many studies have found biological mechanisms associated with DM that independently increases the risk of CVD in diabetic patients. Therefore, targeting CV risk factors in patients with DM is critical to minimize the long-term CV complications of the disease.

Both type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes are independent risk factors for CHD. Moreover, myocardial ischemia due to coronary atherosclerosis commonly occurs without symptoms in patients with diabetes. As a result, multi vessel atherosclerosis often is present before ischemic symptoms occur and before treatment is instituted. A delayed recognition of various forms of CHD undoubtedly worsens the prognosis for survival for many diabetic patients, Dr Sharma said.

Others who were part of this camp include Dr Nasir Ali Choudhary (Cardiologist), Dr Dhaneshwar Kapoor, Dr Syed Rahella and Dr Vivak Arya. Paramedics and Volunteers include Akshay Kumar, Raghav Rajput, Kamal Sharma, Ranjeet Singh, Gourav Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Maninder Singh, Harvinder Singh, Navdeep Kapoor, Sahil Sharma and Harjeet Singh.

While addressing the district level export awareness workshop in Kathua, today he said that trade in handicraft and handloom sectors in Jammu province was not given its due share for its development by previous State and Central Governments is the reason that most of the crafts of Jammu region are at languishing stage.

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Don't force package employees to join duties in Valley: KPC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: Kashmiri Pandit Conference (KPC) today urged Union Territory (UT) authorities not to force PM package employees to rejoin their duties in Kashmir Valley till conducive atmosphere prevails there.

In a statement issued here KPC chief, Kundan Kashmiri said "Asking PM package and other employees to join their duties without assuring any foolproof security or secured accommodations and other safety means, who have left the places of their duties under serious life threat soon after their selective killings in the Valley, the Government was deliberately exposing them to grave risk".

He also criticized the authorities of withholding their salaries saying this way the Government was coercing them to join their duties in Valley which is unacceptable to the KPs who are a minuscule minority and have faced persecution for centuries together.

He said KPC resents and condemns such type of decision and harassment towards the community employees in Valley

BJP appoints Jasrotia as Prabhari of Social Media

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: Abhijeet Jasrotia spokesperson, BJP and in charge policy research has been appointed in charge of Social Media Wing of the party.

He is appointed as Prabhari Social Media J&K BJP. The party gave him this assignment as in this 21st century the social media has a very important role to play.

Abhijeet Jasrotia's name was selected by the party as he is very active on social media and has taken part in most of national debates especially English news channels.

VP highlights global concerns on food and energy security

PHNOM PENH, Nov 13:

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Sunday highlighted the global concerns on food and energy security, and emphasised the role of the East Asia Summit (EAS) mechanism in promoting free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific with freedom of navigation and overflight.

Addressing the 17th East Asia Summit (EAS) here, the vice president also called for the EAS members' full contribution to the International Year of Millets in 2023.

Vice President Dhankhar underlined the growing global concerns on food and energy security, and emphasised the role of the EAS mechanism in promoting free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific with freedom of navigation and overflight.

The US, India and several other world powers have been discussing the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military manoeuvring in the region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea,



Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankhar speaking in the 17th East Asia Summit in Phnom Penh on Sunday.

though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea. China also has territorial disputes with Japan in the East China Sea.

The Quad grouping of India, Australia, Japan and the United States has strongly opposed any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo or increase tensions in the Indo-Pacific, amidst China's increasingly intimidatory behaviour in the region.

Dhankhar, who is in Cambodia on a three-day visit, also briefly interacted with US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the summit.

The ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) summit is taking place amid a geopolitical turmoil triggered by the Ukraine conflict and China's military muscle-flexing in the Taiwan Straits.

Cambodia is hosting these summits in its capacity as the current chair of the ASEAN.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.

The ASEAN comprises countries in Southeast Asia - Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore, Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

Apart from the ASEAN member states, the East Asia Summit includes India, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the US and Russia.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is accompanying Dhankhar, who is leading the Indian delegation to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit here.

On Saturday, Dhankhar announced an additional contribution of USD 5 million to the ASEAN-India science and technology fund to enhance cooperation in sectors of public health, renewable energy and smart agriculture. (PTI)

Dogri Sanstha organizes 'Dogri Kahani Goshthi'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized online Dogri Kahani Goshthi in which three veteran short story writers; Inderjeet Kesar, Chaman Arora and Ashok Dutta presented their short stories.

The program started with Inderjeet Kesar, Sahitya

Academy awardee and well known for penning down novels and poetry, presenting his short story 'Prajit'. Thereafter eminent short story writer Ashok Dutta presented his short story 'Gift' and after that Chaman Arora, another well-known Dogri writer presented his short story 'Skin Heads'.

The program was presided over by Prof Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu. In his presidential address, he said that all three short story writers know the craft of interweaving the plots around familiar characters and situations that make it easier for the readers or listeners to connect with the stories.

The program was conducted by well-known Dogri short story writer and playwright Jagdeep Dubey. The technical support for smooth conduct of program was given by theatre activist and Dogri writer Pawan Verma. It was watched on Facebook page of Dogri Sanstha Jammu and appreciated throughout India and abroad.

Two drug peddlers arrested with heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: RS Pura Police arrested two drug peddler and recovered heroin from their possession.

As per police sources, a team from Police Station RS Pura led by ASI Devi Ditta during patrolling in Jinder Melu area intercepted a scooter bearing registration number JK02CQ-9112.

During checking, police team recovered 13 grams of heroin from the possession of two persons riding on the vehicle and arrested them.

The arrested persons were identified as Narinder Pal alias Bulla, son of Kaka Ram of Puro Bana Tehsil RS Pura District Jammu and Nanak Chand, son of Madan Lal of Kotli Muffi Tehsil Suchetgarh, District Jammu.

A case FIR Number 202/2022 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station RS Pura and investigation started.

The arrest was made under the supervision of SHO RS Pura Inspector Pawan Kumar, SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh and SP Headquarters Rannish Gupta.

Scooty rider killed in road accident

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Nov 13: A Scooty rider was killed when his two-wheeler skidded off the road and slipped into deep gorge at Pacca Danga area near Salal, here today.

The deceased was identified as Sansar Chand (Veeru), age around 35 years, son of Chain Singh, resident of Ward number 1, Charalla, Bari Tali Panchayat Judda, tehsil Arnas, presently putting up at Kanthan. He reportedly died on the spot.

Later, body the deceased was shifted to District hospital Reasi for the postmortem. After completion of all the legal formalities, the body was handed to its legal heirs for last rites.

16 bikes of stunt performers seized

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: Police seized 16 bikes of stunt performers.

As per police sources, on specific information regarding bikers performing stunts at Sidhra road and causing trouble and risk not only to their own lives but also to life of other people, a team from Police Station Nagrota led by SHO Inspector Vishav Pratap Singh and assisted by Incharge Police Post Sidhra SI Majid Hussain was constituted under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.

The team did strenuous efforts and after timely intervention finally nabbed 16 stunt bikers and seized their bikes.

Bikes were seized under relevant sections of MV Act by Nagrota Police.



Romesh Khajuria, chairman WWEPC addressing a district level workshop at Kathua on Sunday.

Basohli shawls, paintings can be promoted for exports: Khajuria

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Nov 13: Romesh Khajuria, Chairman, Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India today said that Basohli Pashmina shawls and Basohli paintings have lot of potential and to be promoted for exports.

While addressing the district level export awareness workshop in Kathua, today he said that trade in handicraft and handloom sectors in Jammu province was not given its due share for its development by previous State and Central Governments is the reason that most of the crafts of Jammu region are at languishing stage.

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Vomedh releases book 'Charnamrit'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: A book of devotional songs 'Charnamrit' written by Gopi Krishen Bahar was here today released at a

honour. The author Gopi Krishen Bahar was presented a traditional turban and first time 'Dastar Bandi' was witnessed during the book release function.

Apart from this a musical event was also organized on the occasion consisting of Bahar's devotional songs composed by Rajesh Khar and sung by Nirmala along with Vishal Pandita and Sharad Pandita. The musicians include Chandan Jasu and Rahul Bhardwaj.

Ramesh Hangloo of Sharda Radio and Rohit Bhat, Director Vomedh also spoke on the occasion.



Dignitaries during a book release function at Jammu on Sunday.

Two arrested for raping minor girl

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 13: Gharota Police arrested two youth for threatening and allegedly raping a minor girl.

As per police sources, On November 11 this year a complaint was lodged by a woman with Police Station Gharota stating that two youth identified as Shamma, son of Rashid and Ashwani, son of Chuni Lal, both residents of Chakkar stopped the way of her 14-year-old daughter and beat her up.

"The youth also took turns to rape my daughter by taking her to nearby fields. They also threatened her of dire consequences if she narrated the ordeal to anyone" the complainant said.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR Number 120/2022 under sections 376-D, 341, 323 and 506 IPC and 3/4 POCSO Act has been registered at Police Station Gharota and hunt has been launched to nab the accused persons.

On specific information, a team from Police Station Gharota led by SHO Inspector Joginder Singh Chib under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal nabbed the alleged rapist from a hideout.

Further investigation into the case is going on.