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## BRIEF

### Jammu blast 1 killed, 6 injured

Jammu, Nov 26 (UNI) One person was killed and six critically injured when a mysterious blast took place in a house in Bishnah area of city outskirts in the winter capital, sources said here today.

### Bomb blast 3 killed, 22 injured

BAGHDAD, Nov 24 (Reuters) Two roadside bombs killed three people and injured 22 near a security checkpoint manned by members of the government-backed Sahwa militia in northern Iraq today, police said.

The blasts, which occurred in the town of Shirqat, 300 km (190 miles) north of Baghdad, happened in quick succession, killing two Sahwa members and a civilian, a police source said. The three were killed by the first explosion while the second caused further injuries after a gathering crowd ignored calls by police to disperse.

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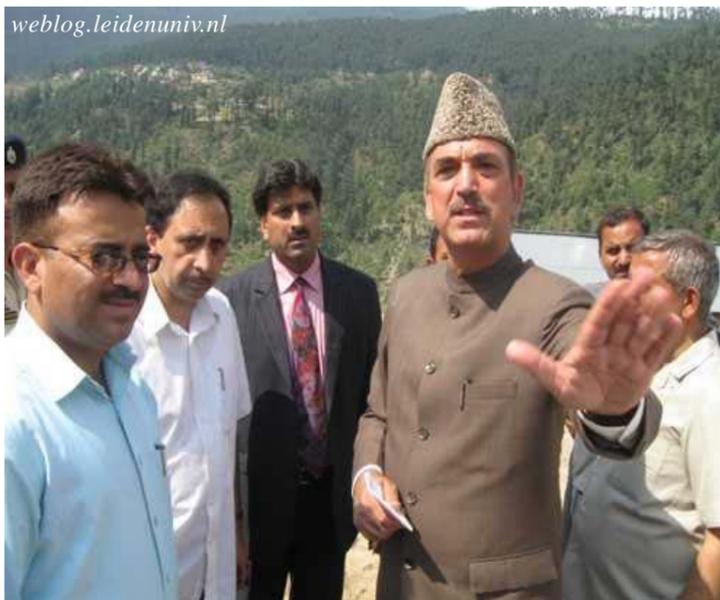


## Retirement age of faculty members to be enhanced to 70 years : Gulam Nabi

Dharamshala, Nov26 (UNI) In view of non availability of the faculty members in the medical colleges in the country as per the genuine parameters the Central Government was contemplating to extend the retirement age of the faculty members from the present age to 70 years.

This was disclosed by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Gulam Nabi Azad while addressing a public meeting in Dr RP Government Medical College Tanda auditorium after he laid down the foundation stone of Rs 150 crore Super Specialty hospital which would be completed within one and half years.

He complimented the State Government for raising an impressive and sprawling



campus of the Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Degree College, Tanda.

He said that health parameters in North were not very encouraging, since it lacked adequate education and health network

infrastructure. Within one year about 4,700 seats of Post Graduates and the Super Specialists were increased in the Medical Colleges of the country and within three years this number would touch 10,000 to 12,000, he added.

## Madhuri magic back again on 'Jhalak Dikhla Ja 4'



New Delhi, Nov 26 (UNI) It seems to be a season of superstars and Bollywood divas on the small screen.

Close on the heels of superstars Amitabh Bachchan, Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar and the vivacious Priyanka Chopra weaving their charm on TV audiences, 1990s Bollywood diva Madhuri Dixit is all set to sizzle the small screen in the fourth season of the dance reality show 'Jhalak Dikhla Jaa', to be aired on Sony

Entertainment television from December 13.

Dancing Queen Madhuri, along with Bollywood's master choreographer Remo D'Souza will judge the dance moves of celebrity contestants from different fields in 'Jhalak Dikhla Jaa'.

Speaking at a press conference here last night to announce the fourth season of the popular show, Madhuri, who will be in India for the next three months for the show, said it was her

passion for dance coupled with the interesting format of the show that pulled her to the reality show.

"Dancing has always been my passion. I have always been associated with dance. So, when Sony came to me with this offer, I jumped at it immediately. I felt that being passionate about dancing, I would be able to do justice to this show as a judge. In fact, I feel that doing this show would be really exciting." Madhuri, who, nearly a decade ago, hosted 'Kahin Naa Kahin Koi Hai', a marriage based reality show on Sony, said had received offers to judge other reality shows as well but it was the interesting concept of 'Jhalak Dikhla Jaa' that she could not afford to refuse.

Asked how she

## Arjun Munda congratulates people of Bihar

Ranchi, Nov 24 (UNI) Jharkhand Chief Minister Arjun Munda today congratulated the people of Bihar for choosing developmental issues to back an efficient NDA government under the leadership of Nitish Kumar.

Mr Munda told reporters here that the people in Bihar chose "development and development only" for which the NDA retained power for the second consecutive term with a thumping majority.

Former BJP national president Rajnath Singh also expressed satisfaction over the way the people of Bihar reposed faith in the able leadership shown by the NDA government.

planned to manage her family life with her preoccupation with the show, Madhuri said, "I guess for the time I am doing this show, my husband will have to play 'mom' to my kids." For Remo, getting to act as a judge alongside the 'Dancing diva' is in



itself a 'once-in-a-lifetime' opportunity.

"I am simply delighted to get an opportunity to act as a judge alongside her. It's a tough job, judging some superb performers.

# Kiran to be the new CM of AP England bowlers strike

## after lunch

Hyderabad, Nov 24 (UNI) Kiran Kumar Reddy will be the new Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

He will be sworn in tomorrow at the Raj Bhawan here.

His name was announced by Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee here late tonight after consultation with AICC president Sonia Gandhi, who was unanimously authorized by the Andhra Pradesh Congress Legislature Party to name next CLP leader.

Fifty year old Mr Reddy is a qualified advocate and presently Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly.

He will resign to take over as the CM of the state.

Mr Mukherjee had telephoned Mr Reddy who has left his Banjara Hill residence for the guest house, where the announcement was made



within an hour after the CLP authorization.

Earlier today, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister K Rosaiah tendered his resignation, less than five hours before an emergent meeting of the Congress Legislature party he had called, citing "advancing age and inability to cope with the pressure" of administration. "We were using loud speakers, asking people to

disperse but the people did not move. That's why there were many wounded people," the source told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

The Sahwa, recruited mainly from the Sunni Arab minority and including former insurgents who turned against al Qaeda, are credited with helping turn the tide of the sectarian warfare that gripped Iraq in 2006-07. Earlier today gunmen killed a construction worker near his house in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad while a roadside bomb wounded two children in the east of the city, police said.

BRISBANE, Nov 26 (Reuters) England's bowlers struck back with four wickets, including that of Australia captain Ricky Ponting, after lunch on the second day of the first Ashes test today to reduce the hosts to 168-5 at tea.

Mike Hussey was at the crease having made an aggressive 46 not out with wicketkeeper Brad Haddin (9) with him still 92

wicketkeeper Matt Prior for 10 in the first over.

His fellow quick Steve Finn kept up the pressure with his first Ashes wicket when he caught and bowled opener Simon Katich, who had survived a couple of scares to make 50, his 25th test half century.

Hussey, under pressure for his place in the side after a thin run of form,



runs behind England's first innings total of 260.

After labouring hard for one wicket in the morning, James Anderson came out firing after the break and got immediate reward when Ponting was caught behind by

tried to take the game back at England, hitting 18 runs off spinner Graeme Swann's second over of the day, first six of the contest over long-on. England's bowlers retook the initiative, however, with another two wickets in quick succession.

## Chandigarh rowing team for Junior National

Chandigarh, Nov 26(UNI)The Chandigarh Rowing Association has announced its team for participation in the 31st Junior National Rowing Championship to be held in Hyderabad from December 1 to 5.

The team was selected during the selection trials held at Sukhna Lake. The team

shall be leaving for Hyderabad on November 29.

Meanwhile, Parmod Kumar Singla, Joint Secretary of Rowing Federation of India and Secretary, Chandigarh Rowing Association has been nominated to be the President of Jury for this competition.

## Curfew in parts of Srinagar

Srinagar, Nov 26 (UNI) Curfew has been imposed in some areas of Srinagar while restrictions under section 144 CrPC were

strictly implemented elsewhere in the valley to prevent any untoward incident in the wake of Hurriyat Conference's foundation laying of "resistance wall".

A police spokesman said here today curfew has been imposed as a precautionary measure in areas falling under police station Rainawaril, Nowhatta, Khanyar, Safa Kadal and Mehraj Gunj in the downtown.

Official sources said the decision to impose curfew was taken to foil any attempt

by people to reach Eidgah martyrs graveyard where the breakaway Hurriyat Conference (HC) chairman

hands were seen deployed on both sides of the Nallahmar from Safa Kadal to Khanyar police station.



Syed Ali Shah Geelani had announced to lay the foundation of a "resistance wall".

State police and security force personnel, wearing bullet proof jackets and holding automatic weapons and lathis in their

Mr Geelani had also appealed to people to hold peaceful protest demonstrations in their respective areas after Friday prayers today.

Violence broke out yesterday in the downtown where people took to the streets and clashed with the security forces and police.

They were protesting the alleged attack on 'moderate' HC Chairman Mirwaiz Moulvi Omar Farooq at Chandigarh yesterday.

The attack on Mirwaiz evoked massive condemnation from separatists, mainstream and minority Sikh and Kashmiri pandit organisations.

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Brightest dawn after the darkest night