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LG's Mulaqaat

People want to be heard & expect quick action from administration: Lt Governor



JAMMU

Effective handling of complaints and grievances is fundamental to accountability and prompt resolution of public concerns in a timely & cost-effective way, said the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha while interacting with people during the latest edition of "LG's Mulaqaat". Live

Public Grievance Hearing programme, at the Civil Secretariat today.

The Lt Governor directed the officers to strengthen public confidence. He also passed on-spot directions to resolve their complaints.

People want to be heard and expect quick action from the administration.

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GOC 9 Corps, delegation of Borderless World Foundation call on LG

JAMMU

General Officer Commanding (GOC) 9 Corps, Lt General Pushpendra Singh called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at the Raj Bhavan here today.

The GOC and the Lt Governor discussed various important aspects pertaining to prevailing security scenario. Major General Neeraj Gosain, GOC Tiger Division accompanied the GOC 9 Corps.

Earlier, a delegation of Borderless World Foundation also called on the Lt Governor.

The delegation headed by its founder, Sh Adhik Kadam apprised the Lt Governor on the issue pertaining to GI registration for Joda Guccchi Mushroom. They also briefed the

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IB safe and secure in Jammu, 7 infiltration attempts foiled this year: IG BSF

JAMMU

Claiming that seven infiltration attempts have been foiled so far this year, Inspector General Border Security Force, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora on Wednesday said that the international border is incident free and completely safe and secure.

He was speaking to the media on the eve of BSF Raising Day here at Paloura based Jammu Frontier Headquarters.

"The borders in Jammu are completely secure. Though infiltration attempts were made from across the border several times but every time they had to face a defeat," said the IG.

He added, "there were seven infiltration attempts made by terrorists so far this year along the India-Pakistan international border but our alert jawans successfully foiled them."

Not only this, Boora said that a large quantity of weapons and drugs were also recovered during the drone dropping or infiltration, including four AK-47 rifles, seven pistols and 50 kgs of narcotic heroin etc.



"It does not matter to us whether there is a terrorist network across the border in Pakistan or not, whoever the enemy may be, we are capable of eliminating him," he said.

"Border Security Force is doing a good job. Despite several attempts by the neighboring country, the borders have been kept incident-free," he added and said, "not only the jawans, but the border dwellers are also acting as ears and eyes for the force."

He said that the BSF is also encouraging farmers with full security who are engaged in farming close to the fence.

On the drone threat, he said, "drone were a challenge for us but a solution has also been found for that too. BSF jawans are equipped with modern weapons, which are capable of shooting down drones very easily and with the help of these weapons we have completely foiled the drone threat along the Jammu border."

During the last few

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5 Kashmiri men awarded life imprisonment

SRINAGAR

NIA Court in New Delhi has awarded a life for 5 Kashmiri youth while 5 years imprisonment to one native from Valley.

All these six persons are currently lodged in New Delhi's Tihar Jail. These six persons were arrested in Kashmir Valley in different militant-related activities.

The verdict was given by Additional Sessions Judge National Investigating Agency (NIA) Court Patiala in New Delhi.

Confirming the verdict of the NIA Court, the Counsel for the convicted persons, Advocate Ume Salma told the news agency Kashmir News Trust (KNT) that they were expecting some mercy from the court that didn't happen.

"We will appeal and approach the High Court and if the need arises the doors of the Supreme Court will also be knocked," she said.

Advocate Ume Salma said that the convicts have been in jail for 3 to 5 years and

as a reformative measure, they had pleaded guilty and were expecting some mercy from the Court.

"The Court of Additional Sessions Judge Shalinder Malik didn't show any mercy. It was an initial stage and we expected the court will give an opportunity to convicts to reform themselves after they pleaded guilty. I should say it was a harsh verdict and we will go for an appeal as there are provisions and we are sure, convicts will get justice," she said.

Those who have been awarded life imprisonment are Sajad Ahmed, Mehranj Chopan, Ishtaq Ahmed Bhat, Muzafar Ahmed Bhat and Bilal Ahmed while Tanveer Ahmed has been awarded 5 years imprisonment.

Advocate Ume Salma said that those who plead guilty are given minimum punishment but the NIA Court contrarily awarded maximum punishment to 5 out of these 6 persons and they will contest this verdict in the High Court.

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Div Com reviews road clearance mechanism in wake of winter season



JAMMU

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today convened a meeting with R&B Engineers, NHAI and BRO to review mechanism being put in place for snow clearance during ongoing winter season in snow bound districts of Jammu division.

Divisional Commissioner directed the concerned Chief Engineers to ensure availability of snow cutter machines in all district headquarters so that clearance of snow from roads is ensured at an earliest.

He asked them to keep men and machinery ready for snow clearance and dewatering pumps in case of water logging.

Div Com also instructed Chief Engineer PWD, officers of NHAI, NHIDCL, BRO, Beacons to formulate plan, activate control rooms in snow bound areas and also submit the action plan and details of deployment to concerned DCs and SSPs for quick response in case of any exigency.

He also stressed on availability of snow cutter machines in far flung areas for

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November

Nine militants, two migrant workers killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR

Nine militants including 3 infiltrators were killed in November this year in Jammu and Kashmir.

Data available with the news agency Kashmir News Trust reveals that 4 local militants and two national from Pakistan were killed in 4 encounters in the month of November.

A militant Shakir Ahmed of Ladermud was killed in Semthan Bijnbehara encounter of Anantnag district.

Three militants Mukhtyar Bhat of Kakapora Pulwama, Saqlain Mushtaq of Kool Pulwama and a Pakistani militant (Ali Mubasir) were killed in Khandipora Awantipora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district. Besides, a militant associate Sajid Tantray of Kulgan who as per police was allegedly involved in the attack on migrant workers was killed in militant firing when he was with them to identify a militant hideout in the Chek Dudo Bijnbehara area of Anantnag.

A Pakistani militant Kamran Bhai was killed in Kapran encounter of Shopian district.

Three infiltrators were killed in 3 separate incidents in Poonch Sector, Katal area of Nowshera sector in Rajouri and in Arina Sector.

Militants struck twice in November resulting in the death of two migrant workers.

A migrant worker Bahadur Thapa (42) son of Gamar Singh of Nepal was killed while another worker from Bihar sustained injuries after militants fired upon them in the Bondalgam area of Anantnag district.

In another attack, two outside labourers Chot Prasad and Govind Kumar, both residents of Gorakhpur, UP were injured after militants fired upon them in Rakhe-Moomin area of Anantnag. Later on Chot Prasad succumbed to his injuries.

11 persons including 9 militants and 2 migrant workers were killed in November. Last month in October there were 15 human casualties including 10 militants a cop, a soldier, and 3 civilians. ✽

India continues to make strides in world of manufacturing: PM Modi

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed happiness over mobile Phone exports getting more than double year on year in April to October of this fiscal. The mobile phone exports raced past 5 billion dollar mark within seven months, which is more than double of 2.2 billion dollar that India clocked in same period of last year. In reply to a tweet of Minister of State for Electronics and IT

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Terrorist hideout busted in Poonch's Surankote

JAMMU

Security forces on Wednesday busted a terrorist hideout in Surankote area of Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir.

Defence spokesman said that based on intelligence inputs about the presence of a

cache of warlike stores, an operation was launched by Indian Army and Police in the upper reaches of Village Nabana in Surankote area of District Poonch.

During the search, a cache of war-like stores was recovered including one AK-47, one AK-56, seven AK Magazines, one pistol with empty magazine, five Chinese grenades and 69 rounds of 7.62 mm.

The operation is still in progress, they added.

Welfare of poor & vulnerable section our top priority: Lt Governor

JAMMU

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today transferred installments to the tune of Rs. 149.17 crore directly to the bank accounts of 35,097 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin, at the Civil Secretariat.

The Lt Governor said the PMAY-G will fulfill beneficiaries' dream of a 'Pucca House' with basic amenities, boost their self-esteem, social status and standard of living.

Highlighting that the welfare of the poor & vulnerable section is the top priority of UT administration, the Lt Governor said that PMAY-G benefits genuinely homeless, those living in dilapidated houses and a large number of women & households from



vulnerable groups. Basic needs assistance will give impetus to rural development and empower the poorest, he added.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, welfare schemes like PMAY-G have transformed people's lives. Our aim is to build a strong and prosperous rural

J&K, said the Lt Governor.

Despite being a slow starter, J&K has gained momentum in realizing the vision of 'Housing for all'. Our target is to build more than 2 lakh houses. Special camps have been organized to identify the left out deserving beneficiaries of PMAY, the

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India to assume G20 Presidency from December 1

NEW DELHI

India will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from tomorrow to till 30 November next year. During the course of its Presidency, India will be holding about 20 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across the country. The G20 Summit to be held next year would be one

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DySP Crime Branch Jammu suspended

SRINAGAR

The government of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday suspended a deputy superintendent of police of Crime Branch Jammu.

The order states that the suspended officer Varinder Singh has been attached in J&K

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Education key to preparing youth for transforming India as global human resource hub: Rana



JANDRAH

Highlighting the huge push given to education after the implementation of National Education Policy, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today exuded confidence about Jammu and Kashmir benefitting from the initiative in a big way.

empowerment and preparing them for transforming India into the world's largest human resource hub. Mr Rana said while addressing parents and teachers at the Annual Day of National Academy High School, Jandrah in Nagrota Assembly constituency.

He expressed happiness over the immense interest being evinced

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2nd Coordination meeting between STD, CGST officers held at Jammu



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: The 2nd Coordination meeting between the officers of State Taxes Department (STD), J&K and Central GST (CGST) officers was jointly held by Commissioner State Taxes J&K, Dr. Rashmi Singh and Commissioner Central Goods and Service Taxes, H.S. Negi today at Excise and Taxation Complex here.

The meeting was held with an aim of exploring common ground in areas of information exchange and for closer coordination in field activities.

During the meeting, the follow up action of 1st Coordination Meeting by both the departments was

also discussed in detail. Speaking during the meeting, the Commissioner State Taxes stated that through the collaborative efforts of both State Taxes Department and Central GST Chandigarh Zone, we have established this platform of coordination and today held the 2nd meeting to take this discussion forward. She added that the positive outcome yielded from this platform will benefit not just tax administration of just Centre and State but also taxpayers.

Commissioner CGST, while speaking in the meeting, said that we look forward for more such meetings and closer coordination with UTGST officers for augmentation of the Government revenue.

During the meeting, Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Tax Planning Policy and Advance Ruling) J&K and Joint Commissioner Central Goods and Service Taxes presented the status of sharing specific real time intelligence inputs between the two departments so far. The State Taxes Department informed that through their DDOs awareness campaigns, registrations have seen a jump from approximately 3000 to more than 7000 across the J&K.

The meeting decided that a joint mechanism for clearing of Tran-I and Tran-II cases will be established. It

was also decided that methods for augmenting revenue and establishing an ease of doing business mechanism will be established.

Earlier, Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Tax Planning Policy and Advance Ruling), Ankita Kar presented brief agenda of the meeting including thrust areas like exchange of information and intelligence for enforcement action, best practices being followed by both the departments, information dissemination for greater compliance to GST Laws and bulk awareness campaigns for taxpayers, industries associations and other stake holders of UT of J&K and preventive action to curb tax evasion.

Namrita Dogra, Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Adm & Enf), Jammu, Shakeel Maqbool, Additional Commissioner State Taxes (Adm & Enf), Kashmir, T.P.S Nagpal, Joint Commissioner, CGST Audit, Commissionerate, Jammu and Dr. Sandeep Kaur, Deputy Commissioner, CGST Commissionerate, Jammu were also present in the meeting.

City Vending and City Resource Mobilization Finance plan to come into force soon: Mayor JMC

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: To meet the growing challenges faced by Jammu Municipal Corporation regarding Rehri menace within the jurisdiction of JMC and to improve the economic conditions of JMC, a sustainable City Vending Plan for Jammu city and City Resource mobilization finance plan was discussed in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma, here today.

The meeting was attended by all members of the Executive Committee of JMC, Commissioner JMC and concerned officers of JMC working on these proposals of JMC and officers from Smart city.

Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav briefed about the roadmap for implementation of the proposals on the ground so as to meet the day to day challenges at its own.

"To allow for a visionary and better facilities to Jammuites and for the future of brighter Jammu there is a



need for vision document by all the allied departments and our efforts should be to give a relief from rehri menace to the general public" said Mayor while addressing the officers. We are also working on to improve the financial position of JMC, he added.

A threabre discussion was held regarding exploring the ideas to work out a framework for making Jammu a place with a better living infrastructure.

Mayor directed the engineering

wing of JMC to expedite the work of repair of JMC Flats at Sabzi Mandi, Parade.

The Mayor said that Committees of Councillors will be formed for transparent and efficient solutions of all issues pertaining to JMC such as Rehri phari, overflowing of nalhans, hoardings, towers, illegal constructions.

The Mayor asked all stakeholders to work together to create an attractive atmosphere, clean Jammu to live with better facilities to Jammuites.

Comm Secy S&T inaugurates day-long awareness programme on GCRSS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: The Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development (JAKEDA) today conducted day-long awareness programme on Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Scheme (GCRSS) of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), GoI at Town Hall, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), here.

The programme was inaugurated by Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology (S&T), Saurabh Bhagat.

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav; senior officers of JMC, PDD, Public Health Engineering Departments, Science & Technology department and vendors empanelled under the Rooftop Solar Scheme were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Saurabh Bhagat said that the Ministry has sanctioned a cumulative capacity of 200 MW for Jammu City and 20 MW for the rest of the Districts of the UT wherein the Ministry provides an incentive of 40% for all the Solar Plants upto 3 KW capacity and 20% beyond 3 KW upto 10 KW. He added that in addition to above, a flat subsidy of 25% shall be provided by the UT government for all the Solar Plants upto 10 KW capacity to make the scheme viable for residential consumers.

The Commissioner Secretary suggested to map all the metered areas of Jammu City where the scheme could be implemented in the 1st phase and advised Executive Engineer, PDD, to



provide the requisite information in this regard. He also asked JMC authorities to make the installation of solar power plants mandatory for all fresh building permissions issued by BOCA. The Commissioner Secretary also informed about PM-KUSUM scheme which is primarily meant for upliftment of farmers wherein the farmers can install subsidized Solar Powered Pumps upto 10 H.P. capacity for which the Ministry provides 50% subsidy and the UT of J&K provides an additional subsidy of 30% of the total cost of the system with farmers having to bear only 20% cost of the pump.

Speaking on the occasion Commissioner, JMC suggested involving all the Corporators of Jammu City in the implementation of the Rooftop Solar Scheme and advised JAKEDA to place large hoardings at all vantage points in Jammu City for publicity of the scheme. He also suggested to play voice messages/jingles publishing

the scheme, from the garbage vans during door to door collection of garbage from residential households.

The CEO, JAKEDA informed that the group housing societies could also avail the subsidy under the Rooftop Solar Scheme by installing the solar power plant at a Centrally located place and take the net metering benefit individually in a proportional manner.

During the programme, the officers were apprised about the various benefits/incentives extended by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy MNRE GoI, under the Rooftop Solar Scheme, which is primarily meant for off-setting the Monthly Electricity Bills by residential consumers of UT of J&K through net metering mechanism.

The pamphlets containing all the related information of Rooftop Solar Scheme, like prices, subsidy amount, beneficiary share, contact numbers of nodal persons, were also distributed among the officers on the occasion.

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Mushroom. They also briefed the Lt Governor on the efforts of their foundation in promoting the local products and protecting the interests of the farmers.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of due consideration of all genuine issues projected by them.

DC Ramban hands over certificates among beneficiaries of Tejaswani & PMGREP schemes

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOV 30: The Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarrat Islam handed over the certificates to beneficiaries under Tejaswani and PMGREP schemes in a function here today.

Deputy District Election Officer, Ramban, Lal Chand, AD, Employment and Counseling Centre Ramban, Dr. Sushant Gupta, Manager, JK Bank Maitra, Ramban, Vinay Khajuria, and various concerned officers.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC

said that there is a need for creativity and innovation to flourish the business started by new entrepreneurs, besides asking the beneficiaries to select the trade for business in which they have expertise and potential as per the requirement of the market.

He also advised them to go for agro-based organic products which have great potential at local, national, and international levels.

He directed the AD Employment to organize a youth conference in near future to take a firsthand appraisal of the need and potential of the youth so

that more and more cases are sanctioned as per the requirements of areas.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI has informed that the power supply to Upper Roop Nagar, Lower Roop Nagar, Upper Paloura, Chinor, Durga Nagar, Mashid Mohalla and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 01 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Dist Admin Gbl holds Block Diwas at Indoor Stadium, Sehpora

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 30: The District Administration Ganderbal today held Block Diwas at Indoor Stadium Sehpora for block Sherpathri.

The programme was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simtani along with Vice-Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad Sheikh and ASP Feroz Yehya.

On the occasion, PRs and locals from block Sherpathri apprised the ADDC about their needs and grievances including land settlement, Higher Secondary School in Sherpathri, better public transport facilities, upgradation of health, electricity and water facilities, Fair Price Shop in Gundi Rehman, Fire and Emergency service, Aganwardi centers in Shalabugh area, dredging of irrigation canals and repairing of street lights. After giving patient hearing to the public, the ADDC assured that all genuine demands shall be looked into on priority.

He stressed on the speedy completion of ongoing developmental projects in all panchayat halqas and instructed concerned parties to resolve all issues on priority basis, halting the work execution.



On the occasion, the participants were also apprised about different social security schemes and online services by various departments like Revenue, Agriculture, Handicrafts and other departments.

Among others, the block Diwas was attended by CAO, CAHO, AD, Handicrafts, AD, FCS&CA, Tehsildar Tullamulla, BDO Sherpathri and other district and sectoral officers.

Later, ADDC along with Vice-Chairperson DDC Ganderbal visited Shalabugh wetland which has a total area of land around 20k kanals con-

nected to Achar Lake to inspect the restoration works for restoring its pristine glory. On the occasion, the ADDC gave necessary instructions to the concerned for early completion of minor restoration works including dredging and make necessary arrangements for three-day Bird watching festival in Shalabugh wetlands commencing from 13 February, 2023.

PRs, Tehsildar Tullamulla and officials of wildlife wetlands also accompanied the ADDC during the visit.

VC J&K-KVIB chairs Awareness Camp/ Interaction programme at Kokernag

JJ NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 30: J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) today organised an awareness camp cum interaction programme with aspiring entrepreneurs and educated unemployed youth of Kokernag area at Meeting Hall (KDA) Kokernag, here.

Dr. Hina Shafi, Vice Chairperson (VC) J&K KVIB was the chief guest on the occasion and was accompanied by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Deputy CEO KVIB Kashmir Division, Deputy CEO (P/R/S), District Officer KVIB Anantnag, Officers from different Nationalised Banks viz. J&K Bank, SBI, PNB, etc and other senior officers of the Board and line departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hina gave a brief of details about various initiatives being taken up by the Government with regard to promoting "Ease of Doing Business".



She informed the general masses, especially educated youth that the aim and objective of today's programme was to make the unemployed educated youth and aspiring entrepreneurs as partners in the economic development of the UT of J&K thereby improving their standard of living. Dr. Hina assured the aspiring entrepreneurs of the area that the government is committed to extend every type of hand-holding support for development of the Micro-Industrial Sector in UT of J&K.

Underlining the need for inculcation of market-oriented skills among youth, she reiterated that the Board

is working in this direction and craft & skill development programmes are being undertaken in various districts of UT of J&K. She advised the educated youth to come forward and avail benefits of the scheme and create their income/employment generating units without wandering after the government jobs.

She further said that due to the efforts of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, the mandate of the PMEGP to J&K KVIB has been extended to the Urban Areas also and further the quantum of the finance under Manufacturing & Service centre has been enhanced to Rs 20 lacs and Rs 50 lacs

respectively so that the enough finances are provided to the unemployed educated youth and entrepreneurs to create jobs/employment in the rural as well as urban areas.

Dr. Hina while quoting the Prime Minister's Skill India Mission informed that Skill India mission is not merely to fill pockets but to bring a sense of self-confidence among the poor/entrepreneurs/educated youth and the Government is determined to make the youth partners in the economic development of the Country as well as UT of J&K.

Later, she distributed the Skill Development Training certificates among the trainees who attended a skill development programme in the district.

She highlighted the overall performance of J&K KVIB under PMEGP scheme in Anantnag and said that 250 units have been established involving Margin Money (Subsidy) of Rs 4.24 Crores during the current financial year.

Block Diwas: Public Grievance Redressal Camps held across Sub Divisions of Bla



JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 30: Continuing its efforts to get first hand appraisal of public issues and grievances, public grievance redressal camps were today organized across various sub-divisions of Baramulla.

In Uri Sub division the main function of Block Diwas was organized in Parapeelan block which marked the participation of different stakeholders including PRIs, civil society members, among other prominent citizens from Parapeelan and its adjoining areas.

On the occasion, the Subdivisional

Magistrate and other concerned stakeholders highlighted various grievances and demands meant for the overall welfare of the area.

The demands put forth included availability of basic public services in a smooth and hassle free manner besides potable drinking water, uninterrupted electricity among other demands of vital public importance.

The people also expressed their gratitude to the district administration for conducting the reach out programme in the area.

Similar camps for redressal of public grievances were conducted in

Pattan and Tangmarg Sub divisions where concerned SDMs gave a patient hearing to all the demands and resolved some of the important grievances/issues on the spot. It was also assured that all other remaining issues shall be taken with the concerned authorities.

On spot directions were passed to some officers in this regard to timely completion of the public works.

Reiterating upon the administration commitment of streamlining public services delivery, it was added that several initiatives are being taken to redress core public issues and grievances on priority.

On the occasion, various sports kits were distributed for encouraging youth to participate in sports at grass root level.

Further, it was given out that participation of youth in sports activities helps to build up their connection to their community.

Highlighting the importance of sports, SDM Uri said that sports acts as a buffer against depression while also increasing self esteem. He asked for maximum participation of youth in sports activities. DDC member Boniyar, Mohammad Ismail Khan, BDC Chairman Parapeelan, Sectoral Officers were present in the outreach programme.

'My Town My Pride' Phase-2

President MC Ramban presided over an awareness function, launches plantation drive

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 30: District Administration Ramban intensified activities under Jan Abhiyan as a part of 'My Town My Pride' Phase-2 under the aegis of the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarrat Islam to achieve the indicators of different sectors for saturating all developmental, social and job oriented schemes.

The line departments organized various programmes in all three Municipal limits of the district including Ramban, Banihal and Batote.

The President, MC, Sumita Sumbria presided over an awareness camp organized by the Municipal Council, Ramban which was attended by the Councillors, DFO Ramban Rajan Singh, DFO SF, Mahesh Thakur, ARTO, Saminder Singh, Prominent Citizens, various other officers of line departments and the general public.

The officers of the Motor Vehicle Department, Forest, Industries, Housing Board, JPDC, Jal Shakti, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, KVIB, and other line departments sensitize the participants about the schemes of their respective departments, besides encouraging the youth to take benefit of all government schemes, especially job oriented schemes.

The main focus was laid on the saturation of various schemes like PMJAY, PMAY-U, Golden card, and PMEGP



and various pension schemes of the social sector.

After planting a sapling in the premises of Dak Bungalow Ramban, the President MC inspected the stalls installed by the various departments to sensitize the general public about the various welfare schemes launched by the government for the benefit of the people, especially unemployed youth.

It was informed that Jan Abhiyan is being conducted in all three municipalities of District Ramban to saturate all developmental, social sector, and job-

oriented schemes launched by the different departments to facilitate the public, especially poor, deprived, and downtrodden sections of the urban areas of the district.

Similar programmes were also held at the Municipal Committee, Banihal and Batote in their respective MCs where the Executive Officers, officers, and officials of various departments sensitized the general public about the welfare schemes launched for the benefit of people, especially unemployed youth.

the age of superannuation here at different programmes at Ramban.

Chairperson, DDC Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan, Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Sharma, ACR, Giasul Haq, Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, Dy. DEO Lal Chand, DSEO Ganesh Kumar, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti, Sudhir Sharma, and various senior

officers attended the farewell functions. While wishing them a happy and healthy post-retirement life, the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Musarrat Islam acknowledged their contributions and good gestures to their respective departments.

All the senior officers extended their good wishes to the retiring officers and officials on the occasion.

IMHANS imparts capacity enhancing training to SUKoon Counsellors

Toll free 1800-180-7202 helpline turns out a lifeline in rehabilitation process

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOV 30: As a part of enhancing capacity of psychologists & counsellors of SUKoon, the Divisional Administration Kashmir started training module on essentials of online & telephonic counseling as well as didactic training for psychologists and counsellors at Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences, Srinagar. The objective of training programme is to make SUKoon a versatile and compatible to address issues of substance abusers and mental health issues of general public.

Pertinently SUKoon Helpline line 1800-180-7202 has proved very fruitful in addressing the substance induced mental disorder.

SUKoon works as an interface between the substance users and experts who pull drug abuse victims out of the menace through counseling and medicine. Incharge Divisional Control Room Kashmir and SUKoon Mental Helpline, Tahir Magrey while speaking about the training programme said that the aim of the training programme is to equip the counsellors with the communication skills

congruous with the needs of psychological counselling. He added that SUKoon is a platform where people particularly youth can give a vent to their anguish in a conducive atmosphere besides imparts guidance regarding detoxifying themselves incase involved in substance abuse. He said, Divisional Administration is committed to purge the society from the evil of drug and substance abuse and concerted efforts are being made by administration to eradicate drug abuse and to remove stigma associated with post rehabilitation.

First-ever Winter Tribal festival held at Ketson, Aloosa Bandipora

Locals together shake legs to dhol beats during Tribal Winter festival at B'pora

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 30: A first of its kind Tribal Winter Festival witnessed huge public rush at Ketson, Bandipora.

The festival was organised at Ketson Bandipora by District Administration Bandipora in collaboration with Tourism and Tribal Affairs (Gujjar & Bakarwal Boys Hostel Bandipora), Departments, RDD and Wullar Battalion (Indian Army) to give boost to tourism in tribal areas.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed inaugurated the festival which received overwhelming response from locals dressed up in traditional attire. The welcome address was presented by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Waseem Raja. He called for public cooperation for promoting tourism in the area.

He also urged the public to come forward to register for home stays.

The programme witnessed a variety of programmes which were a mixture of music, dance, and depiction of culture



through music and dances that attracted the attention of people and enthralled the audience who responded and appreciated by cheering at them.

To the beats of Typical Desi Dhol, people from Kashmiri Community, Gujjars and Bakerwals hit the floor and shook legs together in a unique portrayal of cultural unity in diversity.

The Gatka was another attraction of the day that was performed by members of two tribal communities portraying the fighting spirit of the Gujjar com-

munity amid all geographic, social and political odds. Students from various schools and Gujjar & Bakarwal Boys Hostel Bandipora presented skits and dramas highlighting the importance of education urging the community to educate their offspring, so as to improve their socio-economic status of the people.

A skit highlighting the ills of Drug abuse was also presented by school children. The day also witnessed an attractive Kabbadi match and a unique tug of war between

senior citizens and young participants.

Stalls were installed by various departments including Agriculture, NRLM, Tourism, revenue, Horticulture etc

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that Tribal areas have enough potential for tourism attraction to boost employment opportunities. He highlighted the role of various Government sponsored, public oriented schemes for economic upliftment.

He also stressed on counseling and rehabilitation of Drug addicts.

Dr. Owais assured development of sports infrastructure in the area to engage local youth. He said the tribal winter festival brings together customs and traditions of tribals.

He said that such festivals revive, promote and preserve the tourism in the district.

The programme was attended by Capt Bharat Singh Rawat, DDC member Aloosa, Mewa Jan, Padmashri Faisal Ali Dar, BDC Aloosa, Officers, officials, PRIs and a large gathering of men, women and children.

WEEKLY BLOCK DIWAS

DC Srinagar holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Nowhatta in Shahr-e-Khaas

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 30:- To listen to the grievances of people at their door steps and to ensure on spot resolution of their developmental issues, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today held a Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Community Facilitation Centre, Nowhatta area in Shahr-e-Khaas of the District as part of Public Outreach Programme.

The programme witnessed large participation of people from Nowhatta, Radpora, Shahampora, Khawaja Bazar and other adjoining areas in Khanyar Tehsil of the District. Among others the Public Grievance Redressal Camp was attended by General Manager JPC, Programme Officer, ICDS, Chief Planning Officer, Tehsildar Khanyar, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Executive Engineer PHE, District Social Welfare Officer and other Zonal and Sectoral Officers of the District. During the Grievance Redressal Camp, public delegations and other individuals projected various developmental issues before the DC including augmentation of drainage systems in the area, repairs of lanes & drains and other issues. At the occasion, a group of artisan of Shahr e Khaas

associated with Copperware also projected their demand with regard to strict implementation of the ban on manufacture of specified copper utensils by machines, as prohibited under J&K Prohibition on Manufacture of Specified Copper Utensils (by Machines) Act 2006. Similarly, a delegation from Rang Masjid Hawal and Firdous Colony Eidgah also called on the Deputy Commissioner and demanded early completion of the sewerage/drainage system in their respective areas. After giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, the DC sought on the spot response from the concerned District Officers present during the Grievance Redressal Camp. He also assured the people of Eidgah Tehsil that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be looked into on priority for their speedy redressal. Addressing the gathering, on the occasion, the DC said the purpose of holding such grievance redressal Camp is to bring Administration to the door steps of the people and take first hand appraisal of local issues from the general public for precise and on-ground assessment for time bound redressal. The DC urged the local youth to come forward and avail the benefits of different welfare

schemes of the Government launched for handholding of the unemployed youth so that they earn livelihood with dignity and honour. The DC also directed for holding a joint special awareness cum registration camp to sensitize people about the various schemes.

Earlier, Chief planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone gave a detailed overview about various development and welfare schemes of the Government and urged people to take maximum benefits from all such welfare schemes.

Similarly, Functional Manager, DIC, Muejeb Ahmad and Career Counselling Officer, DE&CC Srinagar Manzoor Ahmad deliberated about different schemes implemented by DIC and DE&CC in the District for unemployed youth to earn their livelihood by setting up income generating units. On the occasion, people of the area thanked the Deputy Commissioner for conducting Block Diwas in Nowhatta area of Shahr-e-Khaas for the first time and bringing Administration at the doorsteps of the people for early redressal of their grievances and issues. During the public redressal Grievance Camp the proceedings of the programme were conducted by Tehsildar Eidgah, Aaliya Tabasum.

DC Srinagar inspects progress on major ongoing development projects in City

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR NOVEMBER 30:- The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Wednesday undertook a visit to Tengpora Bemina area of the City to oversee the progress of works being carried out on several major developmental projects including Animal Birth Control & Anti Rabies Centre, Slaughter House Alochibagh, STP Tengpora and 150 MVA GIS Power Sub Station Alochibagh. The DC was accompanied by Chief Planning Officer Srinagar, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Joint Commissioner Works, SMC, Rajindra Singh,

Executive Engineer, JKPC and other concerned. While reviewing the progress of work on Animal Birth Control Centre at Tengpora being constructed at a cost of Rs 1.43 crore with all the modern facilities, the DC was apprised that the Centre is having a capacity of conducting 60 sterilization surgeries in a day, besides will also house an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Centre. The DC was informed that the project is near to completion and over 90 percent work on the Sterilization cum Vaccination Centre has been completed and the remaining work is going on faster pace. The DC asks

the concerned Officers to expedite the works on Administrative block, Operation theatre, procurement surgical equipments with OT table, besides works for construction of walkways, greenspace and allied face lifting works. At Alochibagh, the DC inspected the works on proposed Modern Sheep Abattoir (Slaughter House) at a cost of Rs 24.52 crore. At the site, the DC was given a detailed appraisal that process for hiring a consultancy is in progress and accordingly work shall commence to establish a modern abattoir facility.

Similarly, the DC took stock of the work being executed on Alochibagh- Tengpora STP under construction at Rs 12.7 crore to strengthen the drainage/sewerage network system in the area. Later, he DC inspected the ongoing work on Rs 8 crore 150 MVA GIS Power Sub Station at Alochibagh which is nearing completion. On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned to work in double shifts to complete the remaining part of the project to further improve the power supply in areas of Rajbagh, Padshahbagh, Alochibagh, Jawahar Nagar, Exhibition, Silk factory, Tengpora and other adjoining areas to be catered by the GIS Sub-Station.

Agriculture department holds Awareness Camp at Devsar



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30: A day-long awareness camp on Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises was today organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with Planning and Marketing department Kulgam at Devsar, here.

A number of local farmers, Self-help group members, prominent citizens, unemployed youth and PRI representatives from different villages of Block Devsar and Pahlou attended the awareness camp.

Additional District Development

Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather was the chief guest.

While addressing the participants, the ADDC deliberated upon the benefits of the scheme and appealed to the youth to come forward and establish food processing units in the primary sector of the economy so that employment can be generated besides food is also preserved.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Sartaj Ahmad Shah raised awareness about the PMFME scheme. He said that the scheme has a number of benefits like 35% subsidy, hassle free loan from Financial Institutions, complete hand

holding for registration under Udyam, FSSAI, GST along with full guidance about Packaging, Labeling, Branding and Marketing.

He encouraged the people to take benefit of the PMFME scheme which not only opens a number of opportunities for them to export their products to different parts of the country outside J&K but also to different countries outside India.

Speaking on the occasion District Agriculture Officer Dawood Ahmad Shad exhorted people to avail benefits of the PMFME scheme and process local agricultural products to increase their shelf life as well as add considerable value to these products.

The programme witnessed huge participation and several interested participants were registered under the PM-FME Scheme on spot.

A Resource Person from the Agriculture department briefed the audience about the ODOP Spices and Pickles, its scope and potential. The participants were acquainted with the scope of expansion of Spices cultivation and its trade in the district.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 235 of 2022-23

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Repair/replacement of damaged components of LT control panel of HC pumping unit no. 01 of CPS Parade.	200/-	02% of the Quoted amount	180 days	180 days

Position of AAA: Approved under ARD for the year 2022-23
 Position of TS: Sanctioned

Date of Publishing : 29-11-2022 02.00 pm.

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-11-2022 (02.00 pm).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 29-11-2022 (02.00 pm) to 12-12-2022 (02.00 pm).
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 13-12-2022 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Cost of bidding document in shape of e-challan/single window challan of JMC pledged to Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu/tender fee receipt through online payment through the JMC link <http://www.jmcjammu.org/online-payment.html>
- The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L₁ bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu within 05 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L₁ bidder within 05 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The original documents when submitted by L₁ bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
- Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of CDR/FDR of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days after last date of receipt of Bid.

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Subject: Engagement of Guest Instructor for the academic session 2021-23 (Self financing).
 RE-ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE.

Due to poor response from the candidates of advertisement notice issued under endorsement no. ITI/Rsi/2022/530 dated:15-11-2022. The applications from the interested candidates who are permanent residents of J&K (UT) are again invited for temporarily engagement as Guest Instructor in Govt. ITI, Reasi for the following trade (self financing scheme) for the academic session 2021-23. The interested candidates will submit their applications in the prescribed format annexure "A" to this advertisement notice within one week time from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper.

S.No.	Guest Instructor Required for the trade.	Prescribed qualification.
1/	Electrician (Self financing scheme)	B.Voc/Degree in Electrical /Electrical&Electronics Engineering from AICTE/UGC recognized Engineering College/University with one year experience in the relevant field. OR Three years Diploma in Electrical/Electrical &Electronic Engineering from AICTE/recognized Board of Technical Education or relevant advanced diploma (Vocational) from DGT with two years experience in the relevant field. OR NTC/NAC in the trade of "Electrician" with three years post qualification experience in the relevant field. Essential qualification : Relvant National Craft Instructor certificate(NCIC) in any of the variants under DGT.

The application form in the prescribed format must accompanied with the self attested copies of the following certificates/documents.

- Academic/Technical Qualification marks certificates.
- Date of birth certificate.
- Character certificate.
- Domicile certificate
- Experience certificate if any in the relevant field.

The engagement of the candidate as Guest Instructor shall be made from amongst the eligible candidates strictly as per criteria mentioned in the Directorate of Skill Development, J&K minutes of meeting endorsement NO:DSD/101/2021/3911-14 dated:01-12-2021 and honorarium to the engagee will be paid as per standing guidelines.

The candidate engaged shall have to maintain proper discipline and punctuality and shall have to work to the entire satisfaction of the students as well as the HOL. Indiscipline of any kind will entail his disengagement. The engagee will have to submit the required affidavit duly attested by the competent authorities before he is allowed to join in the Institute.

Incomplete applications will not be entertained and rejected without any notice.

NO:ITI/Rsi/2022/575
 Dated: 29-11-2022

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ANNEXURE-A

Application form for engagement of Guest Faculty, ITI Reasi for the academic session 2022-24 in Fitter trade (Normal)

- Name of the candidate (In block letter) _____
- Parentage _____
- Date of birth _____
- Marital status _____
- Address _____
- Contact No. _____

Passport size photo.

7. Qualification:

S.No.	Examination passed	Year of passing	Name of board/university	Total marks	Marks obtained	Aggregate %age.
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8. Technical Qualification.

S.No.	Examination passed	Year of passing	Name of board/university	Total marks	Marks obtained	Aggregate %age.
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9/ Experience if any in relevant field _____

Signature of the candidate.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Don't Dream to be something but Rather dream to do Something great” - PM Narendra Modi

JINDRAH IMAGES

Constitutional safeguards for Ladakh

Yet again, the struggle for constitutional safeguards for Ladakh UT has got new impetus with various social and political parties hitting the streets and threatening to further intensify their agitation if the Government of India did not concede to their demands enlisted in a four-point agenda. Last week, different organizations in the ideologically-different districts held demonstrations in Kargil and Leh seeking fulfillment of their demands. This followed a resolution passed in the BJP-ruled Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, during a special session. Held under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Councillor Tashi Gyalson, the session was attended by BJP councillors besides Leader of Opposition Tsering Namgyal and other Congress members in the House having a strength of 30. Threadbare discussion took place on the two resolutions. The first resolution stated that there was a need for a constitutional safeguard for Ladakh under a suitable provision as per the aspiration of the Ladakh people. The second resolution sought constitutional safeguard on the lines of the Sixth Schedule. The House passed the resolution, seeking the Central Government's intervention in fulfilling the aspirations of the Ladakh people with the need for having safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade. Every member of the House showed concern on the need for having a proper safeguard protecting the interest of the people of Ladakh in every sector. The resolution seeks safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade in Ladakh for the local people. Ladakhi people have been demanding for full-fledged statehood, constitutional safeguard under sixth schedule for Ladakh, early recruitment for various posts and additional Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seats since the Ladakh UT was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. Despite having ideological differences over varied issues, there has been near unanimity over constitutional safeguards for Ladakh to protect the interests of Ladakhi people. Since the bifurcation of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, from where Ladakh has been carved out as a separate Union Territory, the people of Ladakh region have become apprehensive of protecting their land and jobs from outside. It is a well said proverb that necessity is the mother of invention and that is what the representatives of two different districts have well understood. They have now realized that it would be different for them to achieve the long cherished dream of a statehood to the Ladakh region individually. Following the revival of their agitation, the Centre recently authorized the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur for framing recruitment rules for public services and gazetted posts in the Union Territory. Till now, unity has been proved to be the major strength of Ladakh people and it is going to bring desired results in future.

Constitution was a product of freedom struggle

Durbari historians, ignoring the ethics of the profession, twist the past. Historians who serve power write of a past as if it was taken out of a fairy tale. This is exactly the problem with the concept note that accompanied the gov't order to observe Constitution Day on November 26 as Bharat: Loktantra Ki Janani (India: Mother of Democracy). The intention is to represent India as a nation right from time immemorial.

NEERA CHANDHOKE

HISTORIAN Eric Hobsbawm memorably wrote that nations without a past are a contradiction in terms. What makes a nation is history, and historians produce nationalist histories. They define who is the rightful inheritor of the nation and who is not. History in the hands of nationalists, writes Hobsbawm caustically, can kill more people than incompetent builders. Historians cannot evade their complicity in the creation of brutal nationalism.

Durbari historians, ignoring the ethics of the profession, twist the past. A historian well-versed in his or her craft will take care to register the multiple events that make up the past: contradictions, dominance and resistance. Historians who serve power write of a past as if it was taken out of a fairy tale. This is exactly the problem with the concept note of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) that accompanied the government's order to observe Constitution Day on November 26 as Bharat: Loktantra Ki Janani (India: Mother of Democracy).

We are told that since ancient times people ruled themselves in village republics. This democratic political institution protected a glorious Hindu civilisation against invaders and colonisers. For these historians, history is a smoothly unfolding saga of events that are completely unaffected by any internal or external factor: earth-shaking changes in knowledge systems, waves of migration that led to the fusion of two cultures, discoveries in new ways of understanding society, political innovations and political institutions, new forms of domination and newer forms of resistance.

Their intention is to represent India as a nation right from time immemorial, notwithstanding that the concept of the nation originated in the 18th century in France and Italy. The second purpose is to erase the contribution of the Mughals to architecture, painting, language, poetry, literature, cuisine, manners and knowledge. The third objective is to subvert the contribution of our freedom struggle, and the role of our Constitution in democracy. Every schoolchild knows that there



is a distinct difference between the 1857 revolt led by feudal elites and the freedom struggle, which beginning in 1885 gradually moved to not only independence, but also democratic constitutionalism.

They have existed since ancient Greece. The history of modern constitutions was inaugurated in the 18th century. In the USA, the Constitution, written at the Philadelphia Convention in 1787 and subsequently ratified by a majority of states that subsequently formed a federation, took effect in 1788. In France, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen, which came into existence in 1789 during the fall of the Bastille and the French Revolution, formed the Preamble to the Constitution enacted in 1791. In both cases, a new Constitution followed the overthrow of the previous regime; a colonial power in the case of the US and the monarchical regime in France.

By the middle of the 20th century, the arrival of newly decolonised states onto the world stage was marked by an explosion of constitutional-making. The postcolonial world looked to India where a democratic Constitution came into force in 1950. This was accomplished

despite the fact that the country did not meet the requirements set by western theorists for democracy — literacy, a middle class, a degree of economic wellbeing, cultural homogeneity, and a civic culture. Modern constitutions are distinct from earlier ones because they establish conditions for the legitimate and justifiable exercise of state power. Central to the limits on state power is a Bill of Rights for Citizens.

The Constitution, which was adopted on November 26, 1949, was written by the Indians and for the Indians. It was a product of the freedom struggle. If Indians who mobilised in the massive numbers behind the egalitarianism of Jawaharlal Nehru and the ethical politics of Mahatma Gandhi were not aspiring for equality, freedom and justice in a post-colonial order, what were they aspiring for: imaginary village republics?

BR Ambedkar had dismissed this vanity by calling villages cesspools of cruelty, caste prejudice and communalism. Even a cursory reading of the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly tells us of the dreams of the founding fathers to overturn the highly inequalitarian social order of India and give to the people democracy.

Our fine Constitution was written against the background of the destruction and death that followed the Partition. Yet, the specific mandate of the Constituent Assembly, said Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, was to create a Constitution in a spirit of courage, kindness, generosity, tolerance, and regard for each other's feelings. Members of the Constituent Assembly had the confidence that this could be done. There were also doubts. Dr Ambedkar reminded us in his final address on the draft Constitution on November 25, 1949, that, however, even a good Constitution might be, it is sure to turn bad if those who are called upon to work it happen to be a bad lot. However had a Constitution may be, it might turn out to be good if those who work it are good. Ruling classes must respect history, even if they were not a part of it. Those who disrespect history today are condemned to being disrespected tomorrow. Their best laid plans can be overturned by what Italian diplomat Niccolò Machiavelli called fortune: "Fortune changes, but men are set in their ways. Men will succeed when the two are in harmony and fail when they are not in accord."

Linking grassroots innovators, tech systems

DINESH C. SHARMA

INDIA is not only a country with 1.4 billion people but also one with millions of problems. We can find solutions for these problems by effectively deploying science, technology and innovation. Solutions are required for a multitude of problems in the context of the basic needs of people — food, shelter, health, clean air, drinking water, communication, energy, education, agriculture and so on. It is not as if solutions or technologies don't exist for these problems in India or elsewhere, but the available solutions may not be affordable, accessible or sustainable. On the one hand, you have a technological fix — new devices and solutions based on high technology and, now, 'deep tech' for everything. High-technology solutions are usually based on advances in different branches of engineering. Deep tech refers to the new set of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, the Internet of Things, haptics, robotics, blockchain, big data and so on.

On the other hand, you have innovative solutions coming from the grassroots which are frugal, affordable, sustainable and truly need-based. These are solutions to local problems developed by ordinary people, not scientists. Should deep tech and grassroots innovations grow in silos or is there a meeting ground for the two?

The grassroots innovators are from varied backgrounds with little or no access to the formal system of testing and validation, funding, marketing, etc. Their ideas and innovations, however, are practical and meant to serve a felt need. They need technological inputs for further improvisation and help to grow.

A beginning to address this vital question was made at the People's Festival of Innovations, jointly organised by Bengaluru-based technology incubator Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms and Grassroots Innovations Augmentation Network (GIAN), founded by Prof Anil Gupta. The idea behind this unique endeavour was to showcase both science-based and grassroots innovations on a common platform and encourage mutual learning as well as collaboration for societal applications. One could see Dharambir Kamboj of Yamunanagar, who has developed a multi-purpose food processing machine, or Mushtaq Ahmad Dar of Kashmir with his foldable LPG cylinder carrier rub shoulders with Ramya Yellapragada and Lakshay Sahni of StimVeda Neurosciences who have developed a wearable device to address depression or Karan Rao of Swachhio, with his micro air purifier that can be attached to a ceiling fan. Such efforts to bring technology-driven and informal innovations on one platform are critical to bridging the chasm between these two streams of innovation. One set of innovations grows in formal systems — technology institu-

tions, incubators, venture capital funding and access to professional design and marketing expertise. The grassroots innovators are from varied social, educational and economic backgrounds with little or no access to the formal system of testing and validation, funding, marketing, etc. Many of them do not have access even to formal schooling. Their ideas and innovations, however, are practical and meant to serve a felt need. They need technological inputs for further improvisation and help to grow.

Over the years, many of them have done very well with help and recognition from catalytic organisations like GIAN. For instance, Dharambir Kamboj has sold his food processor to hundreds of entrepreneurs who are not only providing employment but also generating revenues worth several crores of rupees every year. The food processor is also being exported to countries in Africa and South America. This is an incredible success story. Incidentally, Kamboj once used to pull a cycle rickshaw in old Delhi for a living. Mitticool, a clay-based refrigerator, is another grassroots product that has achieved great market success.

The discourse on the use of technology to address societal needs is not new. It began in the 1970s when some conscientious scientists felt that the formal system of science and technology in India had failed the rural poor. They felt the need for alternative technologies for villages as the mainstream research organisations had got themselves aligned with elitist industrialisation. AKN Reddy, a professor of electrochemistry at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, formed the Application of Science and Technology to Rural Areas (ASTRA) Centre. Reddy developed a three-pan improved cook stove with high-energy efficiency. The technology was disseminated in Karnataka villages and other states as well. In the 1980s, Rajiv Gandhi propagated that appropriate technology need not mean low technology. The government sought to deploy high technology for societal applications — computerisation of railway reservation, digital rural telephone exchange and the use of supercomputers for weather forecasting. The digital exchange developed by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is a classic example of a high-technology solution for an

Indian problem. The telephone density in rural areas was low and the network was not dependable. This was because the imported telephone exchanges were not designed for high temperatures or high call volume. They could be installed only with air-conditioning and would often break down because of high traffic. The C-DOT digital switch was based on low-power consuming circuits and, thus, the exchange could withstand temperatures up to 45 degrees. Though technology began to be deployed for societal applications, the focus was still on the formal sector. Those working informally or in the non-government sector remained on the fringe. Prof Anil Gupta, then teaching at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, actively began working with the informal innovators and traditional knowledge systems.

He launched the movement for promoting grassroots innovations in the mid-1990s. The movement led to a mechanism to identify genuine innovators, validating their ideas and recognising them through awards.

A great effort was made to connect these innovators with formal science

and technology systems so that their ideas could be scientifically tested and improvised. Over the past two decades, thousands of innovators from the informal sector have been scouted and their ideas and technologies widely disseminated or commercialised.

The innovation festival that has brought together innovators and startups from diverse sectors together should begin a dialogue between technology-based startups and grassroots-driven innovators. They can learn from each other, find new solutions or discover new applications for available solutions. The dialogue could, perhaps, lead to new kinds of partnerships and convergence, taking advantage of the developing ecosystem for promoting startups.

It is time to break the silos. (CPR) and automated external defibrillators are available on the spot. The national health policy should include a simplified CPR training programme for all able-bodied citizens, particularly school and college students. Automated external defibrillators should be available at public places such as railway stations, airports, shopping malls and fitness centres.

VARUN DHAWAN CONFIRMS TEAMING UP WITH ANEES BAZMEE

Varun Dhawan has hinted that he is set to collaborate with 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' director Anees Bazmee on a feature film.

There were reports about the actor joining hands with Bazmee for an action comedy.

At the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) press conference on Tuesday night, Dhawan said he always wanted to work with the director.

"I admire him. He is a brilliant filmmaker. We have been talking about doing something for a long time and hopefully it should happen in some time. Once it happens, it will be announced. But, we are working towards working together," the actor told reporters.

Dhawan will reportedly commence shooting for his web series debut 'Citadel', the Indian version of Amazon Studio's ambitious spy series, next month. It will be directed by Raj & DK and also feature Samantha Ruth Prabhu.

"I'm going to be shooting something which I will announce, it will start from December 7," he said.

When asked if he is referring to the show, Dhawan covered his mouth with his hands and quipped, "I was talking about the same thing, we'll talk about

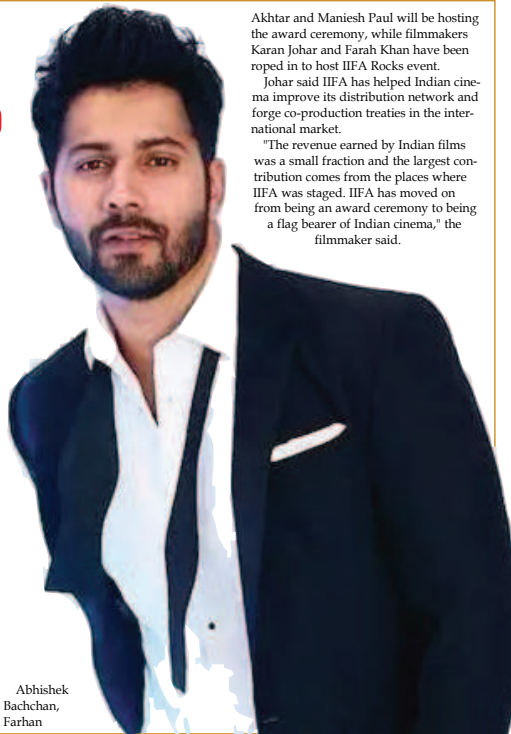
this later".

The actor, whose latest film 'Bhediya' arrived in theatres last week, said he always wanted to "push the envelope" through his work. Directed by Amar Kaushik, the horror comedy has raised over Rs 44 crore in its first weekend.

"A lot of people like to forget this but I have done films like 'Badlapur' and 'October' pretty early on in my career. So I have always wanted to take risks. I am playing a wolf in 'Bhediya', it doesn't get more different than that. To do that and have so many reviewers and audience members get convinced that something like this can be pulled off, I think is a big feat for the industry, for Amar, Dino, and Jio Studios who backed the film. It is exciting when someone from India backs something like that. We should never stop doing that," he added.

Dhawan will also be back on stage performing at the upcoming 23rd edition of IIFA Weekend and Awards, which will be held from February 9 to and 11, in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi.

Bollywood stars Salman Khan, Ranveer Singh and Kriti Sanon are also part of the celebrity line-up to perform at the event.



Abhishek Bachchan, Farhan

Akhtar and Maniesh Paul will be hosting the award ceremony, while filmmakers Karan Johar and Farah Khan have been roped in to host IIFA Rocks event.

Johar said IIFA has helped Indian cinema improve its distribution network and forge co-production treaties in the international market.

"The revenue earned by Indian films was a small fraction and the largest contribution comes from the places where IIFA was staged. IIFA has moved on from being an award ceremony to being a flag bearer of Indian cinema," the filmmaker said.

'Desi Vibes' Teaser: Ayushmann Khurrana Invites Shehnaaz Gill To 'An Action Hero' Screening'



Shehnaaz Gill recently made her debut as a chat show host with 'Desi Vibes with Shehnaaz Gill'. After hosting Rajkumar Rao, she invited 'An Action Hero' actor Ayushmann Khurrana for the next episode of the chat show, and recently, the 'Bigg Boss 13' star dropped a teaser of their fun conversation.

In the video, Shehnaaz is seen asking the actor as to why he is not promoting his film. To which Ayushmann said that he is bad at marketing. He said, "Mujhe promotions karni nahi aati (I cannot do promotions)." Hearing this, Shehnaaz quipped that if the film is good, it will work. She adds the 'mouth of.' before Ayushmann corrects her by saying, "word of mouth". The two then laugh their hearts out.

Shehnaaz then adds he's so natural that the film would work, to which the actor says that he's also never given an interview like this. Last but not the least, Ayushmann invites Shehnaaz to the screening of his film.

And she prompts, "30 ko shoot hai meri, so first ko hi rakna (I have a shoot on the 30th, so please do it on the 1st)," and he agrees.

However, she leaves him blushing by asking him what she should wear for the premiere, and also about the hairstyle she should do. She ends the chat by asking Ayushmann for a romantic hug. Shehnaaz shares the teaser video, "An Action Hero meets Desi Vibes with Shehnaaz Gill... yeh toh sirf trailer hai... full video out tomorrow at 11am on my YouTube channel... @ayushmannk."

4 Stunning Looks From Harsh Vardhan Kapoor's Wardrobe That Are Absolutely Disruptive

Harsh Vardhan Kapoor's Instagram handle is an endless scroll of sass and fashion. The 'Thar' actor spares no chance to showcase his vivacity through his style and his experimenting fashion acumen. While the stunner ace every look he chooses to take on, there are some that are definitely a keeper.

Here are four looks from his wardrobe that are worth striking a storm.

The Class

Harsh Vardhan Kapoor oozed charm in this cocoa double-breasted blazer and stunned all of his fans. His poise intensifies the look ten times more and we are absolutely taken away by his style statement.

Eco Centrist Charm

Harsh Vardhan Kapoor is a fierce experimentalist, and we indeed see him exploring styles to see what will stand out. Being inclined towards eccentricism, Kapoor chose to don a sustainable denim piece by Greg Lauren and shut everyone down with his unique yet appealing style.

The Casual Charmer

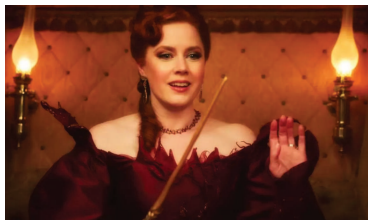
Harsh Vardhan Kapoor donned a decorative chain denim by Amiri with a navy blue casual tee. Despite being a blend of a casual and fancy look, the actor gives a chic vibe in the outfit, bringing out another shade of his experimental personality.

Dye To Die For

It's astonishing how Harsh Vardhan Kapoor ace every single look he embraces. He looks like a classy entrepreneur in this yellow-dyed suit from Amiri who likes to gulp on an espresso on a Monday morning and work throughout the day without losing on that poise.

'Disenchanted' On Disney+ Hotstar Movie Review: Amy Adams Is The Only Saving Grace

Fifteen years after her happily ever after of 'Enchanted', Giselle questions her happiness in the bustling city of New York. She went ahead to wish for a house away from the city. They pick a house that's away from the city and feels quite like the magical city of Andalasia. But, in order to get close to her teenage daughter, Giselle wishes for the town to turn into the fairy tale land of Andalasia. This inadvertently turns the lives of those in the real world and Andalasia upside down in the process. Will Giselle be able to get things



back to order? Will the two worlds collide and create a multiverse of madness? Well, you'll have to watch the film to find out. 'Disenchanted': Performances Amy Adams as

Giselle is the sole person standing tall throughout the film. From being the loving mother in real-life to being the cunning stepmother in the fairy tale land. The way she sways between the wide variety of expressions is what makes the character memorable. Maya Rudolph is the only other person who has decent enough screen time to even get a mention. She has an ability like Pankaj Tripathi to always make the most of even a small scene. Playing the evil queen, she definitely got the emotions to the uppity best.

Patrick Dempsey is absolutely wasted in a role that was just a few minutes here and there.

Gabriella Baldacchino as the teenage daughter should have managed to bring into her character more of the angst a teenager usually has.

Yvette Nicole Brown, Jayma Mays, Idina Menzel, and James Marsden are barely there for bling-and-miss appearances and hardly have any impactful scenes. 'Disenchanted': Script, Direction & Technical Aspects

Adam Shankman's direction is heavily dependent on visual effects.

Arjun Kapoor Calls Malaika Arora's Pregnancy Rumours 'Unethical': Don't Dare To Play With Personal Lives

Speculations surrounding Malaika Arora's supposed pregnancy recently went viral on social media, with several outlets covering it. However, her boyfriend, actor Arjun Kapoor, on Wednesday, took to Instagram to slam the rumours, and even lashed out at the journalist who wrote the article by quoting the publication as well. Sharing how the article is the 'lowest' a person could go, Arjun said that people like them have been getting away with writing such articles. Sharing a screenshot of the article, Arjun captioned it as, "This is the lowest that you could have gone and you have done it



by being casual, insensitive and absolutely unethical in carrying

garbage news."

He added by issuing a warning to the entertainment portal, "This is not done, don't dare to play with our personal lives."

Malaika too shared screenshot of Arjun's comments and wrote, "Disgusting".

Arjun has always stood up for the people in his life, be it his sisters Jhanvi Kapoor, Anshula Kapoor or his girlfriend, Malaika Arora.

For the unversed, Arjun and Malaika have been in a relationship for around five years. During his appearance on 'Koffee with Karan', Arjun had also revealed how they hid their relationship initially, and said, "It is my choice to be with

her, but I cannot expect everyone to understand. It has to be allowed to grow. I cannot expect everyone to understand easily."

Darja dena padta hai, and I had to ease everyone into it including the public eye.

It's not that we didn't talk about it as a couple. But there are baby steps. There is a basic understanding that she has had a life, she has a son, and I'm coming from a past that is aware of that."

On the work front, Malaika is set to make her OTT debut with 'Moving in with Malaika'. Arjun Kapoor was last seen in 'Ek Villain Returns'.

Nadav Lapid: Making Bad Films Is Not A Crime, But 'The Kashmir Files' Is A Very Crude, Manipulative And Violent Propaganda Film

Unfazed by the widespread criticism of his comments against the Hindi film 'The Kashmir Files', Israeli director and IFFI international jury chair Nadav Lapid said he stands by his remarks as he "knows how to recognise propaganda disguised as a movie".

Reacting to the backlash he received for calling 'The Kashmir Files' a 'vulgar' and 'propaganda' movie, Lapid said making bad films is not a crime, but the Vivek Agnihotri directorial is "crude, manipulative and violent".

"Making bad films is not a crime, but this is a very crude, manipulative and violent propaganda film," Lapid said in an interview with

Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz.

According to the filmmaker, he felt it was his "duty" to speak his mind as the head of the international jury.

"The truth is that I also couldn't help but imagine a similar situation that might happen one day soon in Israel, and I would be happy that in such a situation the head of a foreign jury would be willing to say things as he sees them. In a way, I felt it was my duty to the place that invited me," he said.

The award-winning filmmaker had called out 'The Kashmir Files', which was screened at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) on November 22 under the

Indian Panorama section, at the closing ceremony of the nine-day festival in Goa on Monday.

Team of 'The Kashmir Files', including writer-director Agnihotri, stars Anupam Kher and Pallavi Joshi, several BJP leaders including Goa CM Pramod Sawant as well as Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon and Consul General to Midwest India Kobbi Shoshani panned Lapid. Sudipto Sen, one of the members on the jury, said remarks expressed by the Israeli filmmaker were his "personal opinion".

"We learned that the film was pushed into the official competition of the festival due to political pres-

sure... I feel as a foreigner who arrives there, you have an obligation to say the things that the people who live there may have a harder time saying."

"In such contexts I don't believe in secrets and whispers. If you stand on stage and are asked to speak, what will you talk about? Only about the beaches you saw and the food you ate?" the filmmaker said.

'The Kashmir Files' had received both bouquets and brickbats for its portrayal of the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits during militancy in the early 1990s upon its March 11 release. It is one of the biggest Hindi commercial successes of

2022.

When asked if he had in-depth knowledge of the Kashmir conflict to draw such conclusions, Lapid accepted he "of course did not know enough".

He, however, defended himself saying "you can also watch films by Leni Riefenstahl (a German filmmaker who glorified the Nazi Party) and know what you're seeing, without being a great expert on that period."

"There are cases that are nuanced, but this is not the case. In a way, 'The Kashmir Files' makes life easy because it is so bare and aggressive, that it doesn't even mask itself intelligently," said the Paris-based direc-

tor. On the criticism he has received from Israel diplomats in India, Lapid said his comments were "political" but not representative of his country.

Amid the social media backlash and on-ground protests by Kashmiri Pandits in Jammu, the acclaimed director found support in Congress leader Supriya Shrinete, Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, and actor Swara Bhasker.

He claimed he has received hundreds of emails and messages from cine personalities from India "who are happy about it" and for them "finally things were said that they believed in".

DFSS hold protest over Kharge's remark on PM Modi



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: In a bid to garner support for the upcoming Gujarat assembly elections, newly elected Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge made an offensive remark about Prime Minister Narendra Modi, equating him to the demon king Raavan.

Mallikarjun Kharge remarked at a public event

in Narendra Modi's home state Gujarat that Modi has 100 heads since he is present in every election.

The workers of DOGRA FRONT & SHIV SENA under the leadership of President Mr ASHOK GUPTA took out a massive protest rally in Jammu city against the congress president Malika Arjun Kharge for comparing Prime Minister

Narendra Modi with Raavan. The party workers burned the effigy of Kharge and shouted Kharge HAI HAI HAI HAI.

Unable to take the heat of Gujarat election, pushed to the fringe, Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge loses control over his words, calls Prime Minister Narendra Modi

"Ravan". From "Maat ka Saudagar" to "Ravan".

Narendra Modi is the pride of India and has been working for the development of each and every citizen.

The party president further stated that PM is a constitutional position and using such word against the PM is an abuse to the choice of 130 crore people.

PM Modi is a prime minister of the country. Calling him Ravan...Ravan means one who violates piouness, truth. Ravan means one who sides with sin. Congress president should publicly apologise to the Prime minister for hurting the sentiments of 130 crore people.

The party people who were present at the time of protest were Abhishe, Bantu, Prem, Deepu, Ganesh, Naresh, Prem, Rampal, Vinay, Parkash, Fauji, Giridhari and various others were present.

AOI's cancer & general health check-up camp at East Constituency inaugurated by Yudhvir Sethi

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: American Oncology Institute (AOI) in association with World Cancer Care (WCC) organized a free cancer and general health check-up camp at Jambu Lochan Hall Amphalla in the East Constituency of Jammu city.

On the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President was the Chief Guest, W.No. 9 Corporator Sunit Raina was Guest of Honour, inaugurated the medical camp for the welfare of general public. While, Aditya Sabharwal, Regional Marketing Head AOI, Ashutosh Gupta Manger Marketing AOI, Dr Deepak Abrol Consultant Radiation Oncologist, Vigat Chandan, Anil Raina and team of nursing staff from WCC were also present.

In the camp, diagnosis service and tests like mammogram, bone densitometry, PAP Smear, PSA, Oral Screening, Complete blood Count and others were conducted free of costs.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi complimented the American Oncology Institute for holding free cancer and general health check-up camp in the general interest of public. He said that awareness is the only way to prevent the complications of cancer and starting the treatment at the earliest



but unfortunately even today there are a lot of people who run for magical cure which only delays the treatment ultimately leading to complications.

Sethi said that people need to come forward for their routine check-ups not only in the camps organized for the purpose but also in the health institutions across this Union Territory as the government has ensured enhanced facilities in these institutions including those in the remote and far flung areas.

He asserted that such health camps will be organized regularly in future and asked the people to visit these camps for diagnosis, treatment and awareness. Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO, AOI, said "Besides conducting screening tests at the camp, we wanted to educate and create aware-

ness about early detection in the public. The key to surviving cancer is early diagnosis and prevention. With this camp, American Oncology Institute aims to motivate people and urge regular screening. We are committed to offer best-in-class clinical expertise, technological superiority, and service excellence for patients in the Jammu & Kashmir region. AOI is the first and only exclusive Cancer Hospital in Jammu offering precision cancer care."

Among those who were present include Anju Dogra State Secretary, Munish Khajuria District future and asked the people to visit these camps for diagnosis, treatment and awareness. Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO, AOI, said "Besides conducting screening tests at the camp, we wanted to educate and create aware-

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Harsh Dev submits petitions in PMO

Release arrears of land compensation, MGNREGA and 'Saubhagya' scheme in J&K: AAP

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Former minister and senior AAP leaders submitted a memorandum in PMO, at Mew Delhi addressed to the Prime Minister seeking early clearance of liabilities under MGNREGA and saubhagya scheme in J&K besides immediate payment of compensation to farmers whose lands and houses were expropriated and acquired for construction of roads under PMGSY.

The memorandum stated that whereas the govt was making tall claims of initiating welfare measures for eradication of poverty, the poor and marginalized sections of society in J&K were the greatest victims of administrative apathy and a corruption ridden system.

Mr Singh pointed out in the memorandum that farmers in major parts of the UT and particularly in district Udhampur were left high and dry with no compensation having been released for the lands and structures acquired from them during the last 6-8 years. In several cases, he revealed, the compensation had

been shown to have been disbursed amongst the land donors without the said amounts having been actually paid to the affected farmers. There were cases where the compensation for dismantled houses had been withdrawn by public functionaries without the same having been actually disbursed to the rightful claimants. There were numerous cases of misappropriation and diversion of funds earmarked for compensation with none to take cognizance of grave irregularities in the functioning of concerned govt depts thus necessitating the due intervention of the GOI, asserted Singh.

Harsh Dev Singh further pointed out the non payment of wages and other dues of labourers, mates and panchayat level workers who had executed the electrification works since 2018 under Saubhagya scheme of rural electrification.

He regretted that while payments due to suppliers and big contractors had been made, the poor labourers and other work force engaged by the Power Deptt was made to wait for

the list around 4 years thereby triggering massive outrage amongst the affected workers. He said that with J&K govt resorting to delay and deny over the last several years, the PM was expected to take a strong note of the highly apathetic and callous approach of the concerned functionaries of the UT.

Likewise, Mr Singh revealed that past liability under MGNREGA amounting to several hundred crores for the period of 2016-2019 amounting to several hundred crores had remained unpaid resulting in massive resentment in various panchayats of the UT.

And despite the persistent representations and reminders, the govt had failed to act or to give any satisfactory response except giving vague assurances on the subject during the last 4-5 years.

He said that he was constrained to knock the doors of the Prime Minister in pursuit of justice in view of gross neglect of the poor and marginalized sections of society by a highly biased and prejudiced regime in J&K.

Senior congress leader Karamat quits congress, joins BJP



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Senior congress leader Karamat from Darhal, Rajouri along with his hundreds of supporters joined BJP in the presence of J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, Vice-President Yudhvir Sethi and General Secretary Adv. Vibodh

Gupta at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Iqbal Malik, Qayoom Mir and others were also present on the occasion.

Ravinder Raina, while welcoming new entrants into the party fold praised Karamat for his wise decision to join the party. He

said he has served the society for many years earlier and has now decided to join the BJP in order to do further good for his society and nation.

He expressed hope that his efforts will further strengthen the organization in the area and will expedite the development

works in the area. He asked him to work on the principle of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vishwas" while serving the party and the society.

"Modi government with his dedicated efforts for the masses has earned a special space in the hearts of people and the people are themselves coming forward to join his mission," Raina added.

New entrants, on the occasion, highlighted the achievements of Modi government in their respective areas. They said that only BJP is the mainstream political party that talks about development of all irrespective of color, caste, creed, region or religion.

Councilor Rajesh starts plantation drive

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOV 30: Under My Town My Pride, a plantation campaign was organized by the Department of Social Forestry in Ward No. 7 of Rajouri in which Rajesh Gupta, President, Vyapar Mandal Rajouri and Ward No 7 Councilor and Ward No 17 Javed Ahmed, along with other dignitaries were present in the said campaign.



councilor asked the department to organize one such plantation drive

from Bela Bridge to Tariq Bridge and all other possible places around the cir-

cuit road so that saplings are planted at all the places. The councilor also asked other departments to take their plans to the people of different wards through various mediums. While appealing to the people to actively participate in the plantation drive, he said that Human society is intent on destroying nature for personal interests.

Construct water channel on top priority to save farmers from economic devastation: Bharat Bhushan

Crops worth Rs 800 crore depend on this water channel



JI NEWS SERVICE
MARH, NOV 30: Bharat Bhushan Bodhi, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu appealed to the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, to direct immediate construction of water channel in Gharhal Head, on the left bank of River Chenab in Akhnour, to save the precious wheat crops worth Rs 800 crores of 10 Panchayats falling in the Marh Constituency, failing which the farmers of the area shall face economic devastation.

Today, the DDC Chairman accompanied with Superintending Engineer Irrigation Vivek ji, Tehsildar

Marh-Rampal Sharma, Executive Engineers of Akhnour and Jammu Division visited Akhnour and discussed the possibility of the early construction of this water channel.

He said that the farmers are facing severe shortage of water for irrigation after the said channel turned defunct due to low level of canal water. The DDC Chairman asserted that farmers of nearly 10 Panchayats namely Jaswan, Kanachak, Chatha, Ganguchak, Gajansoo, Nai Basti, Saharan, Rathua, Sohangani, Galbadew, Karloop and Rajpura are solely depend on this channel for irrigation water of

their field. He said this channel fulfill the water requirement of nearly One lakh kanals of farming land in Marh constituency. This water channel should be reconstructed as the same catering nearly crops worth Rs 800 crores in the aforesaid 10 Panchayat of Marh constituency, he added.

Bharat Bhushan expressed strong resentment over the concerned department for adopting a callous approach which is evident from the fact that no effort has been made till date in the direction of reconstruction of the aforesaid channel. Asserting that the farmers of the area are now in dire need of canal

water for irrigating their fields to save their crop, the DDC Chairman has made a fervent appeal to the Deputy Commissioner Jammu to pass on instructions to the Irrigation Department for construction of the channel on top priority basis so that the farmers get timely water supply for irrigating the fields and save the precious crops. The DDC Chairman appealed to the Deputy Commissioner Jammu to intervene into the matter and pass on adequate directions for construction of new channel no war footing basis. He reiterated that the Irrigation Department has no option but to start the reconstruction of the aforesaid channel without any further wastage of time.

Prominent among those who were present include Sarpanchs Tilak Raj, Laza Devi, Veena Devi, Harjit Singh, Vikramjeet Singh, Narinder Singh, Lal Singh, Sham Lal Sharma, Ex Sarpanch Dhanant Singh, Gulshan Sharma (Laddi) and Janak Raj.

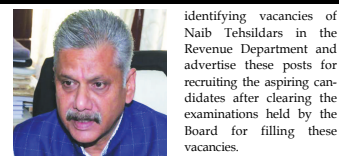
Justice done to non-Urdu knowing aspirants of Jammu region: Abhinav

Appeals SSB to fill vacant posts of Naib Tehsildars in Revenue Deptt on fast track basis

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir, Senior Advocate Abhinav Sharma has welcomed the decision declaring Urdu as not mandatory henceforth for the Naib Tehsildar examinations whenever held now. He expressed pleasure over the fact that this decision has undone the injustice done to the youth of various districts of Jammu region who had not studied Urdu language.

In a statement issued to media here today, Abhinav

Sharma said that this is a much awaited decision and better late than never it has finally come thus doing justice with the non-Urdu writing aspirants of Naib Tehsildar posts. He said that enthusiastic youth of several districts of the Jammu region were earlier deprived of their genuine right as they were unable to appear in the examination of Naib Tehsildar because of mandatory knowledge of Urdu. He accused the successive regimes headed by NC and Congress in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir of doing injus-



ice with the youth of Jammu region who are mostly not having the knowledge about Urdu language especially Urdu writing. The senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader made a strong appeal to the Services Selection Board to immediately initiate the process of

identifying vacancies of Naib Tehsildars in the Revenue Department and advertise these posts for recruiting the aspiring candidates after clearing the examinations held by the Board for filling these vacancies.

It is pertinent to mention here that Urdu will no more be mandatory in the written examination of Naib Tehsildar, the posts which are due to be advertised shortly. This decision will ensure that the educated youth who don't learn Urdu are also able to appear in these examinations.

SMVDU Students Visit Bullet Train Project Site & Statue of Unity, Gujarat



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Students of School of Civil Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, visited High Speed Rail (HSR) Institute, its Project site, and Statue of Unity at Vadodra. They also visited landfill site with waste management facility, and plastic waste & biomedical waste treatment facility at Surat, Gujarat. The trip aimed to make students

familiar about the India's first high speed rail project (Bullet Train) and the functioning of High-Speed Rail Institute. Also, they learned about the role of engineering to construct the Statue of Unity, and to create awareness of various waste management systems especially biomedical waste management and plastic waste managements. Projects provided the practical

education about the HSR Railway Station, Pile Foundation, girder casting and launching, Ballast Less Track (BLT), and landfill, waste management, and environment protection project planning, designing, construction, and maintenance procedure and its practices. The trip was organized by Dr. V.K. Dogra (Head, SOCE) in which fifty students took part.

The visit was coordinated and assisted by the faculty members and staff to School of Civil Engineering, including Mr. Ponnurangam P, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Bharat Bhushan Jindal, Mr. Ankur Tyagi and Mr. Love Sharma. Colonel SS Kapur, Principal, Mr. Anupam Awasthi, Dy. CPM-Civil, Mr. Jai Singh, Dy. CPM-Civil, Mr. Abodh Kumar, Dy. CPM-Civil, Mr. Anoop Khare, DGM-Civil, Mr. Gaurav Srivastava, DGM-Civil officers from High Speed Rail Institute Vadodra, Mr. Abbas Pathan and the Surat Municipal Corporation officers coordinated the visit and made necessary arrangements. The trip was a roaring success and help students learn beyond the boundaries of books.

Govt has no visionary policy for farmers: Rattan Lal

Seeks LG's intervention to ameliorate peasants' condition

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President National Conference Jammu, while raising serious concern over the acute problems being faced by the farmers across Jammu region, has sought Lt Governor Manoj Sinha's immediate attention to ameliorate the miserable condition of the peasants thrust upon them by the BJP Govt at the Centre and its utter failure to address their pressing issues.

Interacting and discussing with the senior colleagues of the party regarding miserable condition of the farmers namely Abdul Gani Malik former minister and Zone President Reasi Udhampur district, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Jammu, Abdul Gani Teli P.P OBC Cell, Vijay Lochan P.P SC Cell, Abid Magrey, Nazir Ahmed Lone. Mr Rattan Lal Gupta lamented that it is because of the failure of the J&K Administration that farmers



have been compelled to come on roads. He said that in absence of any visionary policy of the farmers these food producers continue to crave for seeds and fertilizers. The miseries do not end here as still there is no fixation of MSP for the farmers' produce. The senior NC leader said that despite Govt's tall claims of having achieved tremendous success in every sector, the fact remains that there are no proper or even adequate Marketing Mandis or stor-

age facilities for farmers' produce. The ultimate result of all these enumerated shortcomings is that farmers are not getting adequate prices for their produce despite their hard toil in the fields amid tough economic condition, he added.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that it is the farmers who ensure sustenance of life of the people of the nation and in view of this fact they deserve top priority attention which the Jammu and Kashmir Administration has failed to do. He made a fervent appeal to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to take serious note of farmers' issues and address the same on priority by directing the concerned departmental men and machinery to gear up and provide the necessary amenities and facilities for healthy farming. He asked LG to ensure the timely availability of seeds and fertilizers to the farmers so that their efforts do not get wasted during the ongoing the crop season.

3652 students appeared in "Assessment of Learning Outcomes" in Poonch

JJ NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, NOV 30: To assess the impact of the COVID-19 on the learning levels among students and to assess the learning outcomes of the Students, the Department of School Education Poonch conducted an "Assessment of Learning Outcomes" of the students of grade 3rd and 5th of two winter Zones Mandi and Buzliaz here today. The Assessment has been conducted on the pattern of National Achievement Survey. This is the first time when any district of Jammu and Kashmir UT has initiated such step ahead of the winter vacations to identify the learning gaps to devise a strategy to fill these learning gaps by organizing special remedial classes during the winter vacations. The Assessment has



covered the entire spectrum of schools which are required for the holistic development of the students. The assessment has covered English, mathematics and environmental studies for the students of 3rd and 5th grades. 3652 students from Mandi and Buzliaz Zones appeared in the assessment.

Bishamber Dass CEO Poonch said, "The students have lost most two years of their studies due

to COVID-19 period and the Assessment of Learning Outcomes will help us to formulate better strategies to bridge the learning gap among students and to address the issues faced by them."

"Initially, the Assessment has been conducted in two Winter Zones Mandi and Buzliaz and to ensure fair conduct of the assessment, 46 Assessment Officers, 46 Assistants, 09 observers,

district-level coordinator have been appointed. In addition to it 46 special teams were constituted to conduct the assessment." CEO said. "Similarly, the assessment would also be conducted in left out Winter and Summer Zones of Poonch district in coming months," the CEO said. The CEO has also expressed satisfaction on the 100% appearance of the students in the assessment.

Govt should desist from making Hindus scapegoats: Shiv Sena

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: Shiv Sena J&K Unit criticized the J&K government for forcing reservation category employees to resume their duties in the Kashmir Valley. While extending support to the Jammu based reserved category employees serving in the dreaded valley and Dogras, Shiv Sena today asked the government to leave its stubbornness of making these employees scapegoats and transfer them to safer places in Jammu region.

Addressing a press conference at Party's office here today, Manish Sahni, Pandits and reserved category Dogras of Jammu division are not ready to risk their services and lives in the present situation of Kashmir and are not ready to give their services and risk their lives and have been protesting for a long time for their demands. Sahni said that right to



life is one of the most important rights of a human being and if there is life then there is world. It is the duty of the government to provide a safe environment for the public and its employees. Sahni said that due to the indifference attitude of the present administration towards public problems and public issues, the people of the state are remembering the restoration of the democratic process

and the government elected by them. Sahni demanded that the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha should immediately release the salaries of these employees and adjust them in Jammu division. Among those who were present in the press conference include Gen secretary Vikas Bakshi, GI Singh, President Kamgar Singh Raj Singh, Shashipal.

AoL conducts 3-day workshop on 'Emotional Wellbeing, Stress Management' at J&K IMPARD

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: A three-day workshop on 'Emotional Wellbeing and Stress Management', conducted by Art of Living Foundation Concluded at J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development (J&K IMPARD) here. The workshop was earlier inaugurated by the Commissioner of State Taxes Department, Dr. Rashmi Singh. The workshop is being held as part of the initiatives taken by the State Taxes Department for its employees through specially designed training modules as a move toward prioritizing mental wellness at work. The Sub inspectors recruited under PM Package have been selected for the first such training under this workshop, as per the

statement. Speaking during the sessions of the workshop, Rashmi Singh said that the workshop will motivate participants to make full use of this opportunity to learn stress management, behavioral modification skills, personal and organizational values, empathy, teamwork, smart goal concept, and other related values. She urged the participants to fully utilize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by focusing on reorientation skills, attitudinal adjustments, mental fortitude, and other key abilities for all phases of life in today's environment which require inner re-engineering to contribute one's best for good governance.

Director Trainings, IMPARD, Dr. JahanAraJabeen while speaking on the occasion, emphasized the topic of self-governance paving way for a good governance slogan given by the government. Program Director, of Youth Affairs at The Art of Living, Avinash Tikku, during the workshop conducted a demonstration session of breath control techniques and meditation for the senior officers of the State Taxes Department and gave an introduction for other Workshops to follow. Additional Commissioner, State Taxes, (Administration & Enforcement) Kashmir, Shakeel Maqbool; Deputy Commissioner Central Enforcement State Taxes, Farvez Ahmad Raina; Assistant Commissioner State Taxes Technical, Waaseem Raja and other senior officers of the State Taxes Department were also present on the occasion.

President of Republic of Mauritius launches book on Balwant Thakur

JJ NEWS SERVICE
MAURITIUS, NOV 30: The President of the Republic of Mauritius His Excellency Mr. Prithvirajsing Roopun launched the book on Balwant Thakur at the State House (President House), Mauritius at an exclusive function. He was joined by Her Excellency the High Commissioner of India Mrs K. Nandini Singla. Book on Balwant Thakur is a narrative on his fantastic inspiring journey as a playwright, theatre director and a cultural administrator. He is the rarest combination who possesses immensely both the creative skills and administrative acumen.



Despite having post graduation in Law and Journalism he completed two national and one international research fellowships in creativity and culture. Looking at his consistency and steady growth in career, he has set an example that nothing seems to be impossible to achieve. As a creative person he set high standards of creating arts and made many histories by producing the most outstanding theatre spectacles like 'Bawa Jitto', 'Ghumayee', 'Mahabhoj', 'Suno Eh Kahani' Rangla Jammu', 'Gulab Gatha', 'Mata Ki Kahani', 'Mere Hise Ki Dhoop Kahan Hai', 'Aap Hamaare Hain Kaun', 'Hum Hain Naa', 'Choonaa Hai Asmaan', 'Lok Tantra Ka Mantra', and 'Udaan'. Majority of the world which had never heard of the word 'Dogri' Balwant Thakur through his consistent efforts took the entire essence of Dogri language and culture

to UAE, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Russia, Germany, England, South Africa, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Bhutan and Mauritius. His creativity brought him the highest Indian honour in performing arts in addition to the Sanskrit Award and Padamshree. As cultural administrator he created history for many cultural institutions and government departments which he headed as cultural administrator.

He held very prestigious cultural positions of the country including as Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and languages for over Eight years, Regional Director of Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for over Six years, Cultural Diplomat of India to South Africa for two years and now as Director of world's biggest cul-

tural centre of India abroad based in Phoenix, Mauritius. Look at his fascinating career graph as the cultural administrator. Starting from a non-governmental organization 'Natrang' based in a tiny lane of old Jammu to the world's biggest cultural centre is no less an achievement.

All has been possible due to his consistency, positive attitude and focused approach in his professional life. People fail to achieve in their native lands but he established his journey beyond continents.

What an amazing journey he can inspire generations to aspire, excel and achieve the ultimate heights in one's professional life. On the occasion the President of the Republic of Mauritius also felicitated Balwant Thakur and his wife Deepika B. Thakur.

People of Kashmir have embraced BJP with open arms: Sunil Sharma

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 30: J&K BJP General Secretary & former minister Sunil Sharma addressed a public gathering in Gulgam Drugmulla (Kupwara), Kashmir. While addressing the gathering Sunil Sharma said that the people of Kashmir have embraced BJP with open arms. "The dynastic parties of Kashmir like PDP, NC and Congress which have plundered J&K are now on the verge of extinction. The overwhelming support of people to BJP in Kashmir shows the trust of Kashmiri people on the PM Modi led BJP government and its welfare policies,"



Sunil Sharma said. BJP Kupwara Incharge Anwar Khan, District President Kupwara Rehman Lone, Shakeela and others were also present on the occasion. Sunil Sharma added that PDP, NC

and Congress have looted the peace and progress of Kashmir in decades and they must repent for their sins in front of public.

He said that now the people of Kashmir have lost complete faith in the leadership of these parties knowing very well that these parties only yearn to befool gullible population for their own benefits.

Sharma further said that BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working dedicatedly for a better future of Jammu & Kashmir. BJP is building a better future for the youth, a better tomorrow and a new dawn with his consistent efforts took the entire essence of Dogri language and culture

Block Diwas held at TF Shah, Khanshab

ADC Budgam stresses on speedy completion of developmental works



JJ NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 30: The District Administration Budgam today held Block Diwas at Panchayat Halqa Takia Farooq (TF) Shah in Block Khanshab of Budgam.

The programme was chaired by ADC Budgam, Dr Nasir Ahmad Lone.

On the occasion, PRI and others respected from village TF Shah, Mulnar, Samsan, Shanipora, Kenora and other adjacent villages apprised the ADC about

their needs.

After giving patient hearing to the public, the ADC assured that all genuine demands shall be looked into on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC stressed on providing better facilities to the people and emphasized on better educational facilities including upgradation of schools and work completion on all ongoing projects, infrastructure development in the area.

ADC instructed on con-

ducting Safety audit of Primary school building at Mulnar and reconstruction repairing work wherever is recommended by the concerned Department is carried out on priority.

He urged locals to register for Golden cards for health insurance and ensure saturation in the registration process. He said that under JIM, all households shall be connected with tap water supply under different WSS approved for the TF Shah area.

He stressed on the speedy completion of ongoing developmental works in all panchayat halqas and instructed concerned to fix responsibility for the delay in the work execution/ completion.

ADC directed PDD authorities to erect poles at required spots and carry out improvement works of LT and HT lines on war footing.

In order to ensure a smooth supply of water, he instructed concerned to ensure hassle-free functioning of all WSSs.

PMGSY and R&B authorities were instructed to take up development and macadamization works of roads and for better connectivity to the general public.

Meanwhile, various district officers spoke threadbare about their public welfare schemes on the occasion. SDM Khanshab, CEO Budgam, CAO, DSHO, CHO, AEs from PDD, PHE, and Irrigation and other concerned officers and officials were also present on the occasion.

DC Jammu conducts extensive tour of Block Samwan of Tehsil Khour, listens to public grievances

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: To get first-hand account of the public grievances, Deputy Commissioner, Arviy Lavasa today conducted an extensive tour of Block Samwan in Tehsil Khour in which DDC members, delegations besides scores of individuals apprised her about the problems being faced by them in day to day life.

The PRI members one by one highlighted the issues regarding their respective Panchayats which were mainly related to irregular supply of water and electricity, Revenue, compensation, ration card, IAY, Road connectivity, drinking water availability, installation of hand pumps, health centres etc. The Deputy Commissioner gave patient hearing to the PRI members, delegations and individuals and passed on the spot directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of their genuine grievances.

She assured that the highlighted issues of public importance will be taken up with higher authorities besides all the pendency and public service delivery slacks shall be reviewed thoroughly.

She directed the officers to leave no stone unturned in order to provide maximum benefits to the people of welfare schemes started by the government. The Deputy Commissioner also



impressed upon the officers to work with zeal to achieve the targets ensuring the delivery of the benefits to the rural masses.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Government Higher Secondary School Palanwala.

She inaugurated e-Library in the school which will be 24x7 open for the students of the area.

She also flagged off an auto for garbage collection at village Panjot. DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, BDC Chairman Samwan Parveen Kumar, ACD Jammu Preeti Sharma, SDM Khour Anil Kumar Thakur, Tehsildar Dr. Raman Jandyal, BDO Sumit Singh Bhu and other officers from concerned departments were present on the occasion.

Jan Abhiyan in full swing in Poonch; various dept'l services being provided to urban populace at their doorsteps

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, NOVEMBER 30: Jan Abhiyan under My Town My Pride (MTMP2.0) program is in full swing at Poonch. As part of the program, various services of different departments are being provided to the people in Municipalities at their doorsteps. Additional District Development Commissioner, Dr Mohd Tanveer among the others visited the stalls set up at Dak banglow Poonch. Among others who accompanied the ADC during his visit were Joint Director, Horticulture, and CEO MC Poonch, Varinderpal Singh.

It is pertinent to mention here that

the UT administration after getting an enthusiastic response from the general public from B2V4 and My Town My Pride 1.0, has decided to start the second edition of MTMP. Prior to the commencement of the program, Jan Abhiyan has been launched which is gaining full momentum at Poonch. Various activities are being carried out in the district as a part of this program and thrust is to ensure that the benefits of different Govt schemes and programs reaches to the last beneficiaries in the urban areas.

Today, in continuation of these activities, the Municipal Authorities Poonch carried out a sanitation drive

under the overall supervision of the EO Municipality Poonch.

During the event, the public was sensitised about the benefits and importance of cleanliness, sanitation, waste segregation and were urged and motivated to keep their environment neat and clean.

Stress was being laid on saturation of all deliverables of different departments during this ongoing Jan Abhiyan and different departments are making dedicated efforts in this direction and it is being made sure that the last beneficiary in queue gets benefited with the welfare initiatives of the Government.

DC Gbl for involvement of all stakeholders for sustainable development of Education sector

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 30: As part of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) under Snow Leopard Project for the Jammu and Kashmir approved by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, a one day consultative workshop on Snow Leopard Population Assessment - Training was held today at SKUAJST, Kashmir.

The workshop was conducted by Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with its Nature Conservation Foundation

(NCF), Mysore, SKUAJST - Kashmir, Kashmir University, Wildlife Trust of India, NCBS Bangalore and Wildlife S6S to undertake the Snow Leopard Population Assessment in the potential landscapes of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the last two years now. The workshop was attended by the senior officers and staff of Wildlife Department, Researchers, Students and volunteers.

Rashid Y. Naqash, Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir presented a keynote address and introduction to the workshop. Population assessment

techniques including talks on landscape level planning for population estimation for carnivores, special reference with Snow Leopard was presented by Dr. Khurshid Ahmad, Professor/ Head, Division of Wildlife Sciences, SKUAJST - K. Non-invasive genetic techniques for population estimation was presented by Dr. Uma Ramakrishnan, NCBS, Bangalore through virtual mode and Camera trapping techniques for population estimation for large cats - special reference to Snow Leopards was given by Intisar Suhail, Wildlife Warden, Shopian Division. Population estimation of Snow Leopards - a case study in Jhajwas and Gurez was presented by Muneeb Khanvari, NCBS through online mode. While as, interactive session including hands-on training and sample collection was given by Dr. Umer Nazir, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and Dr. Tawqir Bashir, Asst. Professor Kashmir University followed by group discussion. The summary of workshop proceedings was conducted by Dr. Samina Amin Charoo, Wildlife Warden Research.

Director Agriculture Kashmir holds interactive meeting with PRI Reps of Karhama, Tangmarg

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 30: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited Karhama zone of subdivision Tangmarg (district Baramulla) and held an interactive meeting with the representatives of panchayat raj institutions.

BDC Hardaboora and concerned sarpanches and panches of Karhama area were present in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that the department is working in close coordination with the panchayat Raj institutions to achieve the targets under different centrally spon-



sored schemes, flag-ship programmes.

The Director discussed the various farmer centric programmes with the PRI

members and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between the department and PRIs.

Concerned Block

Development Council chairperson hailed the role of the Agriculture department in meeting the demands of hybrid vegetable seedlings to the catchment areas of zone Karhama. PRI representatives also raised the demand for some agricultural machinery equipment in front of the Director Agriculture. He assured them that all the genuine demands will be addressed in a phased manner.

Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla Yadvinder Singh, Water Use Specialist Nelofer Qureshi and other senior officers of the department were present in the meeting.

MTMP: Director ULB visits Sumbal; Takes part in various activities; interacts with people

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 30: As part of Shehri Jan Abhiyan under 'My Town My Pride', Director Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Kashmir, Mithoora Masoom today visited Sumbal and attended Shehri Jan Abhiyan, there.

The Director also attended various

scheduled activities of Shehri Jan Abhiyan including sports activities.

She was accompanied by SDM Sumbal Dr. Bashir Lone, ULB representatives. MC Chairman Hajin and Sumbal and other concerned officers also were present on the occasion.

Mithoora Masoom inspected various stalls of departments to inspect the

services provided by them.

She also inaugurated a plantation drive within the premises of Dak Bunglow, Sumbal.

The Director said an ambitious programme of MTMP will connect urban masses with the administration for effective public service delivery and prompt redressal of grievances.

Wildlife Trust of India hands-over Field Gears to Wildlife Life Protection Deptt

DC Bla stresses for adopting Preventive Approach for dealing with Man-Animal Conflict

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 30: Wildlife Trust of India today handed over the sanctioned field gears (sleeping bags, camera traps, Torch lights and tents) to Department of Wildlife Protection J&K North division Sopore under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sherrish Asgar.

It is important to mention here that

these essential kits are meant for mitigation of Man Animal conflict in Boniyar and its adjacent forest areas.

While deliberating on the preventive approach, the DC said that people should be made aware not to come out of their homes at inappropriate times in the vulnerable area.

She said that imparting training and assistance to the field functionaries is also essential in order to support them

in mitigating conflict between humans and wildlife that has been on a sharp rise.

The DC further said that by these instruments, the people can track the leopards and bears in the area thereby making it easy to deal with the situation. She stressed for mass awareness among the people through Mohalla Committees, Gram Sabhas and other platforms.

Day-3 of MTMP: Various activities held under Shehri Jan Abhiyan at Kulgam

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30: As part of Shehri Jan Abhiyan, a prelude to 'My Town My Pride' programme, various activities were today held at Kulgam.

On the occasion, Municipal Council Kulgam held an awareness camp at Chhattal ward along with officers of district administration.

During the programme people were sensitized about the various schemes and issues of people were also listened to. Stalls and registration counters

were set up by various departments at the venue where people were apprised about various given schemes and beneficiaries were also registered.

Land Passbooks, trade licenses and other certificates were also distributed among the land owners and traders.

The programme was attended by President Municipal Council Kulgam Muneeb Ahmad, EO MC Kulgam M. Irfan, Naib Tehsildar, Lead Bank Manager and other officers besides the general public.

Meanwhile, on the third day plantation drives, special sanitation drives, water sample testing, anti-encroachment drives, hoarding free city campaigns and other activities were carried out by various departments across all municipal areas of the district.

During the drive by Municipal employees, more than 200 illegal hoardings were removed from the roadsides and 8 kgs of polythene and a fine of Rs. 1500 was imposed on the violators.

DC Pulwama chairs District Skill Committee meet

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, NOVEMBER 30: A meeting of District Skill Committee (DSC) was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-ul-Haq Choudhary to evaluate the skill gaps and to deliberate upon the road map for meeting the skill requirements of the district.



The meeting also discussed the Comprehensive District Panchayat Skill Plan to enhance the employability of ITI pass outs to earn sustainable livelihood.

On the occasion, the DC directed for formulating a comprehensive District Skill Plan by involving different line departments for widening the ambit of skill development programme under various schemes to create ample opportunities of employment for the unemployed youth of the District. The DC called for restructuring the curriculum in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and other

technical institutions with the demand of present market trends. He said the focus of Skill Development schemes should be to ensure the creation of a robust skill platform and environment in the district, which will enable the youth to get job opportunities within the district.

The DC said a Digital Platform is being created for skilled unemployed youth of Pulwama District to provide them employment avenues by providing them the requisite platform as per their trade so that they earn their livelihood with dignity and hon-

our. The DC further asked the Officers to identify the need and Skill Development requirements in the District. He asked them to prepare a detailed list/database of skilled unemployed youth under different Trades. He impressed upon the officers to identify the Skilled Unemployed Youth as per the need of the hour with market availability.

He enjoined upon the concerned to identify the Skilled/ITI/Polytechnic pass-outs such as Plumbers, Carpenters, Masons and Technicians of Air

Condition/Washing Machine/ Refrigerator/ Automobile/ Transformer repairs etc, besides in Hospitality and Infrastructural development sectors who would be accommodated for services by creating digital platform.

General Manager DIC Pulwama, Assistant Director Handicraft, Deputy Director Employment, Principal ITI, Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow Pulwama Sanket Das, Representative from J&K Skill Development and other members attended the meeting.

Mega Block Diwas held at Kulgam; programme witnesses overwhelming response of public

DC presides over grievance redressal camp at Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30: The District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D.H.Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

The programme witnessed overwhelming response from PRIs and general public who highlighted issues and grievances confronting their areas for early redressal.

To take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat remained available at Kulgam where he listened to grievances and issues of people for redressal.

Officers from District Administration were also present during the block diwas.

People from Balso, Yadikah, Matibug, Brazloo Jageer, Pranhah, Gudder, Kakran, Boh and other areas participated in this grievances redressal camp and apprised the DC about their issues and grievances.

Visiting delegation from Kakran



demanding desilting of Sonman Canal and development of its embankments, people from Matibug demanded Protection wall for playfield at Matibug and another delegation from Brazloo Jageer demanded augmentation of power network besides people from DK Marg demanded release of Land compensation of Boh Dragan road.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the public addressed some of the

immediate nature of grievances on the spot.

Earlier, ACD Kulgam Mohammad Imran Khan briefed about the action taken on the issue and grievances raised by people in previous block diwas.

Meanwhile, grievances redressal camps were also held at Block D. H. Pora and Block Devsar where ADDC and SDM listened to issues and grievances of people for redressal.

IMHANS imparts capacity enhancing training to SUKOON Counsellors

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: To enhance the capacity of psychologists and counsellors of SUKOON, the Divisional Administration Kashmir started training module on essentials of online and telephonic counseling as well as didactic training for psychologists and counsellors at Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (IMHANS), Srinagar.

The objective of the training programme is to make SUKOON versatile and compatible to address issues of substance abusers and mental health issues of the general public.

Pertinently SUKOON Helpline line 1800-180-7202 has proved very fruitful in addressing the substance induced mental disorder. SUKOON works as an interface between the substance users and experts who pull drug abuse victims out of the menace through counseling and medicine. Incharge Divisional Control Room Kashmir and SUKOON Mental Helpline, Tahir

Magrey while speaking about the training programme said that the aim of the training programme is to equip the counsellors with the communication skills incongruous with the needs of psychological counseling.

He added that SUKOON is a platform where people, particularly youth can give vent to their anguish in a conducive atmosphere besides guidance

regarding detoxifying themselves in case involved in substance abuse.

Magray said, Divisional Administration is committed to purge the society from the evil of drug and substance abuse and concerted efforts are being made by administration to eradicate drug abuse and to remove stigma associated with post rehabilitation.

DHEW, OSC Budgam organize Awareness programme at Wagar, Khansahib

JI NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 30: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Budgam in collaboration with One Stop Centre (OSC) Budgam today organised an awareness programme on the role of DHEW and other women centric schemes at Anganwadi Centre Panchayat Wagar of Block Khansahib, here

The programme was attended by AWWs, Local Women and children of the adjoining areas of Panchayat Wagar Khansahib

The team DHEW Budgam imparted awareness to the participants about the women welfare schemes including BBBP, women helpline 181, OSC for women, PMMVY, PMKVY, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Poshan Abhiyan UDID.

They also educated them about the Livelihood schemes for women enter-



preneurs, Indira Gandhi National old age pension scheme, pension scheme for widows, Pension scheme for disable people, UTMAS, Childline 1098, ICPS and other women related schemes. The team OSC Budgam briefed about the services provided at One Stop Centre for women such as

medical, psycho-social counseling, legal aid, shelter, WHL 181. The team also raised awareness on Domestic Violence Act 2005, Cyber Crime, Stalking and other crimes existing in the society. At the end of the programme both the teams also noted the grievances of the participating women and assured them to provide help as soon as possible.

Operation of 01 Medical store closed down, another served show-cause notice at Chawalgam, Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, NOVEMBER 30: A team of Drug Control Officers today closed down the operation of one medical establishment at Chawalgam, Kulgam and served show cause notice to another drug store for non compliance to the

record maintenance with respect to narcotic/schedule drugs.

The Officers informed that recently the operation of many such medical establishments have been disallowed and 7 licenses firms/shops suspended in District Kulgam for non adherence

to the conditions and norms of Drug & Cosmetic Act. It has been reiterated and made clear that there will be zero tolerance towards misuse of prescription drugs and erring firms and medical shop keepers will be dealt with sternly under law, they added.

ADDc presided over the Public Outreach Programme

JI NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 30: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDc) Shopian, Manzoor Hussain today visited Kapren block of the district and presided over a Block Diwas programme.

Speaking on the occasion, ADDC said that the main objective of the programme is to mitigate the issues and grievances of the people at their doorsteps. He directed field functionaries of different departments to

maintain close coordination with PRIs to ensure prompt delivery of essential services.

He also issued directions to the concerned officers for timely redressal of genuine demands and grievances.

ADDc said PRI members have a very important role in identifying the works besides formulating and implementing the plans as per the local needs so that works of public importance would be done to facilitate the general masses of the district.

The people of adjacent areas of

Kapren put forth their issues and demands of public importance which include uninterrupted power supply, portable water facility, repairs of lanes and bylanes, road connectivity and other demands.

ADDc heard them patiently and assured that all their genuine demands will be considered and resolved within the stipulated time frame.

Among others, the programme was attended by officers and officials of line departments, PRIs besides prominent citizens of the area.

Awareness programme under BBBP held at Middle School Khanpora, Budgam

JI NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 30: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women under Mission Shakti in collaboration with the officials of One Stop Centre today organised an awareness camp at Khanpora Budgam under "Jan Abhiyaan" (My Town My Pride).

On the occasion, students of the school were given training, regarding knitting, cutting, tailoring, painting, drawings to empower girl students besides to defend themselves, self defense training programme under the aegis of flagship Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme was also provided.

Gender Specialist put main empha-

sis on awareness on health and Nutrition (Legal-IPC and PNDI Act 1994 and MIP Act and other women related legislation), Women Entrepreneurship Programme like PMEGP, Tejaswini, One Stop Centre, Skill Development Courses by SBI

RSETI, PMKVY. Apart from this, awareness was also imparted regarding documentation criteria, detailed procedure to avail the benefits under the different schemes and how the women can approach DHEW to get linkage under the different schemes.

Dr Sehrish e-inaugurates 36 Smart Elementary Schools, 18 Primary & Middle Schools under ADP

BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 30: In a bid to upgrade the educational infrastructure in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired an Education Department meet through Zoom wherein various developmen-

tal activities were carried out for the betterment of the education institutions. During the meeting, the DC e-inaugurated 36 Smart Elementary Schools, 18 primary and 18 Middle schools under Aspirational District Programme.

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Subject: Rejection of candidature for the post of Lecturer Oral Surgery in Government Dental College, Srinagar, in Health & Medical Education Department.

Notice
Dated: 30-11-2022

Whereas, the J&K Public Service Commission, vide Notification No.16-PSC (DR-P) of 2022 dated 12.07.2022 invited online applications from the domiciles of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, possessing the prescribed qualification for 01 post of Lecturer, Oral Surgery, under OM category, in Government Dental College, Srinagar, in Health & Medical Education Department; and,

Whereas, in response to the ibid notification, the Commission received 16 application forms in the said discipline; and,

Whereas, after scrutiny of documents, the following candidates have been found ineligible for the post, for the reasons indicated against each:

S.No	NAME	PARENTAGE	REASON FOR REJECTION
1.	AZHAR KHAN	ZAHOOR JAVAIID AHMAD	NO RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
2.	MAMIT KUMAR	HANS RAJ	NO RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
3.	MOHAMMAD MUNEEB MUBASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD EATOO	NO RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
4.	ZAHOOR AHMAD TELI	ABDUL MAJEED TELI	NO RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
5.	AMINA SAMOON	MASAUD SAMOON	DOMICILE CERTIFICATE NOT SUBMITTED

Now, therefore, in view of the above, the candidature of the above listed applicants is hereby rejected. If any of the applicants feel aggrieved with rejection of his/her candidature, he/she may represent before the Appellate Authority of the Commission in support of his/her claim within 10 days from the date of issuance of this Notice. No claim whatsoever shall be entertained after the stipulated period.

No: PSC/DR/Lect/Oral Surgery/GDC/H&ME/2022
Dated: 30.11.2022

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J&K PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sanjeev Verma presides over Jan Abhiyan Shehri Campaign at Kathua

Jan Abhiyan Shehri activities under 'MTMP 2.0' continue on Day 3 in Kathua



JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, NOVEMBER 30: On the third day of Jan Abhiyan Shehri and as part of ambitious 'My Town My Pride' programme, a series of activities were carried out today by Urban Local Bodies (ULB) across the district.

Commissioner Secretary, Forest Sanjeev Verma presided over the urban leg of Jan Abhiyan Proceedings at MC Lakhanpur and Hiranagar today.

While inspecting the stalls of differ-

ent departments, Sanjeev Verma called upon the departments to run the Jan Abhiyan Shehri campaign aggressively so that the message is carried out to the targeted beneficiaries. He also distributed land passbooks and approved loan cases amongst the SVANidhi beneficiaries.

The Commissioner Secretary also visited PHC Lakhanpur where he enquired about the facilities being provided to the patients, besides also participated in plantation drive organized

in the premises of PHC Lakhanpur. Later, Sanjeev Verma also visited Hiranagar where he participated in the ongoing Jan Abhiyan Shehri programme at MC Hiranagar and interacted with the public and listened to their demands, grievances, issues projected by the locals on the occasion.

Lauding the efforts of urban local bodies, Sanjeev Verma highlighted the importance of Jan Abhiyan which is run upto MTMP 2.0 as a channel to ensure mass participation of the urbanites in the governance process. He further urged the locals to come forward and give their suggestions, advices, and innovative ideas so as to fulfill the growing developmental aspirations of the people.

Emphasizing on the importance of urban farming, Sanjeev Verma exhorted upon the public to adopt the modern concept of farming called city farming which does not require large parcels of land and which can give larger dividends from the small land holdings and with minimum efforts.

The day witnessed a series of Awareness programmes, plantation drives, special sanitation drives, anti-littering drives and other activities carried out by various departments across all municipal areas of the district.

Bhagat reviews functioning of Science, Technology & Innovation Council, JAKEDA

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 30: Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat today chaired meeting to review both the organizations of Science & Technology Department to discuss issues related to the budget announcements, deliverables and action taken report with regard to its implementation and outcome achieved so far.

The meeting was told that the matter has been taken up with NCSM, Ministry of Culture, GOI for sending the team of experts to have the site inspection at Chowadhi, Jammu so that the process for transfer of land is taken up further with the revenue authorities.

Regarding the sponsored Research & Development Projects of Jammu division, it was disclosed that the research is being undertaken at various R&D Institutions viz. Jammu University, SKUAST-J, SMVDU, Katra, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah

University, Central University of Jammu, IIIM etc.

Commissioner Secretary issue directions on the spot to the concerned officers, asking all the Principal Investigators (PIs) to come up with the detailed outcome of the research findings so far with recommendations and suggestions along with proper documentation so that it could be published in the form of book.

Pertinent to mention that during the first tranche, JKST&IC has funded 123 Research Projects across UT and further it was decided in the meeting that Rs 20.00 to 24.00 Cr in the second tranche should be earmarked for 200-250 projects. Saurabh Bhagat impressed upon the officers of JAKEDA to fast track their efforts in order to create massive awareness about the Non-Conventional & Renewable Energy. He also emphatically spoke about the benefits of the PM-Kusam and asked the officers to make it successful across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

PPSP GCW Gandhinagar organises Poster making Competition on World Aids Day

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 30: The Red Ribbon Club of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women Gandhinagar Jammu in Collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society today organised Poster Making Competition on the theme "Equalise: Achieving Equity to end HIV/AIDS".

Twenty-two students participated in the event with full zeal and enthusiasm. The students made Eye - Catching Posters relevant to this year's theme.

Students, the ambassadors for creating awareness in society exhibited their talent by mingling colors with imagination. The 1st, 2nd and third Prize along with two certificates of merit were given to the students for their creativity.

Prof Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College appreciated the students and team for investing their time and energy for this Social Cause.

The event was adjudged by Prof Shafia Sheikh, HOD Urdu dept and Prof Renu Sehgal, Associate Professor, Music dept.

HC reject bail plea of CMO BSF in SI recruitment scam

JNF NEWS AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 30: Justice Mohan Lal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court today rejected the bail application of Dr. Karnail Singh then posted in Border Security Force, IG Headquarter, Paloura, Jammu as Chief Medical Officer/Selection Grade/Commandant Medical in the Border Security Force in much publicized SI Paper Leakage Scam.

While rejecting the bail application, Justice Mohan Lal after hearing Sr. Adv Rahul Pant with Advocate Anirudh Sharma for the applicant whereas Sr. AAG Monika Kohli with DySP Parshant Sharma of CBI, observed that There is every danger of the course of justice being thwarted, if the petitioner is enlarged on bail. Offence indicted against the petitioner is heinous and grave in nature and such type of offences are to be dealt with severity and with iron hands. Showing leniency in such matters would be really a case of misplaced sympathy. In the instant case, the petitioner has also claimed the bail on the ground that his wife is suffering from Bone Marrow Cancer/Myelodysplastic Syndrome since April 2022 and she needs regular blood transfusion. Respondents have meted this argument on the strength that there are several members in the family of the petitioner to take care of his wife.

Even in the bail application, petitioner has specifically averred that he has two sons, out of which one son namely Shubham Kala is being called by the respondents for investigation as being a co-accused, while other son of the petitioner is doing private business. It is apt to reiterate here, that the other son of the peti-

tioner, who is a private employee can also look after and take care of his mother for her treatment. As per the investigation conducted so far, the I/O has recovered and amount of Rs. 69.00 lacs cash during multiple rounds of searches. Respondents/CBI in their response have submitted that it conducted searches at about seventy seven (77) locations in multiple States and UTs including Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka and Jammu & Kashmir and examined large number of witnesses and during the probe has arrested as many as twenty (20) people including the petitioner. It appears that the investigation is still in progress and incomplete. The investigating agency must be provided sufficient time to unearth the paper leak scam and bring the offenders to book.

Court is of the considered opinion that at this stage when the investigation is yet to be completed, it is the fittest case, where bail ought not to be granted and the petitioner too has failed to carry out a strong case for bail in his favour. The bail application being misconceived under law is disallowed rejected and dismissed.

According to the CBI that regular case FIR No. RCO042022A0008 has been registered against the petitioner and other co-accused for commission of offences u/ss 420 and 120-B IPC on 03.08.2022 for the allegations, that the petitioner has entered into criminal conspiracy with the officials of J&K SSB and M/S Merit Trac Bengaluru whereby gross irregularities in the conduct of written examination of the post of Sub-Inspectors in J&K Police conducted by the J&K SSB have been surfaced, petitioner figures at Serial No. 1 as an accused whereas his son Shubam Kala figures

at Serial No. 33 in the said FIR, petitioner is the mastermind/king pin of the scam and has leaked the question papers and supplied the same to the candidates in lieu of money, three candidates had accessed the leaked question papers in the house of the petitioner whereas the petitioner's son got the question papers leaked in Jammu through a tout namely Jagdish Sharma and the official driver of the petitioner namely Ajay Kumar who arranged examination of the three candidates at the petitioner's house, petitioner is involved in Inter-State gangs operating in several States and with the accused based Harayana candidates were taken to a place in Nilokheri near Karnal Haryana and were provided leaked question papers, whereas, the leaked question papers were also provided to the candidates at Gangyal in Jammu at the residence of the petitioner by selling the leaked question papers in lieu of money. It is trite law that criminal conspiracy is always hatched in secrecy and direct evidence of criminal conspiracy is seldom available. The existence of criminal conspiracy and its objects can be inferred from the circumstantial evidence and from the conduct of the accused. As per the response filed by the respondents and perusal of the case diary brought by the Investigating Officer, it can be safely inferred that conduct of the petitioner is an inferential circumstance which prima-facie establishes that he has hatched criminal conspiracy with the official of J&K SSB and M/S Merit Trac Bengaluru for leakage of the question papers for the examination of Sub-Inspectors post in Police Department in Jammu and Kashmir. JNF

One step towards cleanliness

Cleanliness Drive carried out in Mini Secretariat Kishtwar under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 30: A Cleanliness drive was carried out in Mini Secretariat New DC Office Complex Kishtwar which was led by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav. Senior Officers and Staff posted in various sections of New DC Office Complex Kishtwar enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness drive as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Bags of garbage (paper waste/Plastic waste/Plastic bottles) were

collected and the participants cleaned the area inside the Mini Secretariat Complex.

DC Kishtwar while addressing all the employees of mini Secretariat said, "We want to have a visible impact on people and help them understand that cleanliness is a serious issue," and first phase of it is to start from our own offices. He also instructed the District Officers and other staff to ensure proper hygiene at their respective place of working and fine shall be imposed on those offices who fail to maintain cleanliness.

Mission Youth J&K

DC inaugurates training programme held by Bombay Stock Exchange Institute at GDC Ramban



JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 30: The Bombay Stock Exchange Institute in association with the Employment & Counselling Centre, Ramban today started its maiden 12-day training programme under Mission Youth J&K for the educated unemployed youth at Government Degree College, Ramban.

The Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarat Islam inaugurated the training programme in presence of the Principal, Government Degree College, Ramban, Prof. Subhash Chander Sharma and Assistant

Director, Employment & Counselling Centre, Ramban, Dr. Sushant Mahajan, faculty members and students.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the training programme is a part of the "Mission Youth" initiative of the Government of UT of J&K for upgrading the skills of youth in non-conventional economics sectors like the Share Market, Stock Exchange, Banking and Financial Services having high employability potential.

Exhorting the educated youth to avail this opportunity to make a career in the stocks and shares market, the

DC, informed that the training programme consists of different courses like Mutual Fund, Business Correspondent, and Business Facilitator & Insurance. In his address, the Principal sensitized students about the course and said that the programme has been designed to attract bright young graduates and college students who want to build a career in Banking Industry and Mutual Funds.

Meanwhile, AD Employment said that this training course has been started following a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Mission Youth of J&K and the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute.

The trainers of the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute gave introductory speeches about the various courses and their employment scope to the trainees. Earlier, Resource Persons highlighted the role of the Mutual Fund Industry in India and across the world.



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