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3 of a family killed after car falls into gorge in Kathua

JAMMU

Three members of a family including a child were killed when a car they were travelling in met with an accident and rolled down into a gorge in hilly Bani belt of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir.

A police told news agency, that a car on way from Jammu towards Bani met with an accident late on Wednesday night when reached near Maghar and rolled down into the gorge.

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MeT forecasts dry weather in Kashmir till December 10

SRINAGAR

As the night temperature continues to plummet across the Kashmir Valley, the weatherman on Thursday predicted dry weather for the next ten days.

Talking to the news agency, Director Meteorological Department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said there is no possibility of any wet spell till December 10 as per the forecast.

He said amid the forecast of a dry spell, the temperature would go further down in the valley. "Weather has been cold and dry and there are chances that it will continue to remain so till December 10. There will be severe cold during mornings and nights," he said.

As far as visibility is concerned, the MeT Director said, "There are hazy conditions and for the"

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J&K Bank highest income tax payer in Chandigarh circle

SRINAGAR

Income Tax Department today conducted an Awareness-Cum-Interaction Program on the Importance of Voluntary Compliance to Income Tax Act, 1961 here at J&K Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

The program was attended by Bank's General Managers, Deputy General Managers and senior officers while as Assistant Commissioner Circle Srinagar, Gulzarin Akhtar along with other officers of the department participated in the awareness program.

Lauding J&K Bank on the occasion for paying the highest amount of income tax in Chandigarh Circle, Gulzarin Akhtar told the participants, "I am happy to inform that J&K Bank is the highest tax payer not only in J&K but in the entire"

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Youth found dead mysteriously in Banihal

BANIHAL

A 25-year-old youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a rented accommodation in Banihal area of Ramban district on Thursday.

An official told the news agency that the youth identified as Rayees Ahmed Zohda (25) son of Mohamad Iqbal Zohda of Cham-jloo Banihal was found dead in his rented accommodation in Gund Adalkoot locality of Banihal.

He said Rayees was a driver by profession. "The official said investigation into the matter has been initiated to ascertain the cause of his death. ❧"

LG chairs meeting of financial institutions, public sector banks & govt departments

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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting of financial institutions, public sector banks and government departments at the Civil Secretariat.

During the meeting, the LT Governor directed banks and

the departments to work in close collaboration for seamless credit flow to address the needs of industries, youth, and farmers for their capacity building and entrepreneurship development.

Sharing his views on the overall assessment of financial inclusion led interventions and reaching out to underbanked



sections of rural economy, the LT Governor said that our collective efforts must strive towards supporting sectors working as the power engines of our economy.

Earlier, department-wise issues and analysis of banking sector services were presented before the LT Governor via a PowerPoint presentation.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sh Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Sh Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Sh Baldev Prakash, MD& CEO, J&K Bank; Ms. Manddeep Kaur.

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AC approves subsidized Rooftop Solar Power Plants on Residential Buildings across JK

JAMMU

In a significant step towards a greener future, the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved installation of Roof Top Solar power plant on Residential Buildings across all districts of J&K.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting. The 20 MW Rooftop Solar Power Plants on

Residential Buildings shall be installed by the Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA), Science and Technology Department, under "Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Programme, Phase-II" of Ministry of New Renewable Energy at a project cost of Rs104Crore. These Rooftop Solar Power Plants will be connected with the Grid on Net Metering basis.

Besides, providing a clean and green environment through reduction of carbon emission, the generation

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Ensure 100% certification of works taken up under JJM: Chief Secretary

70000 FHTCs provided to people under the Mission

JAMMU

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday said that the certification of completed works under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is of paramount importance and should be carried out for all the finished works by the concerned department.

He made these remarks during a periodical review meeting held by him to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the Mission in the UT.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; CEO, JJM; Chief



Engineers and other concerned officers of the department.

Outstation based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to speed up their pace of work so that the deadline is not missed further. He enjoined upon them to enhance

their outreach activities also for the awareness of masses. He told them to give special focus on the works the demands of which had been made during the Back to Village or upcoming My Town My Pride programmes.

The Chief Secretary exhorted upon the senior officers of the department to visit all the works themselves either physically or virtually to have better idea about the overall progress. He asked them to take feedback from Panchayat representatives and public about these works. He asked them to give due priority to the water quality

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Salute to Veer Naris, our veterans and tributes to all those martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for our country: LG

Lt Governor inaugurates Amar Jawan Shourya Sthal at Pouni, Reasi

REASI

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated Amar Jawan Shourya Sthal at Pouni, Reasi and paid his respectful obeisance to Param Poojya Sant Balak Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj.

"Salute to Veer Naris, our veterans and tributes to all those martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for our country", the



Lt Governor said after laying floral wreath at Vir Stambh and paying homage to the martyrs.

The Lt Governor observed that after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, the ecosystem nurturing terrorism has been dismantled. The nation is truly indebted to the brave Jawans for safeguarding national security, he added.

On the occasion, the LT Governor highlighted the priorities of

the administration.

"All round economic growth is primary importance for us so that every citizen is able to live a life of honour and dignity in the environment of peace. The new dynamism in rural infrastructure will result in far greater prosperity for the people," Lt Governor said.

"J&K has marched a great distance forward in the last"

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India's G20 Presidency to promote universal sense of one-ness: PM

NEW DELHI

India's G20 Presidency will work to promote the universal sense of one-ness, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a blog on Thursday adding that India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive.

"Confrontation and competition - between ideas, ideologies and identities - became the norm.

Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised.

We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable," he said penning a blog as India assumed presidency of G20.

The Prime Minister refused to accept that confrontation and greed are just human nature.

"If humans were inherently selfish, that would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental one-ness of us all? One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements - the panch

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'Legal heirs of an agriculturist also fall in category of agriculturist'

SRINAGAR

In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir Government has ordered that the legal heirs of an agriculturist shall fall in the category of agriculturist under the Land Revenue Act.

In an order, a copy of which is in possession of news agency, the Revenue department has said that the legal heirs of an agriculturist - mother, father, wife and children - of an agriculturist shall also fall in the agriculturist category for the purpose of section 133-H of the said Act. The order has been issued by the department in exercise of the powers conferred by the

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SI recruitment scam

Court rejects bail of accused teacher

JAMMU

Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Jammu Anjum Ara Thursday rejected the bail application of one accused teacher, Jagdish Lal, who as per CBI's charge-sheet, was involved in sale of papers in much publicized Sub Inspector Recruitment Scam.

As per news agency, while rejecting the bail application of accused Jagdish Lal, the CJM Jammu after hearing both the sides observed that the charge-sheet in the present case has been filed. However, it is evident from the records that CBI is conducting further investigation in the matter and will file subsequent charge-sheet in the case as there are more evidence to be collected by the non-applicant and there is possibility of involvement of many more accused in the present case of the recruitment and the leakage of paper of sub-inspectors.

The accused is involved in a serious economic offence regarding the irregularities in written examination of Sub

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My Town My Pride: Prabhari Officers to mentor their towns for few years: Chief Secretary to Visiting Officers

JAMMU

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that the 'Prabhari Officers' for towns under 'My Town My Pride 2.0' should assimilate themselves into the ethos of these places as they are going to mentor these for few years.

He made these comments while speaking during an interactive session held to sensitize the visiting officers about this programme.

Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and other senior officers besides the designated visiting officers for all the 78 ULBs.

Kashmir based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon them to be proactive throughout this programme and have close allegiance with them so that the relationship is long-lasting and favorable. He observed that there are sufficient funds at the disposal of PRIs and they should be assisted fully



to develop efficient plans for the people of respective areas.

The Chief Secretary also made out that focus should be on service delivery instead of creating the infrastructure only. He maintained that soft power like Aadhar Card, Golden Card, Property Certificate, Land Passbook, Ration Card, enrolment in Social Security Schemes are equally significant for people. He stated that these services empower people and make access to utilities easy. He asked the officers

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Rana expresses shock over death of 14 year old in Surinsar road accident

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: Sr. BJP Leader, Mr. Devender Singh Rana today expressed deep shock over the sad demise of a young boy, accompanying the Barat in a road mishap at Surinsar.

"My heart goes to the bereaved members of the family", Mr Rana said in a condolence message, praying for peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

Rana also visited Govt. Medical College Hospital, Jammu to enquire about the condi-



tion of all those injured in the accident. He sought specialized medical treatment of the injured ones and wished them a speedy recovery.

Yudhvir, Councillor Nidhi kick-start development work of deep drain at Ward 17

BJP moving-ahead with agenda of overall development: Yudhvir

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi along with Advocate Nidhi Mangotra, Councillor Ward No 17 today kick-started development work of a deep drain at Amphalla here today.

The development was initiated with an estimated cost of Rs 11 lakh in presence of Raman Sharma, Mandal President Amphalla, Ishant Mahajan, District President Yuva Morcha, Davinder, Smarty, Rahul and Rocky, Balwan Singh, Ex-Councillor of Ward No 17, Omkar, Yuva Morcha team and senior citizens of the Ward.

While addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said that the Central dispensation led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi is committed to overall development of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by giving equal stress on both rural as well as urban areas. He said that moving ahead with the agenda of overall development of every nook and cor-



ner across the nation the party cadre is contributing in this direction at the grass roots level to augment the movement started by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi led Government to transform the canvass of the world's largest democracy. Sethi also eulogised the efforts of a local Councillor Nidhi Mangotra for taking interest in addressing issues of general public. He hoped that the Councillor will continue the spree of development for the welfare of common masses. Councillor Nidhi Mangotra said that she is duty bound to serve the people of Ward 17. She said it is the result of synchronized efforts of the Union Government and the UT administration that Jammu and Kashmir is today witnessing unprecedented number of developmental projects on ground and that too being carried out at unprecedented pace. Nidhi said that she believes in the core principle of the Party i.e, Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas and also appealed to the people of the area to strengthen the hands of BJP and wipe out such persons who only focus on vote bank politics. She assured the people that the pace of development will continue in the Union Territory under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Vi Business Introduces 'Vi Secure' - A Comprehensive Cyber Security Portfolio For Enterprises

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: In a fast evolving digital era, with workloads shifting to Cloud, industry 4.0 revolutionizing automation and increasingly digital workforce, businesses have remained vulnerable to cyber breaches and attacks. MSMEs in particular have become soft targets for cyber threats due to their lack of awareness, preparedness and resources. A comprehensive set of security solutions to protect enterprises and proactively secure businesses and customers is the need of the hour.

To address this need gap, Vi Business, the enterprise arm of the leading telecom player operator Vodafone Idea Limited, today announced the launch of 'ViTM Secure' - a comprehensive cyber security portfolio with a range of reliable solutions that offer protection against multiple threats arising from network, cloud and end points.

Further, MSMEs which account for 30% of India's GDP are still unprepared to adopt digital techniques and platforms and are yet to implement security measures to protect their operations from the cyberattacks. More than 52% of Indian MSMEs have not yet implemented cloud-based security services, antivirus software, cloud firewalls, VPNs, cloud connect, end-to-end data encryption, or managed security services, according to the Vi Business 'ReadyForNext' MSME Survey Findings. The data further indicates that MSMEs who have adopted security solutions have an average of 1.6x times the digital maturity vis-a-vis non adopters.

In line with its collaborative approach to offer the best in class enterprise solutions, Vi Business has partnered with global tech leaders to offer one-stop package of cyber security solutions to safeguard every critical aspect for a future fit business func-

tioning, for its enterprise customers. Commenting on the initiative, Arvind Nevatia, Chief Enterprise Business Officer, Vi said "Maintaining a robust cyber-security system is crucial for any business, especially in the digital era. With increasing frequency and scale of threats, organizations are looking for strong security solutions that protect their assets and ensure end-user privacy. Leveraging Vi's network security expertise, our solutions are designed in collaboration with leading security providers, offer enterprise customers access to a broad suite of industry-leading capabilities that align with their current and future cyber security needs."

Offering a comprehensive one-stop solution for all cyber security needs, Vi Business has introduced new security solutions namely Web Security and Email Security and Maximum Device Security Solutions in partnership with FirstWave Cloud Technology (Powered by Cisco) and Trend Micro. It also comes equipped with other key solutions such as Cloud Firewall, Managed Security Services, Secure Device Manager and Managed DDoS solutions through partnerships with Fortinet, IBM and Netscout Arbor.

Commenting on the partnership with Vi Business for Web Security and E-mail Security solutions, Danny Maher, CEO and Managing Director, FirstWave Cloud Technology said, "Vi Business is uniquely positioned to provide cyber-security services across India, delivering market-leading email, web, and virtualized firewall security through FirstWave's CyberCisionTM platform. We've built our CyberCisionTM platform to enable service providers to deliver world-class cybersecurity protection at scale. With the power of FirstWave's CyberCisionTM platform, Vi Business has the opportunity to revolutionize cybersecurity in India and we're very excited about it."

Commenting on the partnership with Vi Business for Maximum Device Security Solution, Vijendra Katiyar, Country Manager India & SAARC, Trend Micro, said "We continue to see enterprises in India as major target for cybercriminals and are proud to be partnering with Vi Business to offer our market-leading protection for PC, Mac, Android and iOS devices to their customers, to help keep their secure

Youth uncertain about future amid increasing unemployment in J&K: Mir

Says peace must to bring investment, generate employment opportunities

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: Apni Party Senior Vice President, Ghulam Hassan Mir today said the increasing unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir has worried youth about an uncertain future which needs to be addressed in a planned manner to bring them on the right track.

Addressing a provincial level youth wing meeting here at Gandhi Nagar office of the party, Ghulam Hassan Mir said that "The rise in unemployment in J&K is a serious cause of concern for all of us and the youth have become unnerved with the situation and it needs to be addressed by the Govt."

He said that "At the moment is to bring peace first and then the investment will come to J&K so that ample employment opportunities can be generated. J&K has huge potential to generate employment but that needs to have planning and strategy."

Asking the youth wing to work among the youth of J&K in every nook and corner, he directed the young



leaders to inform the youth about the policies of Apni Party. "We are focused on bringing peace and prosperity and a bright future for the people who have faced a dark past due to the wrong policies. There is a need to adopt a unique and cordial approach towards the youth issues," he said.

He further said that "Youth have a responsibility to contribute in nation building and strengthen J&K. This can be possible with a popular Govt. Hence, holding of early assembly elections is a must and restoration of the Statehood." He appealed to

the youth to play a positive role in nation building and the Apni Party is committed to bring them on the right path. "We are against the elements who misled the youth. We want a bright future for the youth of J&K and it would be possible with peace and prosperity," he added. Meanwhile, State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya also spoke on the occasion and directed the youth leaders to address the issues being faced by the young generation.

The meeting was also attended by Additional General Secretary, Arun

Chibber, Provincial President / Jammu Urban District President, Dr Rohit Gupta, State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial Secretary Jammu Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial Secretary Youth Sohail Khajuria, Provincial Secretary Youth Vishal Jotshi, District President Shivam Choudhary, Senior Vice President District Youth, Sandeep Vaid, Vice President District Youth Abhinav Gupta, Secretary Youth, Anshu, District Secretary Youth, Atinder, District Secretary Youth, Sumit Bali and others.

Royal Dogras & Infobug inaugurates month long theatre workshop at Jammu Haat



J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: A month-long theatre workshop is being organised by Royal Dogras in collaboration with Infobug in Jammu at Jammu haat, near Dogra Chowk.

Additional Secretary JKAACL Dr. Arvinder Singh Aman and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, actor/director Sh. Mushtaq Kak inaugurated the workshop. Actor/director Sandeep Verma and Amar Chouhan from the infobug team were also present on the occasion. Mohit Mehra will conduct

this 30 days workshop. Having the experience in performing arts for more than 10 years, Mohit Mehra, a product of India Theatre Department of Punjab University Chandigarh, a theatre practitioner, actor and director will conduct the workshop.

Best Director award of 2021 annual drama festival organised by Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages (JKAACL), Mehra has participated in scores of national and international theatre festivals.

In his address, the Additional Secretary appreciated the organisers over holding this workshop as it will help a lot of budding talent who wants to be a part of performing arts.

He congratulated the entire team of Royal Dogras and infobug for their efforts in the field of theatre. While speaking during the occasion, Sh. Mushtaq Kak said that this workshop will be beneficial for those who want to learn theatre techniques.

He further said that aspiring artists must come out

and get benefitted by this workshop. He extended his appreciation to organisers and wished for their other future endeavours.

During the inauguration of the workshop, Mohit Mehra stated that Jammu and Kashmir has immense talent and there is utmost need of providing them proper guidance and training to hone their talent. "In this month long theatre workshop, a comprehensive training will be provided that includes acting techniques and methods, learning to use body and voice for effective communication, developing imagination and observation as a habit, improvisation memory and creative thinking, developing a confident attitude, performing and practicing solo and multiple actor scenes, learning the technicalities of actor for stage, learning to be more expressive with your emotions, auditioning for professional assignments and developing body and mind as an creative artist."

DSRS JU participated in G-20- A Primer Programme

J1 NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 01: The Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), University of Jammu participated in the "G20 - A Primer" programme under "University Connect Initiative" organized by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) New Delhi with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on the occasion of India's took over the year-long G20 presidency officially on 1 December 2022 which will continue till 30 November 2023. In the seminar hall of the Department of Strategic and Regional Studies (DSRS), the program was attended by Dr. Virender Koundal, Director DSRS, Prof. Dipankar Sengupta, Director Poonch Campus and eminent professor of economics, Dr. Mohammad Monir Alam, Dr. Suneel Kumar, Dr. Surinder Mohan, and research scholars of the department.

The essence of India's G20 chairmanship is embodied in the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" and is crystallized in the ancient Sanskrit ethos as "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." For India, the G20 Presidency marks the beginning of "Amritkaal", the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence on 15 August 2022, leading up to the centenary of its independence, towards a

future, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core.

India sees its G20 presidency as a catalyst of change and global transformation, in a world stricken by multi-dimensional crises such as food and energy security, which has been accentuated by geopolitical tensions. With the world mired in conflicts, jeopardising lives of ordinary people, India will harness its G20 presidency to forge constructive and consensus-based solutions to a host of challenges such as reviving global growth, stronger climate action and robust global health architecture.

Going forward, the G20 is an opportunity to showcase India, the 'Mother of Democracy', in all its glory and diversity as it scales new heights of excellence in just about every area, ranging from economic progress to science and technology, space, innovation and start-ups.

India has decided to host 200 plus G20-related meetings in 56 different places in India, bringing delegates from different countries to visit this vibrant and diverse country. The key areas where India is going to focus during its presidency are: "Energy Transition: Shaping a Green World", "Promoting Eco-friendly Lifestyle", "Bridging the Divide: Digital Public Goods", "Climate Finance: Funding Green Growth", "Enhancing G20 Collaboration for Food Security", "Democratizing Global Financial Governance: Adapting to 21st Century Realities", and "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Making World a Better Place to Live in".

After the participation in the conference, the faculty of the department has resolved to participate in the research and other academic initiatives to be taken by India during its role as G20 president.

JKSPYM organizes series of events to observe World AIDS Day

JAMMU, DEC 01: J&K Society for Promotion of Youth & Masses (JKSPYM) organized series of events to observe World AIDS Day i.e., Dec 1st on theme "Equalize". JKSPYM today organized Rally on "World AIDS DAY". Rally was flagged off by Project Director, J&K State AIDS Control Society, Dr. Sameer Maroon. More than 100 students of Rajeev Gandhi College of Nursing participated in rally and rally started from Kala Kendra and it moved towards ware house via Bhagwati Nagar bridge and finished at Rajinder Park, Canal Road.

Dil Maange More : Northern Command & Innovations India conduct film making workshops



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: Award Winning Film Makers, Rahat Kazmi and Tariq Khan conducted Interactive Film Making Workshops for the youth of J&K and Ladakh in multiple locations like Surankote, Poonch, Rajouri etc. The First Ever "Dil Maange More Short Film Festival" curated by Internationally Acclaimed Festival Curator Captain Rahul Bali is an initiative of Northern Command of Indian Army in association with Innovations India for Empowering the Youth of J&K and Ladakh in line with the Vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi reiterating the importance of activities

for "Nation Building". A mega Filmmaking Workshop as part of this coveted project was conducted in Jammu on 01 Dec 2022. Maj. Gen. SS Patil, GOC, Udhampur Sub Area, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional Commissioner of Jammu and Sh. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu presided over the workshop and felicitated the celebrity guests. All the workshops conducted across the region generated fantastic response from the youth and were extremely beneficial for the young aspiring film makers in enabling them to chase their dreams in the world of filmmaking. Speaking at the workshop in Jammu the Divisional

Commissioner Sh. Ramesh Kumar said that it is heartening to see that Filmmaking is not only limited to Mumbai today and initiatives like "Dil Maange More Festival" not only lead to empowering the youth of J&K but is a fabulous step towards Nation Building. He complimented the efforts of Indian Army Northern Command and Innovations India for this brilliant endeavour. "Dil Maange More Short Film Festival (DMMSEFF 2022)" is dedicated to the independent, talented and discerning film makers from J&K and Ladakh, who crave to showcase their deftness and craft of film making to the world via short films. This month long first of its

kind mega short film festival will culminate with a grand finale on 16 Dec 2022, at HQ Northern Command in Udhampur where a number of dignitaries and renowned Film Personalities from Bollywood would be present to give away awards & prizes to the winners.

The highlight of the festival is that apart from Cash Prizes and Merit Certificates, the top five Winners of the Short Film Making Competition at the DMM- SFF would be mentioned by world renowned award winning Film Makers

Intiaz Ali, Rahul Mittra, Umesh Shukla, Rahat Kazmi & Tariq Khan. The Winning films would also be showcased at International Indian Film Festivals curated by Captain Rahul Bali across the world catapulting the winners to national & international fame. The festival is duly supported by Intiaz Ali's Window Seat Films, Rahul Mittra Films, Umesh Shukla's Merry Go Round Studios, IFFW, Punit Balan Group, Rahat Kazmi Films, J&K Cinema Association, Central University of Jammu & Baba Gulshan Shah Badshah University, Rajouri (J&K).

Ajay Gupta visits My Town My Pride Camp in Ward 52

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: Under My Town My Pride Program, a camp is organized at Bharat Mata Park at ward no. 52. This camp is organized for the residents of wards 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54.



A number of activities are being carried out by several departments as part of the program which is to be held till 4th of December.

As part of the programme, the officers and officials of various municipalities and departments during which the shopkeepers and other stakeholders were sensitized about the different beneficiary oriented schemes/ plans including PMAY (U) and PM Svanidhi, City Livelihood plan, City Smart Vending,

Encroachment free town plan, City Tourism and Culture plan, Resource Mobilization Plan, City Beautification Plan and Green City plan.

Various line departments are also conducting awareness camps about their respective schemes and welfare programmes for the people, demonstrations of these were also held so that people themselves can keep track of the major develop-

Committee and Corporator Ward No. 52 Sh. Ajay Gupta said that this campaign has been organized to aware the general public regarding the schemes and facilities are being provided by the government. He appealed to the residents of the respective wards to visit the camp at Bharat Mata Park and participate in this campaign and get the information regarding any matter or question of any of the department.

He applauded the government for bringing such campaign which will benefit the general public and hoped that more campaign like these will be organized to provide awareness to every home and every corner of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Kavinder commences laying of water pipeline work at Poly Hills in Sunjwan

Says BJP committed to provide basic amenities to people



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: Kavinder Gupta former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader has reiterated that BJP Govt's commitment to provide the basic necessities including drinking water to the people in every nook and corner of the nation. He said that this can be well gauged from the fact that the significant Jal Jeevan Mission launched by the Govt in this direction successfully achieved the 'Har Ghar Jal' target across the Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir. The senior BJP leader stated this during a function organized to commence the development work of laying of drinking water supply pipeline at Poly Hills Colony in Malik Market Panchayat, Sunjwan of Jammu City here today. He also started another development work lain and drain at Rajiv Nagar area of Narwal.

The former Deputy Chief Minister kick-started this developmental work along with Rajkumar, Chairman Public Health & Sanitation and PHE

Committee of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in the presence of Vinay Gupta BJP District President Jammu. Corporator Sharda Kumar and BJP leader Mohd Rafeeq.

While addressing the gathering, the former Dy Chief Minister said that with the jurisdiction of JMC having got extended to some new rural areas the people in this belt were facing drinking water supply issues. He said that water is the most significant necessity second only to air without which the human survival is not possible.

He emphasized that it is the prime duty of the Govt to ensure that these basic necessities are available to the people quite easily. Kavinder Gupta also appreciated the efforts of local leader Mohd Rafeeq for raising this problem of the people in this particular area for due redressal. He reiterated that the BJP Govt being fully committed to resolve the problems and issues of the people especially in rural areas is very prompt in responding to such issues. He said that this problem being related to the basic necessity i.e. water therefore the work has been commenced on this project on priority with the laying of water pipeline in and around Pali Hill Colony taking due care of the ease of living of the people living in the area.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were, Bashir Khatana, Liyaqat Ali, Dr Devisinder, Suraj Rana, Dalvir Singh, Vinod Kumar and Purshotam Kumar.

'My Town My Pride' campaign: Joint grievances redressal camp held at Ward 20

Register civic issues of Gandhi Nagar upto Dec 4

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: As a part of 'My Town My Pride' campaign, a grievances redressal camp was held at the office of Ward No 20 Gandhi Nagar here today.

On the occasion, Councillor Ward No 20, Rahul Kumar listened to the issues raised by the general public being related to civic issues of their respective areas.

Many deputations including individual persons visited the Ward office to discuss their issues with the local Councillors. They put forth various issues pertaining to basic amenities including drinking water, electricity, roads, etc. They sought immediate resolution of their pressing issues.

Pertinent to mention here a joint grievances redressal camp of four Wards No 19, 20, 21, 22, 47 and 48 was held at the Office of Ward No 20. While giving a patient hearing to the deputations, Rahul Kumar assured to take up the issues putforth by the deputation with the concerned authorities and get the same



resolved at the earliest. Kumar said that the initiative taken by the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha is a proactive measure which will undoubtedly bridge the gap between the people and Administration thus helping resolving issues of the people within a short span of time on priority basis. "Modi government has initiated number of development projects in the last couple of years and very soon the results would start coming out changing the

development profile of the region. The stakeholders in J&K are working relentlessly for achieving the goal of making the Union Territory an example for its counterparts with up to the mark edifice and all round development," he said. The senior BJP leader said that the Party is fully committed to address the day to day problems being faced by the people. He stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and

provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues. He said that it is a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people and ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in an efficacious way. Rahul Kumar appealed to the people of aforesaid Wards to visit the grievances redressal camp and register their issues upto December 4 with an aim to get redressal of same at the earliest.

ABVP passes five resolutions in National Conference

Kick-starts development works of lanes in Rajiv Nagar, Qasim Nagar areas

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad 68th three day National Conference, recently held at Jaipur Rajasthan from 25 - 27 November. The National Conference of ABVP is an annual program, which provides the vision and mission for the working of ABVP in the upcoming year. In this National Conference "About 1485 students from across length and breadth of India and delegates from his or her community, he said and added that there is unprecedented development in the Jammu & Kashmir, especially the Kashmir region, which was earlier looted and exploited by few families ruling the resources of the state for 70 years. Modi government has touched every area of development to provide the benefit to most neglected segments of the society. Sunil Sharma further said that BJP would leave no stone unturned to fulfill all the promises made by the organization with the masses and will unleash an era of development at the grass root level creating an atmosphere of growth for all.



necessary for the internal security and sovereignty of the nation, India playing a crucial role in the international arena" were passed in the National Conference.

In the first resolution ABVP demand that as required for the implementation of the National Education Policy, special drives must be undertaken for training, recruitment and creation of new posts of teachers. Moreover, adequate funding should be provided for the same and 2% of Bharat's GDP should be spent on the research and higher education. In second resolution ABVP demand welcome the initiative of launching medical science textbook in Hindi & engineering textbook in Marathi, Oriya, Gujarati,

Kannada and to fulfill the vision "India Centric education to Indians".

In third resolution ABVP demand that UGC and CSIR must streamline it's process of conducting NET exams twice a year, as it was earlier and a calendar for NEET, JEE and other state entrance examination must be strictly enforced. In fourth resolution ABVP welcome ban on PFI was necessary and urged that there is an urgent need to keep an eye out for activities of individuals associated with PFI to prevent reconstitution of any such organisation in future. In fifth resolution ABVP welcomes the Presidency of India of G20 and appeals for the significant and effective participation of Indians in G20 activities as emissaries of the all-encompassing story of India.

Contrary to the demand of ABVP for immediate withdrawal of J&K Public University Bill-2022, the LG government has announced enhancement of service duration of university professors from the age limit of 62 to 65 years, which is totally unacceptable. ABVP strongly condemn this decision which has solely been taken with malafied intention just to dilute the boiling issue of Public University Bill and merely to distract the attention of the agitating professors and other staff including students of the public universities of J&K, the decision of enhancement of retirement has been taken.

Modi govt benefitted every person, every community: Sunil Sharma



JJ NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, DEC 01: Modi government benefitted every person, every community, stated Sunil Sharma, former Minister & J&K BJP General Secretary. Sunil Sharma was addressing a huge public gathering at Handwara, Kupwara in Kashmir region. BJP

Kupwara Incharge Anwar Khan, District President Rehman lone, Shakeela and others were also present on the occasion. Addressing the mammoth rally, Sunil Sharma said that the growing support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government in Kashmir is

proof that people of Kashmir has put their trust on BJP's Sankalp of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'. He said that people have shown their confidence in the welfare policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Various schemes of the Modi government have benefitted

every person irrespective of his or her community, he said and added that there is unprecedented development in the Jammu & Kashmir, especially the Kashmir region, which was earlier looted and exploited by few families ruling the resources of the state for 70 years. Modi government has touched every area of development to provide the benefit to most neglected segments of the society. Sunil Sharma further said that BJP would leave no stone unturned to fulfill all the promises made by the organization with the masses and will unleash an era of development at the grass root level creating an atmosphere of growth for all.

BJP ditched over 61000 daily wagers, their families in J&K: Manjit Singh



JJ NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, DEC 01: Apni Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has accused BJP for ditched the daily wagers and their families in Jammu and Kashmir on the name of regularization. Addressing a monthly meeting of party leaders and workers here at Vijaypur, S. Manjit Singh said that over 61000 daily wagers have been working in different Govt departments from the last over two decades but they were not regularized despite assurances and decisions of the previous Govts.

"It was BJP which had also assured them their regularization but ditched the

daily wagers and thousands of their family members by ignoring their genuine demand," he said. He said that "The BJP is expecting votes again by adopting divisive politics." He said that the Apni Party believes that the daily wagers have faced discrimination for years and they should be regularized, and their pending wages should be released on a regular basis. "If we form next Govt in J&K, we will regularize the daily wagers within 60 days after the formation of the Govt," he said and added that Similarly he said that the fight for the rights of refugees will continue as their pending package has not been

released by the Govt of India. "Rs 25 lakhs for each refugee family of J&K was sanctioned and released but only Rs 5.5 lakhs was received by all the refugee families. The refugees should be given their pending dues so that it can help them," he said. He said that highlighted the policy of social security scheme of Apni Party like pension scheme up to Rs 5000, 500 units of free electricity for Jammu during summer and 300 units of free electricity during winter season in Jammu region, 4 cooking gas cylinders under Ujjwala scheme free

of cost and other such schemes.

He appealed to the party leaders and workers to inform people about the policies and agenda of the party. Meanwhile, other leaders also spoke on the occasion and highlighted various demands of the people. Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include District President Apni Party, Samba, Raman Thappa, ST Wing State President Saleem Alam, Provincial President Jammu Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, District President Samba Legal Cell, and Candidate for Ramgarh, Sahil Bharti, Lovely Mangol, Ram Lal Sharma, Molvi Noor, Punjabo Ram, Sarpanch Joginder Lal, Choudhary Bachan Lal, Babu Ram, Harjeet Singh, Capt Mohan Lal Sharma, Manzoor Ahmed, Irshan Choudhary, Bharat Bushan, District President ST Wing, Mohd Arif and others.

People in J&K Totally fed up from proxy govt by BJP, Only NC can deliver good results: Dr Vikas



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: The restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is the only way out to mitigate the sufferings of poor and hapless masses who are at the receiving end due to official apathy, said Dr Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary JKNC.

While interacting with youth at Gandhi Nagar, Dr. Vikas Sharma said that ever since BJP took over the reign into its hand, majority of youth and general public are totally feeling disgruntled and slipped into a state of desperation due to anti youth policies of the present government. He said that

growing unemployment is a burning issue as the present regime has miserably failed to create job opportunities for the youth. He said that unemployment is at an all time high in the country and in J&K as well following which the youth is under depression. "Frustration due to unemployment among educated youth is leading to suicides, crime, and drug addiction," Dr Sharma lamented.

He regretted that the Government is deliberately indulging the youth in drug addiction by allowing the selling of alcohol in departmental stores. "Already the City of Temples has been turned

into town wine shops because, in every street of Jammu city, wine shops have been opened during the last one and half years", he said. He said that the Government is violating rules and regulations by allowing departmental stores to sell Beer and other ready-made drinks. He said that already wine shops have been opened in populated areas and near religious places and they will not allow the departmental stores to sell Beer and other ready-made drinks.

Dr Vikas also said that we stand committed for secularism and social equality. He said the National Conference has a

legacy of serving the poor and weaker sections of the society which was started by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah. He maintained that the fight for restoration of statehood to J&K shall be the foremost agenda of the party. People of J&K have suffered a lot during the past three years since the abolition of statehood. He said that NC is fighting and will continue its fight till restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Vikas asked youth to strengthen the hands of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Janab Omar Abdullah for getting rid of all the problems being faced by the youth of J&K. He urged the youth to get united and vote NC to power in the coming Assembly elections.

Dr Vikas said that we have standing instructions from our party President Dr Farooq Abdullah to keep in constant touch with the people at the grass root level and take note of their problems for appropriate solution and timely disposal.

Rahul nominated as District General Secretary NSF

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: In order to strengthen the organisation, Rahul Thakur has been made Jammu District General Secretary NSF, who is the active worker of National Secular Forum(NSF).

This was stated by the District, President of National Secular Forum who advised the newly made Secretary NSF to raise issues of students and to make efforts for getting them solved so as to establish trust amongst the stu-



dent's fraternity. He said that amongst others, the main aim and objective of NSF has been taking cognizance of problems of students and solv-

ing them on priority and that is why the students believe and trust the students-friendly students of National Secular Forum. Vikshay Vashist Jammu District President NSF, who also discussed various issues and demands of the students. J&K has been suffering badly due to mis-governance and there is nobody who listens to the grievances of youth, he said. He also said that unemployment is at an all time high in the present scenario which is the root

cause of depression and anxiety among the young generation following which it is becoming drug addicts. Among those who were attended the meeting included, Roshan Sharma University Unit President, Nitiin Manhas, Rashid Shah, Abhishek UPPAL, Vishal Sharma, Zafar Iqbal, Yasir Iqbal, Vinay Sharma, Viren Nagotra, Tufail Khan, Puneet Bakshi, Navdeep and Pankaj Sharma.

Sham Sharma, Devender Rana listen to public grievances

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Lal Sharma and former-MLA Devender Singh Rana, listened to the grievances of a large number of people belonging to different areas of Jammu & Kashmir at party head-quarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Individuals and Deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought kind intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved.

Issues related to the PHE, PDD, road



Macadamization, revenue, other issues related to the development and personal issues were presented in front of senior party leaders. Senior BJP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, which were immediately taken up

with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer. Sham Lal Sharma said that trusting the BJP's commitment in reaching out and solving the issues of the public, people in large number

visit the BJP office to present their issues with a strong belief on the party. Devender Singh Rana said that the BJP leaders make sincere efforts to sort out the issues presented by the people by taking them up at the appropriate platforms.

JCP organizes AIDS awareness program

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: On occasion of World AIDS Day Jammu College of Physiotherapy organised an awareness program in Trikuta Degree College. Awareness program was carried out by means of a Nukad Natak. The students of the college very efficiently explained about AIDS and its prevention by means of Nukad Natak. Later the students joined the AIDS awareness rally organised by Trikuta Degree College.

Principal of the college Dr Navinderpal Singh appreciated the efforts of the stu-



dents in organising this awareness program and extended his gratitude

towards the Chairperson of the college Mrs Suman Sharma and the whole man-

agement for supporting such community outreach programs.

DLSA Samba hosts awareness program to observe World AIDS Day

JJ NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, DECEMBER 01: Under the able aegis of NALSA and as per the Action Plan issued by Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority & for the month of December, 2022 and also under the able guidance and supervision of Sonia Gupta, Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. District and Sessions Judge Samba), District Legal Services Authority, Samba today observed the World Aids Day on the Theme (2022) "Equalize" by organizing an Awareness program in collaboration with the Department of Health, here in the Government District Hospital.

Dr. Mohinder Kumar, Medical Superintendent, Government District Hospital Samba acted as a Resource Person in the program. He deliberated upon the theme and importance of the Day. He spoke about as to how individual living with HIV and other vulnerable and marginalized groups risk discrimination and isolation because of the Virus. He urged upon how our Communities must utilize the

'Equalize' message to highlight the inequalities they experience and push for the measure necessary to rectify them.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Panel Advocate Hitesh Sharma who addressed the gathering about the Legal Rights of AIDS patients and presented the vote of thanks to the gathering.

The program was attended by Panel

Advocates, staff of Govt. District Hospital Samba and PLVs of District Legal Services Authority Samba. Besides this, another program on 'World Aids Day' also organized by DLSA Samba at Sub District Hospital Vijaypur, wherein Dr. Abdul Queum, Medical Superintendent, elaborated on how to end this disease and eliminate the inequalities against the disease.

Chairman DDC Doda exhorts teachers to imbibe moral values among students

JJ NEWS SERVICE BHADERWAH, DECEMBER 01: Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Doda, Dhanantar Singh Kotwal today called upon the teachers to imbibe moral values among the students to make them Good Citizens.

He also stressed on the need to impart skill training to the students as per their potential so that in future they don't solely depend on government jobs.

The Chairman was addressing the Annual Day function of Moon Light Model Academy Bhella as the chief guest.

The DDC Chairman further emphasised the role of education in empowering the citizens and the duty of the parents and teachers to in making the career of students.

Modi made 'impossible' possible in J&K: Danish

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 1: BJP leader Danish Mishra today asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made 'impossible' possible by scrapping Article 370 and ensuring equitable development in both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media persons, Danish said that the J&K Government has taken a historic decision by making Urdu as not mandatory language for the posts of Naib Tehsildar in the Revenue Department.



He termed this decision as a big relief for the youth of Jammu region who are now eligible for the posts of Naib Tehsildars posts whenever it may announce. This, he said is the biggest achieve-

ment of the BJP Government and a gift to the youth of Jammu region who have been deprived of Kashmir centric policies adopted by the successive regimes in the erstwhile state.

The senior BJP leader said that things which earlier were not possible have become reality after PM Modi took over the reins of the Jammu region who are now eligible for the posts of Naib Tehsildars posts whenever it may announce. This, he said is the biggest achieve-

ment of the BJP Government and a gift to the youth of Jammu region who have been deprived of Kashmir centric policies adopted by the successive regimes in the erstwhile state.

NDPI stands guarantee to peace, restoration of statehood: Rajesh Gupta

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) has demanded early Assembly polls and restoration of Statehood in J&K. In a meeting NDPI J&K president, Rajesh Gupta hit at BJP for downgrading the historical state and snatching rights to land and jobs besides trade and business opportunities at the cost of locals and said that BJP Government has failed to achieve any of the claimed benefits of Aug 2019 decision. He said Jammu and Kashmir is deprived of democracy for more than three and half years and there is total uncertainty about

Assembly elections and restoration of statehood despite commitment on the floor of the house by the PM and HM. NDPI Chief said NDPI stands guarantee to peace, harmony, dignity, restoration of statehood and rights to land and jobs. He claimed that in J&K, the administration has punished candidates who had qualified for various jobs as corruption and malpractices prevailed here. However communal and divisive forces are the biggest enemies of peace and harmony and overall development of the J&K UT and people must unitedly defeat such forces for their better

future. Blaming BJP for unprecedented price rise, huge taxations of all sorts, record unemployment and an atmosphere of authoritarian rule, NDPI leader said that a bureaucratic rule can't be substitute to elected gov-

ernment, since they are not neither answerable nor approachable to the people. Those who attended the meeting were Umesh Manhas, S. Kuljeet Singh, Rajiv Luthra, Sandeep Anand and others.

JKNPP demands early elections in J&K

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 01: Jay Mala Chief patron JKNPP on Thursday demanded early assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir. While releasing the statement at party's office Gandhi Nagar, JKNPP Chief Patron Jay Mala said that democracy cannot be ensured without the elections in Jammu and Kashmir, so all parties here have been demanding immediate conduct of the polls.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

Ensure no laxity in biometric attendance

Jammu and Kashmir government has finally decided to put its foot down to ensure accountability in the day-to-day functioning of the administration. For this, Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta has issued fresh directions for strict compliance to the orders on biometric attendance of employees particularly in field offices. The directions have come following the low record of employees' biometric attendance across Jammu and Kashmir. It is quite unfortunate that employees working in various government offices seldom maintain discipline and reach their respective offices in time. It hampers the public delivery system badly, besides it gives a wrong notion that authorities at the helm of affairs are inefficient to bring accountability in the system. If media reports are to be believed, there is a cumulative achievement of 42 percent of employees' biometric attendance mainly attributed to the field offices. This is notwithstanding the fact that authorities have issued strict warnings to the employees for taking biometric attendance casually. Moreover, warnings have been issued for those employees who are carelessly taking directives regarding Employees Performance Monitoring portal carelessly. In June this year, instructions were issued to all government offices, PSUs, institutions and corporations across Jammu and Kashmir to switch over to biometric system with immediate effect and all employees were directed to necessarily mark their attendance both at arrival and departure as per the notified office hours of various offices. All administrative secretaries, heads and managing directors of PSUs, corporations and institutions were also directed to ensure installation of biometric attendance systems and equipment in all offices and institutions under their administrative control. All DDOs were also directed to draw salaries of employees only on the basis of satisfactory biometric attendance. It is an open fact that the people take government jobs casually with a commonly prevalent perception that they are not to be penalized. What is the need of the hour is to explore and work out a way out to have attendance of all employees in the field recorded biometrically without any laxity. To some extent, the government has achieved the strict compliance to the biometric attendance system in urban areas to great extent but it has remained a major challenge for authorities to ensure accountability in rural pockets where it has been observed that those employees who stay in the nearby vicinity leave the office premises either with the consent of controlling officers or without their knowledge in the middle of working hours and due to this office work suffers immensely. Authorities should evolve a suitable mechanism to check this tendency. The government should intensify surprise checks in the field offices to have on-spot assessment over the compliance of the directives regarding eight hours duty in the government offices. All measures need to be put in place to regulate attendance of employees to ensure an effective public delivery system.

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NARENDRA MODI

THE previous 17 Presidencies of the G20 delivered significant results – for ensuring macro-economic stability, rationalising international taxation and relieving the debt burden on countries, among many other outcomes. We will benefit from these achievements, and build further upon them.

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However, as India assumes this important mantle, I ask myself – can the G20 go further still? Can we catalyse a fundamental mindset shift, to benefit humanity as a whole?

Our mindsets are shaped by our circumstances. Through all of history, humanity lived in scarcity. We fought for limited resources, because our survival depended on denying them to others. Confrontation and competition – between ideas, ideologies and identities – became the norm.

Unfortunately, we remain trapped in the same zero-sum mindset even today. We see it when countries fight over territory or resources. We see it when supplies of essential goods are weaponised. We see it when vaccines are hoarded by a few, even as billions remain vulnerable.

Some may argue that confrontation and greed are just human nature. I disagree. If humans were inherently selfish, what would explain the lasting appeal of so many spiritual traditions that advocate the fundamental oneness of us all?

One such tradition, popular in India, sees all living beings, and



even inanimate things, as composed of the same five basic elements – the pancha tatva of earth, water, fire, air and space. Harmony among these elements – within us and between us – is essential for our physical, social and environmental well-being.

India's G20 Presidency will work to promote this universal sense of oneness. Hence our theme – 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.

This is not just a slogan. It takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate.

Today, we have the means to produce enough to meet the basic needs of all people in the world.

Today, we do not need to fight for our survival – our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one!

Today, the greatest challenges we face – climate change, terrorism and pandemics – can be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together.

Fortunately, today's technology also gives us the means to address problems on a humanity-wide scale. The massive virtual worlds that we inhabit today demonstrate the scalability of digital technologies.

Housing one-sixth of humanity, and with its immense diversity of

languages, religions, customs and beliefs, India is a microcosm of the world.

With the oldest-known traditions of collective decision-making, India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy. As the mother of democracy, India's national consensus is forged not by diktat, but by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody.

Today, India is the fastest growing large economy. Our citizen-centric governance model takes care of even our most marginalised citizens, while nurturing the creative genius of our talented youth.

We have tried to make national development not an exercise in top-down governance, but rather a citizen-led 'people's movement'.

We have leveraged technology to create digital public goods that are open, inclusive and inter-operable. These have delivered revolutionary progress in fields as varied as social protection, financial inclusion and electronic payments.

For all these reasons, India's experiences can provide insights for possible global solutions.

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For promoting harmony within the human family, we will seek to depoliticise the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products so that geo-political tensions do not lead to humanitarian crises. As in our own families, those whose needs are the greatest must always be our first concern.

For imbuing hope in our future generations, we will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries – on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security.

India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, and decisive. Let us join together to make India's G20 Presidency a Presidency of healing, harmony and hope. Let us work together to shape a new paradigm – of human-centric globalisation.

Russia-Ukraine war yet to reach a turning point

MAJ GEN RAJ MEHTA (RETD)

THE Chinese opinion was prescient. The crippling dawn attack on October 8 on the Crimean (Kerch Strait) Bridge linking the strategic 2014-captured Crimean peninsula to the Russian mainland had crossed a red line, thereby inviting severe countermeasures. This was what China's Global Times opined. The unprecedented Russian retaliation on October 10 comprised waves of 83 land/sea/air-launched cruise missiles and 17 Iranian suicide drones, attacking 11 major infrastructure targets in eight regions, including Kiev, leaving parts of Ukraine without electricity and water. The Global Times saw the attacks as 'symbolic', with Vladimir Putin having just celebrated his 70th birthday.

While Ukrainians vociferously celebrated the Kerch damages without claiming responsibility and the Nord Stream gas pipeline sabotage remains unattributed, news agency RIA reports Russian parliamentarian Oleg Morozov as saying: "If we remain silent and don't give an adequate response, such attacks will multiply." Ukrainian Maj Gen Dmytro Marchenko's assertion that the Crimean Bridge would remain the No. 1 attack priority when advanced western weapons are received and Putin's statement vowing to punish Ukraine

The proxy war by the US-EU-NATO triad against Russia on battleground Ukraine is raining waves of Russian cruise missiles, artillery shells, suicide drones and cyberattacks focused on disrupting the Ukrainian energy infrastructure. The trigger was October 8 bombing of the Crimean Bridge, linking Crimea to the Russian mainland. In the five waves executed so far, nearly 50 per cent of critical energy infrastructure has been destroyed in Ukraine.

for Kerch through systemic energy infrastructure degradation indicate spiralling escalation.

Called 'Putin's Bridge', Moscow built Kerch Bridge to link the Crimean peninsula to the Russian region of Krasnodar Krai in Northern Caucasus. The 19-km-long bridge with parallel road/rail connectivity services the logistics needs of the Black Sea Fleet and controls access to the Azov Sea thence to the Black Sea through a lifting bridge portion allowing access only to a certain size of ships suiting Russian perceptions. Russia's ultimate strategic aim is also to link Crimea to the Donetsk/Luhansk regions, already under Russian occupation.

Ruthless, focused and pragmatic by reputation, Gen Sergei Surovkin of the elite Grads Spetsnaz (Special Forces) was appointed Commander of all Russian forces for the special operations on the very day Kerch happened. The retaliatory infrastructure strikes were planned with Russian technical experts' help. Iskander/Kalibr/Kh-101/Kh-55/S-300/Tornado cruise missiles and suicide drone strikes were employed in several tranches. "In the five waves executed so far (thrice in

October and twice in November), nearly 50 per cent of critical energy infrastructure has been destroyed," said Ukrainian PM Denys Shmyhal, leaving millions without power and water.

Nuclear power plants, sub-stations, high-voltage transmission/distribution lines/transformers, wind/solar plants, railways, fuel depots/production facilities, military command/control/communication centres/operational logistics/equipment stores and bridges were hit to inhibit stores/fuel/information from reaching the frontline troops. The fourth wave of strikes from November 15-23 stands out being the largest, using 96 missiles on a single day, most of which the Ukrainians claim to have downed. Ukraine has had no choice but to impose rolling blackouts, affecting up to 10 million people. The seriousness of degradation Ukraine has undergone becomes clearer against its population template of 43.1 million. Around 7.8 million refugees have fled for safety across Europe, while 8 million are displaced within Ukraine. With 50 per cent infrastructure destroyed, the country faces unprecedented 'nuclear winter' conditions, including the loss

of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant (ZNPP). It met 20 per cent of Ukraine's power needs.

Ukraine has set up 4,000 'invisibility centres'. These provide free generator-delivered electricity, water, Internet, mobile phone connections and a 24x7 pharmacy. Ukraine has 14 billion cubic metres of gas in reserve storage, but faces a long haul. With Donbas coal no longer available, it has funding problems as fuel/gas/electricity costs abroad have escalated. Ukraine is synchronised to the European electricity grid, but supply from Romania/Slovakia/Hungary/Moldova is costly. Long-term plans include more dependence on solar/battery power. The harsh reality is euphoric promises of assistance, but tardy, limited supply.

Ukraine operates four nuclear power plants (NPPs) with an installed nuclear power capacity of over 13 GWe. The 6-GW ZNPP, when operating, produced 40 per cent of electricity generated by the Ukrainian NPPs. The huge plant's capacity is better understood on realising that India generates 7.3 GWe from eight NPPs. Located 200 km north of Crimea, the ZNPP is currently 'cooling

down'.

Although ZNPP was disconnected from the Russian to the Continental Europe grid, Russia is implementing its plan to connect it instead to the Crimean grid. Michael Black, Director, Centre of Nuclear Engineering at Imperial College, London, feels this could interrupt the off-site power to the reactors. "You need that power to provide cooling to the reactors even with the NPP switched off. As long as those generators function, everything is fine. It's encouraging to see that the Russians want to use the electricity; that implies that they don't want to damage ZNPP," he said.

While reinforced concrete containment structures protect the ZNPP reactors from direct hits, radiation release post missile attack will be disastrous. Fears of a Chernobyl redux remain as the 1986 disaster in northern Ukraine is the world's worst nuclear disaster. The ZNPP, however, has advanced safety features, including reactor/spent fuel cooling, negating a Chernobyl recurrence.

The chances of explosion, nuclear meltdown or radioactive release are remote.

Along with focused energy infrastructure degradation operations, Gen Surovkin is consolidating his ground forces; mixing the 30,000 withdrawn veterans from Kherson with the recent draft of 3,00,000 inductees. The Ukrainians are so busy tending to infrastructure restoration and linked defensive issues that their offensive push has noticeably declined. Ukrainian estimates suggest that 700 attacks have been carried out on hundreds of Ukrainian cities, causing severe degradation of life and health services in this hostile weather.

What's thus been engineered is a strategic pause favouring Russia more than Ukraine. The war has still not reached a turning point. Western allies, who clinically used Ukraine as a "fall guy" to belittle Russia, realise that Ukraine cannot be allowed to lose nor Russia allowed to win.

The situation thus suggests negotiations as the only way out, with recent diplomatic developments suggesting Indian involvement. India has been guarded in its response and will await developments till its national interests dictate an opening.

Neha Kakkar showers Rohanpreet Singh with kisses on his birthday: 'Cutest boy in the world, my jaan'

Singer Neha Kakkar wished singer-husband Rohanpreet Singh via an Instagram post. Rohanpreet Singh turned 28 on Thursday. Neha shared a series of pictures with her husband while enjoying cute and happy moments with him. Both of them gave kisses to each other. She called him 'my jaan'.



In the pictures, both of them twinned in black-white outfits at their home. Neha wore a black top and black pants with white stripes. Rohanpreet wore a black shirt with white alphabets on it. Both of them wore the same necklace. In one of the pictures,

Neha gave a kiss on Rohanpreet's cheek with her. In another picture, Rohanpreet gave a kiss to her. In another picture, both of them looked at each other and laughed. Sharing the pictures on Instagram, Neha wrote, "Happy Birthday to the Cutest boy in the world!!!! My Jaan @rohanpreetsingh. Mata rani Wahaguru ji aapko humesha khushiyaan hi khushiyaan

dein (May god bless you with loads of happiness)." Musician Antara Mitra wrote, "Aj toh birthday boy mila mujhe!! Subah subah (I met the birthday boy early in the morning)." Singer Meenal Jain commented, "Happy birthday @rohanpreetsingh."

commented another person. Many fans dropped heart emojis on the pictures and extended birthday wishes to Rohanpreet. Recently, Neha and Rohan celebrated their second wedding anniversary. Sharing the video from their celebrations, Neha wrote, "About last night!! Our 2nd Anniversary Celebration. Rohu and Nehu's look: designed and styled by Nehu." Neha got married to Rohanpreet Singh on the morning of October 24, 2020 in an Anand Karaj ceremony. Later in the evening, both of them got married as per Hindu rituals. Both are singers by profession.

World AIDS Day: Anu Aggarwal Shows Solidarity With HIV-Positive People

'Ashiqui' actress Anu Aggarwal's foundation AAF takes the opportunity on World AIDS Day to show solidarity with millions of people living with HIV worldwide.



December 1 is World AIDS Day, dedicated to creating awareness around the deadly disease, and its spread and also expressing remorse for those who lost their lives to it. There was a time when celebs used to participate in campaigns related to AIDS.

'Ashiqui' actress Anu Aggarwal who is also a yoga expert talks about it and if it helps make a difference. She also shares about the importance of the day. "Celebrities have raised their voice but today I am thrilled to be actively involved in the welfare of those suffering from AIDS. We run a campaign for the wellness of the children who suffer from it. I, through my foundation AAF (Anu Aggarwal Foundation), take the opportunity on World AIDS Day to show solidarity with the millions of people living with HIV worldwide," she says.

Anu Aggarwal shares that while it is important to bring HIV awareness and knowledge, speak out against stigma, and call for an increased response to end the HIV epidemic, the Holistic Indian science of yoga, Ayurveda and naturopathy, points out how to live with a crippling reality, in peace.

"The yogic management of the mind is the key. We focus on healing, acceptance and tolerance, which, in fact, is the base principle. I really think that more and more celebrities can raise their own awareness about what living with the stigma of AIDS entails, show acceptance and tell those suffering that they are not alone and that we are with them," she ends.

Revathi Chose Vishal Jethwa As She Felt He Would Understand His Character

Actress and film director Revathi shares the reason for signing Vishal Jethwa for the role of Venky in her film 'Salaam Venky' starring Kajol in the role of a mother. She shares: "When we narrated the script of 'Salaam Venky' to Vishal, we could notice how involved he was in the script. So, I felt that he would understand the character's depth to a

T." Revathi is known for her work in Tamil and Malayalam cinema. She made her acting debut with Tamil film 'Mann Vasana' in 1983 and in 1991, she made her debut in Hindi with Suresh Krissna's 'Love' starring Salman Khan. She was also seen in '2 States'. Now, the actress is directing 'Salaam Venky' featuring Kajol as a mother, who is struggling

for the life of her son Venky, played by Vishal Jethwa, suffering from Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which is a genetic disorder. It is a story of how she handles it and tries to make him have a normal life like other children.

The director adds that she liked the way Vishal understood the character and thus took no time in casting him for the film. "As you know artists

are always accompanied by their managers who handle their dates and everything, so before the whole drama starts with the dates, I called up my producer Suraj and fixed Vishal for the character of Venky saying we need him for this movie," she adds.

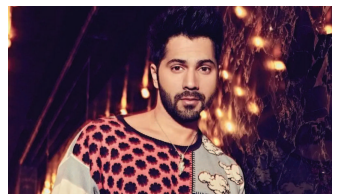
Revathi is coming with Kajol and Vishal Jethwa for promoting 'Salaam Venky' on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'.

Rakul Preet Singh On 'Chhatrivali': I Am Finally Getting To Headline A Film



Actress Rakul Preet Singh talks about her upcoming film 'Chhatrivali', which focuses on male contraceptives and safe sex. Rakul says: "For me, every film of mine has been special but 'Chhatrivali' is extra special for many reasons. After so many years in the industry, I am finally getting to headline a film and what better than a thought-provoking social message." Rakul plays the role of quality control head in a condom factory. It is shown in the film that though initially, Rakul was somewhere shy about her job, she slowly realised its importance. She understands the relevance of sex education and takes the responsibility of spreading awareness. As today (December 1) is World AIDS Day, which is observed to spread awareness about HIV among people, the actress asserts that it is an important day to announce this film as the subject deals with the issues of safe sex.

Not Kartik Aaryan, Varun Dhawan Was Reportedly The First Choice For 'Hera Pheri 3'



'Hera Pheri 3' has been in the making for a long time. While Akshay had confirmed that he won't be a part of it, Suniel Shetty and Paresh Rawal will be back in the third film. Meanwhile, speculations have been rife that Kartik Aaryan has come on-board for the film. However, did you know that Varun Dhawan was reportedly offered 'Hera Pheri 3' before Kartik?

As per a Bollywood Hungama report, Anand Pandit and Firoz Nadiadwala are apparently keen to have Varun in the film as Raju, and they even made an offer to David Dhawan to direct the film along with his son, Rohit Dhawan. But Varun refused to be a part of the film. "While the offer was very tempting, Varun didn't want to jump into the franchise created by Akshay Kumar. He has tremendous respect for Akshay Kumar and didn't want to use the not-so-good equation between Akshay and Firoz, to climb the ladder of stardom. Hera Pheri 3 is a sure-shot blockbuster, but Varun stepped out of the film out of respect for Akshay. His father, David Dhawan, also felt the same," the entertainment portal quoted a source as saying.

For the unversed, Suniel and Akshay featured together with Paresh Rawal in the first 'Hera Pheri' film that came out in 2000. The trio reunited in 2006 for a sequel 'Phir Hera Pheri'. Akshay's latest confirmation that he is not part of 'Hera Pheri 3', and Paresh's tweet confirming Kartik association with the film fuelled reports that Kartik is replacing him.

However, that's not the case because Suniel recently refuted claims of Kartik replacing Akshay Kumar, and confirmed that Kartik has been approached for a different role.

Impressed By 'Indian Idol 13' Contestant, Jeetendra Advises Her To 'Try In Films'

Veteran Bollywood actor Jeetendra appreciated the voice and looks of 'Indian Idol 13' contestant Bidipta Chakroborty and while complimenting her beauty he said that she can be an actress also. Jeetendra said: "You are meant to be an actress. You should try in films." The 'Jumping Jack of Bollywood', Jeetendra started his journey with 'Navrang' but got his first major break with 'Geet Gaya Patharon Ne'. The turning point in his career was 'Farz' which also made him popular for his style and dancing. There was no looking back after that and he did numerous films such as 'Mere Huzoor', 'Do Bhai',



'Caravan', 'Parichay', 'Roop Tera Mastana', and so on. The 80-year-old actor appeared on the singing reality show for 'Jeetendra Ji Special' episode in which the contestants performed some of the hit tracks from his films as a tribute to him.

Bidipta also sang one of the famous songs 'Sheesha Ho Ya Dil Ho' sung by legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar from the 1980 film 'Aasha' featuring Jeetendra, Reena Roy and Rameshwari.

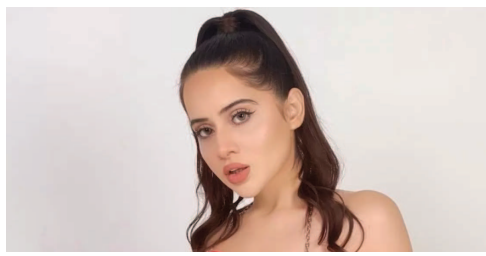
After her performance, he added: "Bidipta, your singing was perfect. You are a very pretty girl with an even prettier voice." It was evident from the beautiful expressions that you were really enjoying your performance which is very important for a singer.

Judged by Vishal Dadrani, Neha Kakkar, and Himesh Reshammiya, 'Indian Idol 13' airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

Uorfi Javed Tells Sunny Leone: You Can't Compete With My Outfit

Bigg Boss OTT fame Uorfi Javed is known for her unusual fashion statement. Her unique outfits often grab eyeballs. From choosing ropes, wires, stones, broken glasses, or flower petals, she keeps experimenting with her dressing style. In fact, the host of 'Splitsvilla X4' Sunny Leone, also complimented her for her short black dress with two swans covering her bust. Sunny, who is seen as a host on the show, says: "Uorfi, your outfit is amazing and absolutely perfect as beachwear. I love your choice of outfits, and this looks fab."

Uorfi replies: "I am known for my unique dress sense. You can compete with me, but you can't compete with my outfit, as it is always out of anyone's imagination." Looking at the outfit and the two swans, Arjun Bijlani just started singing 'Chalo Ishq Ladaaye'. Moreover, in the coming episode, Uorfi will be having a huge fight with her connection Kashish Thakur. Both will decide to part ways and are seen crying on the show. Hosted by Arjun Bijlani and Sunny Leone, the dating-based reality show 'Splitsvilla X4' airs on MTV.



Two Indian Films Win Global Sustainability Awards At UK Ceremony

A documentary film capturing the moving story of the redemption of an Assamese poacher turned gamekeeper and another on water conservation in Cherrapunji are among the winners of the annual 'Tve Global Sustainability Film Awards (GSFA)' by award-winning documentary filmmaker Naman Govil for Vice News, which tells the story of a reformed rhinoceros killer who has dedicated his life to protecting animals, won the Greener Living Award in a ceremony held here on Tuesday. The second Indian winner, 'Water for Life'

by Green Hub, bagged the Trustee Choice Award for its powerful message of water preservation. "We had more than 70 films from 20 countries this year and the quality of the films participating in these awards is a matter of great satisfaction, as this indicates the success we have had in getting more organisations and individuals to actively engage in the conversation on global sustainability over the last 11 years," said Surina Narula, Indian-origin philanthropist and founder of the awards. Narula wore a T-shirt with the Iranian revolutionary slogan "Woman-Life-

Freedom" on the awards night to show solidarity with the women of Iran who are protesting for their rights and freedom. In keeping with the theme of freedom, the t-shirt also featured the GSFA 2022 logo. The 11th Anniversary of the award this year went to two films depicting the fight for rights: feature film 'Call Jane', revolving around abortion rights in the US and director Alex Pritz's documentary 'The Territory', set in the Brazilian

Amazon rainforest. "As a founder of these awards, one principle that is closest to my heart is freedom," added Narula. The Tve GSFA, now in its 11th year, is considered one of the most prestigious international film awards focused on global sustainability, rewarding films both on their creativity as well as on the sustainability impact. The winners were picked by an international jury panel comprising of members from the fields of sustainability and filmmaking around the world. "The films we judged and awarded were undoubtedly inspiring but also told fascinat-

ing stories that reflect both the threats, and importantly the solutions, to climate change and the loss of animal and plant life up to how to build sustainable livelihoods," said Nick Nuttal, chair of the jury for the Tve GSFA 2022. Other winners of this year's awards were 'Road to Fulfillment' (Transforming Society Award), 'Eating Our Way to Extinction' (Documentary Impact Award), Henry Smith's 'Changing Paradigms' (Young Filmmaker Award) and 'Age of Change: Circular' (Digital Technology and AI for Sustainable Living Award).



DC Shopian reviews implementation & progress of works under JJM

Put in coordinated efforts to achieve target under JJM; DC

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SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 01: In order to review the implementation of projects taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya Thursday chaired a meeting of concerned Officers in his office chamber, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of the progress of works on key infrastructural projects. He also took a firsthand appraisal about the status of schemes under languishing projects taken up and Revamping of various Water Treatment Plants of different capacities, Improvement & Extension

of pipe network.

A threadbare discussion was held with regard to the status of several aspects of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission including physical and financial status of various projects under JJM.

The meeting was informed that out of 107 works under different schemes, 22 works stand tendered and Letter of Intent and allotment in respect of JJM stands issued for works.

The DC directed all the concerned to expedite work on all the ongoing works to complete the projects within stipulated time frame.

He exhorted the engineers to put in

coordinated efforts to achieve the target so that people are benefited from the schemes.

Vaishya said that the Mission is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections to all households of the district.

Among others, the meeting was attended by ADDC Shopian, Manzoor Hussain, Superintendent Engineer, Jal Shakti Hydraulic Project Officer Wage Employment (ACD); Chief Medical Officer, Dy Chief Education Officer, Divisional Forest Officer, Executive Engineers besides other concerned engineers and officers.

DDC Rajouri chairs SWCC meeting; discusses two STP cases

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RAJOURI, DECEMBER 01: A meeting of the concerned members of the single window clearance committee to discuss the short term permits in favour of GREF Authorities was today held under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

Speaking at the meeting, the DDC said that the timely issuance of the necessary NOCs for short term permits is important to overcome the shortage of

construction material and to speed up the pace of the developmental works besides the projects of National importance viz. roads, bridges etc being taken up in the district. The meeting also discussed necessary approval for two short term permits at village Jaglaano and Chennani Bagla in favor of GRIEF Authorities. Meanwhile, the DDC also discussed the action plan under the Pradhan Mantri Khamij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY).

The PMKKKY aims to implement

different developmental and welfare projects/programs in mining affected areas, and these projects/ programs will complement the existing ongoing schemes/projects of the State and Central Governments. Officers present in the meeting included DFO Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; CAO, Sohan Singh; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; BDO Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat and other concerned officers.

Govt Polytechnic Jammu organises seminar on "Rights of Women against Sexual Harassment at Workplace"

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Government Polytechnic Jammu today organized a one day seminar on "Rights of Women against Sexual Harassment at workplace."

All female faculty, staff and students of the college attended the event. The guest expert for the seminar was the eminent speaker and a well-known name in the arena of law, Shashi Thakur, Dy. Sp. (Retd.) Jammu and Kashmir Police.

The seminar was inaugurated by the Principal, Er. Arun Bangotra.

In his welcome address, Er. Arun

Bangotra stressed that a fine line should be drawn at the workplace to prevent the occurrence of sexual harassment at the workplace. He added that the Institute has constituted a Committee for the Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Female Employees and Students (ICC) to create a safe and secure environment for females in the campus.

In her lecture, Shashi Thakur explained prevention, prohibition and redress of sexual harassment cases.

The seminar emphasised the need to prevent gender bias and other related

issues at workplaces and various do's and don'ts for prevention of such unwanted actions and behaviours.

During the question-answer session, students shared and enquired the information of various related aspects.

Neena Dullo, Training and Placement Officer and Chairperson ICC proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The event was coordinated by Er. Sakshi Kapai, Lecturer, Er. Vandana Chib and Ar. Manu Rajput, member of ICC and Women Cell Government Polytechnic Jammu. All the female staff members and more than 150 girl students attended the seminar.

15-Day Skill training programme on Scientific Sheep & Goat Rearing concludes at Budgam

Development of societies associated with sheep & goat rearing focus of administration: ADC

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BUDGAM, DECEMBER 01: 15 Days Skill development programme on Scientific Sheep and Goat Rearing organised under Aspirational block development programme 2022-23 concluded on Thursday at Sheikh-Ul Alam Conference Hall, Budgam.

About 48 farmers from Aspirational blocks of Surayar and Pakherpora of district Budgam participated in a programme that was

organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam in collaboration with Sheep Husbandry Department Budgam.

The training programme was aimed to build entrepreneurial mindset among the youth and develop their skills so that they can launch their own business ventures.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Dr. Nasir Ahmad was the chief Guest at the valedictory function.

Speaking on the occasion, he stressed on the need of skill development in self employment generation. He further emphasized on the need of using scientific practices in improving the livelihood of farmers.

Dr. Mir Nadeem Hassan (Course Coordinator) presented a detailed overview of the training.

Dr. Mohd. Ashraf Baba, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Budgam also held a detailed interaction with the

farmers.

During the programme participation certificates and first aid kits were also distributed among the trainees.

The programme was also attended by Sr. Scientist & Head KVK Budgam, Dr. Bilal Ahmad Lone, District Sheep Husbandry Officer Budgam, Dr. M Ashraf Baba and Scientists of the Kendra besides Block Development Officers of Sheep Husbandry Department Budgam.

DC Rajouri reviews status of online services of Revenue Department

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RAJOURI, DECEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today reviewed the status of online services being provided to the general public by the Revenue Department.

During the meeting, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria informed that out of 6246 online applications, as many as 4179 have been disposed of since the launch of online services.

Giving further details, he informed that 1962 character certificates, 258 income and asset certificates for eco-

nomically weaker sections, 24313 income certificates, 158 marriage certificates, 1442 OBC/RBA/ALC/IB certificates, 166 legal heir certificates, 5052 Pahari speaking certificates, 142 property certificates etc have been issued to the public through online mode.

The DC exhorted the officers to work with zeal and dedication to provide the best services to the public and lessen the hardships of the common masses.

The DC also asked the concerned officers to ensure prompt disposal of online applications and warned of strict action in case of any laxity in this

regard. He also stressed the importance of conducting regular monthly meetings to discuss the issues and progress made under the online services.

He also directed the revenue officers to educate the public about the online services of their department and motivate them to avail the benefits of the same.

The meeting was attended by ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; Tehsildars; ADIO, Ashwini Sharma and Naib Tehsildars.

DC Kathua discusses revised Mining Plan with District level Committee meet

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KATHUA, DECEMBER 01: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of Mining Department and other stakeholder Departments regarding formulation of District Mining Plan.

The meeting deliberated upon the issue of NOCs required from the concerned stakeholder departments viz Irrigation & Flood control, Forests, RDD, Jal Shakti, PWD etc.

The DC directed all the stakeholder departments to go through the details mentioned in the draft Mining Plan and seek clarification from the Mining Department in case of any query.

The members of the Committee discussed at length the prerequisites for according approval to Revised Mining Plans and suggested the necessary rectifications to the Mineral department so that the process of e-auctioning can be processed further. The DC further laid

stress on adhering to specified time-lines for giving approval to new mining plans for different mining blocks of the district. The meeting was attended by members of the Mining Plan Approval Committee including Deputy Director (J) Geology and Mining Department (Member Secretary), AEE, Jal Shakti, XEN PWD (R&I), PDD, District Mineral Officer, DFO Kathua, Billawar and Executive Engineer, Flood Control Kathua and other concerned officers.

Secretary Planning conducts extensive tour of District Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 01: Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer today conducted an extensive tour of district to take the stock of ongoing developmental scenario of the District Udhampur.

Enroute, Dr. Langer along with Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna visited various sites of identify State land from Chennani to Natha Top for construction of commercial developmental projects. Necessary instructions were issued to Revenue department for demarcation of identify state land at an earliest. PWD was directed to prepare a detailed proposal for widening of Patnitop to Sanasar road. To discuss the action plan with regard to winter preparedness in the district, Secretary Planning chaired a meeting of officers of different departments and PRIs members at JKIDC Conference Hall Patnitop.

MD JKIDC, Minga Sherpa, SSP, Dr. Vinod Kumar, BDC Chairman, Chennani

Parkash Chand, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mohammad Syed Khan, CEO PDA, Sher Singh, SDM, Chennani and other senior officers and PRI members attended the meeting. Threadbare discussion were held on various issues which include Action plan with regard to road clearance in snow bound areas, Smooth movement of vehicles on National Highway old and new, Winter plan for proper electric power and drinking water supply, Winter preparedness plan with regard to other essentials services etc were discussed in detail.

On the onset, The CEO PDA, Sher Singh gave a briefed about the present status of all the ongoing development projects/works executed for development of tourism facilities in Patnitop etc.

Dr. Langer directed the concerned to activate men and machinery to minimize the chances of disruption of traffic and other essential services. PDD department was asked to ensure a buffer of essentials service items is cre-

ative to reduce the replacement time. PWD, PMGSY were asked for road clearance. He directed that there should be no delay in road blockade and, as soon as it happens, clearance machines should be pressed into service so that people do not face any inconvenience. Dr. Langer issued instruction to the concerned departments for the deployment of sufficient snow clearance machinery at the critical points to ensure uninterrupted traffic movement during the winter season. During the tour, Dr. Langer also interacted with Hotliers and other stakeholders at Patnitop, they put forth their demands like seeking adequate provision for drinking water, Uninterrupted power supply in the area, Unscheduled power cuts, Early completion of Tangdhar Pakhlai under PMGSY road, Implementation of JJM schemes, functioning of public utilities, traffic congestion, adequate infrastructure to tap the full tourism potential of the area, fire tender and ATM facilities, etc. PHE was directed to new schemes should be commissioned at an earliest.

MTMP Phase 2.0: 2-day Food processing Training for women begins at Sarsingal- Bhadrawah

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BHADRAWAH, DECEMBER 01: To acquaint the women about the processing of fruits and vegetables on scientific lines, the Department of Horticulture Doda today organised a two day fruit and Vegetable processing training for women, here at Sarsingal-Bhadrawah under My Town My Pride (MTMP 2.0).

As many as 70 women attended the training programme on the first day.

Chief Horticulture Officer, Rakesh Kotwal, in his address asked the participants to establish Fruit processing units and avail subsidy to the tune of 60%. The fruits and vegetables are perishable and need immediate processing to get optimum price and to reduce post harvest losses. Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadrawah, Dil Mir Choudhary stressed on the promotion of local and traditional products as tourists demand local products.

Manager cum Chemist Bhadrawah, Bharat Bhushan emphasized on scientific processing of food products by using modern technology so that both quality and nutritional value of the products was preserved while processing. He also educated the participants regarding different Training programmes being conducted by the Department for the welfare of the farmers/ Orchardist and Budding Agripreneurs.

Pr. Secy SDD visits GPC, ITI Doda

Inaugurates Academic Block, Workshop building | Also interacts with students, trainees

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DODA, DECEMBER 01: Principal Secretary Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Samoon today visited Government Polytechnic College (GPC) Doda and ITI Doda and interacted with students, faculty and trainees here.

The Principal Secretary was accompanied by District Development Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan; Director SDD, Sudershan Kumar; Senior superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom; Financial

Advisor Yasir Rather and other district officers of various departments.

During the visit, Dr Samoon extensively inspected the college premises and other infrastructure.

Dr Samoon on the occasion inaugurated different buildings / workshop at Government Polytechnic/ ITIs. He also inaugurated Academic Block at Government Polytechnic College Boli Doda and Administrative Block at ITI Doda and distributed certificates among students.

Dr Samoon appreciated

Superintendent ITI Doda for satisfactory functioning and development of the Institute.

Dr Samoon while interacting with trainees wished them good luck for their future endeavours. He stressed on imparting quality training and the need for self employment which would eventually make the young population self reliant and able to earn their own livelihood.

He also assured the students that transport facility will be provided to different areas.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of PMFME scheme

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RAJOURI, DECEMBER 01: Vikas Kundal, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Enterprises (PMFME) scheme in the district.

Officers present in the meeting were DFO

Rajouri, Arshdeep Singh, CPO, Mohammad Khurshid, GM, DIC, Ashwini Sharma; CHO, Madan Lal; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt and other concerned officers.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC said the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme has been launched

under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to identify food products for districts keeping in view the existing clusters and availability of raw material. He said the PMFME is aimed at establishing Micro Food Processing Industries at Micro/ Village level through individuals, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Cooperatives and Farmers

Producers Organizations (FPOs). Under the programme, 35 per cent subsidy/capital support with a ceiling of Rs 10 lakh is being provided to the beneficiaries. The DC also asked the concerned officers to give wide publicity to the scheme and ensure that maximum beneficiaries are covered under the scheme.

Advisor Bhatnagar addresses World AIDS Day programme at PPS GCW Gandhinagar

'Calls upon stakeholders to make it a firm resolve to eradicate stigma associated with AIDS'

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Advisor to Lieutenant, Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that that on this World AIDS Day we all should reiterate our commitment towards fighting this AIDS and eradicate this silent killer in our society.

The Advisor made these remarks while speaking during the World AIDS Day programme at Padmasree Padma Sachdev (PPS) Government P.G. College for Women (GCW) Gandhinagar here.

The programme was organised by Jammu and Kashmir AIDS Control Society (JKACS) in collaboration with the Padmasree Padma Sachdev Government P.G. College for Women under the theme 'Equalise: Achieving Equity to End HIV'. Addressing the large gathering of students, medical researchers, doctors, college faculty and other senior officers of health department, Advisor Bhatnagar said that we have come a long way in ensuring that an HIV infected person lives a productive life with hope and confidence and therefore it should be our firm resolve that we provide all possible handholding to the affected persons and help them live a normal life.

Speaking on the theme of this programme, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the theme emphasis on the message of equality and human rights and therefore we should be committed towards removing the stigma associated with this disease so that the affected persons come forward for testing and treatment and do not feel any kind of segregation from the society.

The Advisor maintained that a well established system has been put in place by the Government for affected persons and we all need to create awareness among them so that they can benefit from this system. He added that the prevention measures are very important for combating this disease and therefore we need to create maximum awareness among the masses about the same.

"Students have a great role to play in creating awareness among the people about the spread of this disease as well as reducing the stigmatisation associated with it", Advisor Bhatnagar said.

The Advisor further said the launch of SOCH (Strengthening Overall Care for HIV beneficiaries) portal by JKACS is very significant step as it will help to track and record beneficiary service and inventory transactions in the National HIV program to improve service delivery and beneficiary health outcome. He also appealed to all concerned to make every effort to combat drug abuse addiction and needle use associated with it. He also commended the JKACS, health department and other volunteers for working in this sector and establishing an equitable society for the affected persons.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhopinder Kumar said that access to healthcare is a challenge when it comes to AIDS and therefore affordable and equitable access to health care should be our main resolve while dealing with the issues of AIDS affected persons. He added that with time-

ly awareness and right kind of treatment to affected persons, this disease will be combated to its larger extent.

The Secretary further said that with the advent of social media and digital world, an environment of information and awareness on prevention of AIDS can be created for better care of patients as well as for reducing their stigmatisation.

Addressing the gathering, Project Director, JKACS, J&K, Dr Samir Mattoo said that by celebrating World AIDS Day, we all have an opportunity to unite for fight against AIDS. In his address, he also highlighted the achievements of JKACS and infrastructure established by them for dealing with the issues of HIV infected persons across the J&K.

Remarkably, on the occasion, two AIDS survivors also spoke and expressed their journey of dealing with this disease. They complimented the JKACS for their timely support while dealing with this virus.

During the programme, Advisor Bhatnagar also e-launched the SOCH portal of JKACS which will help in better management of patients as well as improving the health care service delivery. The Advisor also distributed Baby Kits and other personal hygiene products among the children.

Director, Health services Jammu, Director AYUSH, J&K, Principal GMC, Jammu, Principals of newly established medical colleges, Additional CMO, JKACS, senior officers of health department, medical researchers, doctors, faculty of college and large number of students were present on the occasion.

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Gangbugh, Nunar farms

Vegetable sector to play key role in achieving economic security to the farming community: Ch. Iqbal

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SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 01: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited Seed Multiplication Farm (SMF) Gangbugh Srinagar, SMF Nunar Ganderbal and took first hand appraisal of various agriculture activities and interventions by the department.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the importance of ensuring round the year availability of vegetable seedlings to the farmers of Kashmir.

Amid prevailing agro-economic scenarios, Iqbal marked the importance of diversification, integrated cultivation, and precision farming. He said the strengthening of the vegetable sector in the region

would play a key role in achieving economic security for the farming community. "Our Agro-climatic conditions are one of the most suitable for the cultivation of vegetables in the country and to channelize this potential a collaborative approach

between the farming community and the department is needed" he said. Director asked the concerned officers of the vegetable farms to organize awareness programmes for the farmers so that they could get first hand information with respect to different agriculture interventions by the department.

Director was accompanied by Joint Director Agriculture Extension Mohammad Syeed Peer, Joint Director Agriculture and Mushroom Tabassum Naz.



Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Gangbugh, Nunar farms. The group is seen in a field, engaged in a discussion about agricultural practices and seedling availability.

J&K Bank highest income tax payer in Chandigarh circle

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SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 01: Income Tax Department today conducted an Awareness-Cum-Interaction Program on the Importance of Voluntary Compliance to Income Tax Act, 1961 here at J&K Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

The program was attended by Bank's General Managers, Deputy General Managers and senior officers while as Assistant Commissioner Circle Srinagar, Gulzarin Akhtar along with other officers of the department participated in the awareness program.

Lauding J&K Bank on the occasion for paying the highest amount of income tax in Chandigarh Circle, Gulzarin Akhtar told the participants, "I am happy to inform that J&K Bank is the highest tax payer not only in J&K but in the entire Amritsar circle which covers Jalandhar, Shimla, J&K besides Amritsar. It speaks volumes about the great success story this financial institution has become. The



Income Tax Department Awareness Cum Interaction Program. The image shows officials and bank staff engaged in a discussion during the program.

strong KYC culture of your organisation is very appreciable and I hope J&K Bank continues to keep improving on every functioning front."

Bank's CFO Pratik D Punjabi, on the occasion, stated that with Bank on its growth path of prosperity, the income tax department extended hearty congratulations to the Bank for being number one corporate tax payer of not only circle and range but as number one tax payer of PCIT Srinagar and CCIT Amritsar.

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

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KATRA, DECEMBER 01: 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), Gol at Conference Hall, Spiritual Growth Centre, here.

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

SDM Katra, Angrej Singh, elected members of MC, Katra, officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, PDD, PWD Departments and representatives of Hotels and Restaurants Association, Katra attended the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Saurabh Bhagat said that the Ministry has sanctioned a cumulative capacity of 200 MW for Jammu City and 200 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



Commissioner Secretary S&T inaugurates day-long awareness programme on GCRSS at Katra. The group is seen holding certificates, marking the start of the awareness program.

ment for all the Solar Plants upto 10 KW capacity to make the scheme viable for residential consumers. The Commissioner Secretary suggested to install a solar power plant at a centralized location in Katra town so that the benefit of solar energy generated could be passed on to the individual beneficiaries / inhabitants of the adjacent area through virtual net metering. 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. He

requested the elected member of MC Katra to identify the prospective farmers who could avail the benefits under Solar Pumping Scheme. Commissioner Secretary also informed about establishment of Biotechnology Park by Jammu & Kashmir Science Technology & Innovation Council (IKST&IC) wherein the farmers can cultivate aromatic plants like Lavender, Damascus Rose and other aromatic plants for extraction of oils and generate a handsome income out of the same.

CEO, JAKEDA, Dr. P. R Dhar advised the MC, Katra to identify the prospective beneficiaries under Solar Rooftop Scheme, wherein the beneficiary share could partly be paid out of the DDC/BDC grants and the rest by the individual beneficiary. He also informed that the group housing societies could also

avail the subsidy under the Rooftop 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 Gol, 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.

One-day Awareness camp on PM-FME held at NRLM (UMEED) center of Block Kangan

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GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 01: An awareness camp under the aegis of Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing (PM-FME) was organized by District Administration Ganderbal today at Farmer's Training and Education Centre Ganderbal.

The Training programme was attended by Officials from Fisheries Department (Nodal Department of PM-FME), Mehnaz NRLM coordinator, Dr. Rafia, Subject matter specialist KVK; Agriculture Extension



One-day Awareness camp on PM-FME held at NRLM (UMEED) center of Block Kangan. The image shows officials and farmers engaged in a discussion during the camp.

Officers Kangan, Horticulture Extension Officer Kangan, DPOs, besides other officials from different departments. The audience was briefed about the scope of Food Processing Industry in District Ganderbal and they were encouraged to get financial cover under the scheme, where handholding will be provided by all the steering Committee members. The programme witnessed huge participation and several interested participants from different villages of block Kangan participated in the said program. Besides this, various grievances were redressed on the spot. Horticulture Extension Officer Kangan, Agriculture Extension Officer briefed the audience about the ODP/Walnut, its scope and potential. The participants were acquainted with the scope of expansion of Walnut trade in the District.

Dulloo inaugurates sheep husbandry technical workshop at Jammu

ISDS, MoU with New Zealand to improve sheep husbandry sector

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today inaugurated one-day Technical Workshop-cum-Seminar on 'Latest Technical Interventions in Sheep and Goat Husbandry Sector in the Union Territory at Kisan Bhawan here.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, Prof JP Sharma was the guest of honour at the occasion.

In his address, the ACS informed about the MoU with New Zealand under which the sheep husbandry sector is going to be developed with world class technology and expertise.

Atal Dulloo stressed on the need for breed improvement among other initiatives for increasing mutton production to meet the 40 percent deficit in the UT.

He also called for improvements in germ plasma production through artificial insemination and embryo transfer technologies.

For strengthening of the sector, the ACS suggested increasing healthcare outreach in alpine pastures and other remote regions of J&K.

He also acknowledged the significant role of development of new vaccines. He took note of fodder scarcity in the UT and called for providing farmers with wool aggregation facilities and help on formation of Farmers Producers Organisations.

ACS shared a plan of action under which improvement of germ plasma, augmentation of animal health facilities, increasing fodder production and availability and post production initiatives like meat processing etc for increasing exports could be undertaken.

He shared that the Integrated Sheep Development Scheme has benefited many farmers and called for continued assistance under the scheme. Under the National Digital Livestock Mission, he said, production of mutton and wool would be encouraged.



Prof JP Sharma underlined that the sector provides livelihood to poorer sections of the society and therefore approached with due attention towards their needs. He also highlighted the requirement of value addition and post production processing to increase income of people involved in the sector.

Earlier, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Krishan Lal in his welcome address informed that veterinarians and paramedics of the sector would be educated about the latest developments in disease investigation, animal nutrition, Embryo Transfer Technology and Artificial Insemination etc.

He shared that the department aims to increase mutton production and promote cross breeding with superior breeds. Seven departmental farms are on the job of increasing the quality of germ plasma, he informed. Eight research papers and their research findings were shared on the occasion for awareness of the staff by experts. Those present at the occasion include Director Agriculture Jammu, KK Sharma; Managing Director JK Agro, Dr Arun Manhas; Joint Director Farms Jammu, Joint Director Extension Jammu among other senior officers and staff of the department.

Sports activities under BBBP organized at Budgam

BUDGAM, DECEMBER 01: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW)-MS Budgam in collaboration with District Youth Services and Sports today organised series of sports activities under BBBP under the Banner Jan Abhiyan -My Town at Govt Secondary School Ompora Budgam.

During the programme, various activities were organised both indoor as well as outdoor like Carrom, Skipping, Hockey and Yoga in which scores of girl students participated.

On the occasion, DHEW staff focused on the importance of such programmes in order to promote Gender equality and Women empowerment. The team further laid stress on women related issues and their redressal by approaching DHEW and One Stop Centre for Women

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma releases Prof Dhar's Book at GDC Jindrah



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Member Parliament (Lok Sabha), Jugal Kishore Sharma on Thursday released a book titled NEP-2020: Conception of a Modern Knowledge Society written by Prof.(Dr.) Raj Shree Dhar, here at a book Release Function hosted in Government Degree College Jindrah. A prolific academician, Prof Dhar is the Principal of GDC Jindrah.

Former MLA Devender Singh Rana; Padam Shree, Prof. Shiv Dutt Nirmohi; All J&K Sarpanch Conference President, Anil Sharma; Tehsildar Damsal, Dhruv Gupta and other dignitaries including, a galaxy of teachers, literary persons, stu-

dents and general public were present on the occasion.

The event also witnessed a splendid Folk Dance and Song competition among the school students of Jindrah held in collaboration with VARDAAAN. The college students also presented the national song, Dogra Dance and a skit.

In his address, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma congratulated Dr. Dhar for contributing towards society by writing a book on New Education Policy-2020. He hoped the book would equally help teachers, students and other stakeholders to understand the spirit and vision of the NEP-2020. He emphasized on the need to equip the students with

all different skills side by side academic education.

Dr. Raj Shree Dhar, the author of the book, gave a brief on the contents and subject of the book. She said that the book was an attempt to explain the dawn of National Education Policy 2020, why and how it can be implemented, how India aims to be a global leader in education, about skill India mission etc. She shared her feelings towards society by writing a book on New Education Policy-2020. The proceedings of the function were conducted by Prof. Jansnet Kour and Priya. The vote of thanks was delivered by Bothi Raj, Vardaan team President and President awardee.

Devender Rana, former MLA said that it was heartening that the first book on NEP-2020 was released at

GDC Jindrah. He impressed upon all the students and teachers to strive to have a deep insight about the New Education Policy.

Prof. Shiv Dutt Nirmohi and the guest of honour of the event deliberated upon the brilliant work and most wanted book for the public. Earlier, a folk dance competition was held among the students of Jindrah. The winners of the folk dance contest were awarded with distinctive prizes.

The author was presented a memento by VARDAAAN. The proceedings of the function were conducted by Prof. Jansnet Kour and Priya. The vote of thanks was delivered by Bothi Raj, Vardaan team President and President awardee.

Weekly Handholding sessions on Ministry of MSME GoI Schemes commence

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SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 01: In order to benefit the MSMEs, Br - MSME Development and Facilitation office Srinagar under Ministry of MSME GOI started weekly handholding sessions on schemes of M/O MSME.

Speaking during the inaugural session, Assistant Director MSME Sabeel Alaqband said that the initiative has been taken keeping in view that many entrepreneurs are unaware about the recently introduced/ modified schemes of the Ministry of MSME and only awareness about them will not help. Manufacturing or



Service based MSMEs need complete hand holding for availing schemes and therefore, weekly hand holding sessions covering as many MSMEs as possible will be conducted so that it will benefit them, he added. During the inaugural programme, three schemes were presented

which involved the Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme, MSME Sustainable (Zed) and MSME Innovative Scheme.

Few Entrepreneurs applied on spot during the programme as the whole process is made online by the Ministry.

Besides technical guidance, the MSMEs will be in a position to avail reimbursement after availing bar code/ trademark/ patent etc as per the guidelines of scheme. Handholding session was attended by entrepreneurs of different industrial estates of Kashmir region.

Rajouri Admin organises Maiden virtual Education conclave

DC advises students to work hard to achieve desired goals

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, DECEMBER 01: A maiden virtual Education Conclave was today organised by the District Administration Rajouri in collaboration with the School Education Department.

As many as 15000 students from 143 schools attended the event online while sitting in the smart classrooms of their respective schools.

Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal - the Chief Guest presented a highly informative and thought provoking lecture to encourage the students to dream high.

"There is no substitute for hard work when it comes to achieving your cherished dreams," said Deputy Commissioner Rajouri.

While interacting with the students, the Deputy Commissioner encouraged the students to keep up a positive spirit and eagerness to work hard towards achieving academic excellence and career goals. He encouraged them to focus on their studies during their academic years, adding that a keen awareness and reasoning is also very important to succeed in most of the exams.

Lauding the dedication of teachers and their efforts and initiatives, the DC suggested them to explore innovative ways to make the teaching and learning process more effective. He further advised the students to take advantage of the ICT labs/Smart classroom to add new dimensions to the

teaching- learning process. He also advised the teachers to inculcate reading habits among the students.

The DC emphasised the importance of role models in life. "They influence our actions and motivate us to strive to discover our true potential and overcome our weaknesses. They encourage us to make the most of our lives," he added. The DC also said that the future of the country was in the hands of the youth and they should work hard with strong commitment and dedication to be able to contribute towards the development of the Nation.

As many as 18 guest speakers spoke at the event through virtual mode and shared the experiences of their lives and motivated the students to undertake

their potential and focus on the aims of their lives to achieve them.

Other speakers were Deputy Director Planning, Bilal Rashid Mir; Dr. Sachi Sood; Imran Malik; Dr. Danish Raina; Muslim Wani; Jaffer Latief; Abhishek Gupta; Dr. Rashid Anjum; Dr. Nahida Choudhary; Adil Wani; Sharif Shaw; Mohit Raina; Sayila Mir; Arif Lone; Hassan Athar Chouhan; Amir Rather, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina and Yawar Raina. Among the others present at the event were Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Chief Education Officer, Shailash Kumari; Additional District Informatics Officer, Ashwini Sharma and DPEO, Abdul Raof Dar.

Jan Abhiyan: DC inaugurates Inter-Collegiate Kabadi competition at GDC Kathua

Day 4 witnesses Overwhelming participation of public

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, DECEMBER 01: As part of ongoing Jan Abhiyan under 'My Town My Pride' program, an array of outreach activities were held across the district on 4th day of the public campaign.

At Government Degree College Kathua, Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey inaugurated an Inter-Collegiate Kabaddi tournament. Six institutions of Kathua district participated in the event.

While addressing the participating students, the DC said the sports event was a great medium to channelise the energy of young students in the right direction and provide them a platform to exhibit their sports talent. He also said that apart from curricular activi-



ties, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities have special importance in the holistic development of the individuals. He urged the students to have grit, determination, focus on achievement of goals which are quintessential for achieving success in any field.

The DC further said that the District Administration, in collaboration with ULBs, was organizing a plethora of activities under Jan Abhiyan

across all municipal areas of the district besides distribution of land passbooks and approved loan cases amongst the SVANidhi beneficiaries.

Stalls and registration counters were set up by different departments at respective municipal complexes wherein people were apprised about Government schemes and registered beneficiaries for the same.

Apart from other outreach activities, a massive rally to promote the Anti-Drug campaign (Nasha Mukht J&K) was also organised in Billawar Town.

The programmes witnessed overwhelming participation of the public and ULB members of Municipal Committees and councils, and other district and sectoral officers.

Shehri across all municipal limits in the district. He said people should come forward and become active participants in this week-long pre- MTMP 2.0 campaign.

Meanwhile, the day witnessed a series of Awareness programmes for Mumkin and other government schemes, plantation drives, special sanitation drives, anti-littering drives and other activities carried out by various departments

at various municipal levels, and all line departments are working tirelessly to resolve issues," he added.

Block Development Officer, Keller accompanied Director, JKEDI to review the progress of various ongoing projects.

Representatives of PDD, Rural Development Department, Local Administration, Animal Husbandry, Jal Shakti Department, Health Department, Horticulture and Agriculture Department among others were also present in the meeting.

Director JKEDI chairs review meeting at Shadab Karewa to discuss B2V4 program progress

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SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 01: Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), who is also the Prabhari Officer for Shadab Karewa village in Shopian District, chaired a review meeting of officers to discuss the Back to Village Program progress. At the meeting, special attention was paid to issues raised in the previous Back to Village program. He assured the public that he will be available to redress public issues and facilitate

appropriate communication between the Panchayat, local administration, and line departments. Public raised a variety of issues at the meeting, which were discussed in depth with government officials. In addition, the Prabhari officer called many heads of departments to discuss the problems on the spot. Road connectivity and water supply were among the pressing issues and others related to the health and animal husbandry departments also arose. "B2V4 program is being monitored at the highest

level, and all line departments are working tirelessly to resolve issues," he added.

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NRLM Shopian conducts Orientation programme for SHG members on Gender Sensitization at Chakoora

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 01: The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) Shopian today conducted an orientation programme on capacity building of Self Help Group (SHG) members on Gender sensitization at Chakoora, here.

The capacity building was conducted with primary focus at Model Cluster Level Federation (MCLF) Chakoora in which participants were sensitized on various aspects of Gender with core belief that gender sensitization and social action should be mainstreamed at all levels of Community Based Organisations (CBOs) which will in turn lead to achieve sustainable social,



economic and political development. During the orientation programme, District Programme Manager Financial Inclusion, Irfan Basheer highlighted the essence of equality within the realms of participants and disseminated information on building institutions which support women towards gaining Identity.

Further, the orientation programme was followed by organising rallies within the contours of the community in order to sensitise the society in which they are carrying out their day to day activities.

It is worth mentioning that PRI-CBO programmes will be the part of this drive and it will be carried in all 14 Village Level

Organisations of this MCLF Chakoora with the aim to have maximum participation of NRLM members and also to have their capacity building to access the services of One Stop Center (OSC), Mahila Shakti Kendra (MSK), Integrated Child Protection Services (ICPS), District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in the district.

'My Town My Pride' Phase-2 Spl Secretary PD&MD visits MCs of Ramban

Conducts physical verification of developmental works, participated in awareness programmes

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 01: Special Secretary Planning Development & Monitoring Department (PD&MD), K S Chib today visited Ramban town for physical verification of developmental projects, besides interacting with the Public representatives and people here. He also interacted with the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam and discussed various issues in the planning and development sectors. Focusing on achieving the indicators as per parameters prescribed by the Government for saturation of all developmental, social and job oriented schemes under Jan Abhiyan as a part of 'My Town My Pride' Phase-2 District Administration Ramban organised a mega awareness programme at Ramban.

President, Municipal Council, Ramban, Sumita Sumbria and Special Secretary PD & MD jointly presided over the awareness event attended by the Councillors of Municipal Council and prominent citizens. Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Ravinder Anand, DSO, Ganesh Kumar, Executive Engineer, PWD Abhishek Gupta, CEO, MC Ramban, Sudarshan Kumar were also present on the occasion. The Special Secretary also discussed various issues pertaining to the development of Ramban town with public representatives, besides sensitising the participants about measures taken by the government to



fulfil the developmental requirements of the town under different sectors.

The Special Secretary also sensitized the participants, especially students about Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and Traffic Rules, besides asking them to avoid drug addiction and traffic rule violations to enjoy a healthy and safe life. He also highlighted the benefits of various Government schemes launched for the welfare and development of the people. Earlier, the Special Secretary along with concerned officers also conducted physical verification of various developmental works at Ramban, Banihal and Batote towns executed by the various departments under different sectors and schemes including Maitra Park developed by the Floriculture Department, lane and drainages and other developmental projects constructed by the Municipal Council Ramban, besides 1500 LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at

District Hospital, Ramban.

President of Municipal Committee, Batote, Ravinder Singh also presided over an awareness camp-cum-public meeting in the premises of the Municipal Committee wherein officers of various departments redressed the grievances of locals. He also participated in a plantation drive organized by the Forest Division Batote. Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department sensitized the participants about the value of organic farming, mushroom farming and various

other farmers' welfare schemes. Later, free Grow Bags and Solar Dryers at fifty percent subsidy were provided to progressive farmers by the chief guest, President, Municipal Committee, Batote, Ravinder Singh, in presence of DFO, Kuldeep Singh, Vice-president, Kewal Krishan Gupta, Sanjay Beopar Mandal, Pranay Gupta, SDAO, Sudhir Manhas and PRIs. Similar programmes were also held in Banihal town which witnessed huge public participation.

12-Days 'Up-Scaling of Aapda Mitra' training programme concludes at SDRF 1st Bn. Hqrs, Sgr

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 01: As part of GOI sponsored scheme 'Up-Scaling of Aapda Mitra', the 12 days training programme of 6th batch regarding Disaster Management for 67 Aapda Mitra Volunteers of Baramulla, Kulgam and Kupwara districts concluded today at SDRF 1st Bn. Hqrs, here.

The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Haseeb-Ur-Rehman, Commandant SDRF 1st Bn Srinagar. Merit Certificates were also distributed among the Volunteers.

City Livelihood, encroachment free plans to be implemented in Jammu City: Mayor Jammu

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: To improve the livelihood of Jammu city and to make Jammu an encroachment free city, a robust grassroots level mechanism is required for Jammu City.

In this regard, a detailed City livelihood plan as well as steps taken for making Jammu City encroachment free city was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting held today under the Chairmanship of Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma in the Conference Hall of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

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

Joint Commissioner (Revenue & Enforcement) presented a detailed plan envisaging a roadmap for implementation of these proposals on the ground so as to improve the City livelihood and remove the congestions from the Jammu City by way of removing encroachments from the different roads and to make roads / footpaths people friendly for smooth movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

While discussing the city livelihood plan, the Mayor Jammu stressed on promoting different capable, energetic and efficient Self Help Groups to manufacture quality products preferably local products and their marketing on a wider range.

"First, these SHGs are to be registered as per the norms of Govt. of J&K



UT. Various polytechnics and ITIs are to be taken into confidence to train these SHGs. More initiatives are to be taken so that maximum benefits under different schemes are provided to the beneficiaries," he said.

"Possibilities shall be explored for ward-wise SHGs. We have to identify different trades for these SHGs. Moreover, initiatives are needed to be taken with the different banks within the Jammu city for fixing a day with specified time for these beneficiaries," he added and said a marketing plan shall also be formed. The Mayor also laid emphasis on identifying new skills such as CAD (Computer Editing Designing), mobile repairing etc. for enhancing the livelihood. He also emphasized on Liaisoning of applicants, skill development agency, banking and marketing of the products for better implementation of livelihood schemes. The Mayor also issued directions for exploring the ideas for making a group of women who can especially run the newly introduced e-Rickshaws. "This will be a great step towards women empowerment," he added. While discussing encroach-

ment free city plan, the Mayor Jammu directed the concerned authorities to constitute an enforcement wing of JMC with dedicated and qualified staff to remove the encroachments from the city footpaths and roads after healthy discussions & coordination with the Market Associations. "The teams shall motivate the Market Associations to remove the encroachments from the footpaths and roads on their own and keep their goods within their shutter lines. Rehri vendors are also to be motivated by these teams to keep their rehri at the sites identified by the JMC so that traffic congestions may not occur," the Mayor directed.

The concerned Authorities were asked to make a foolproof mechanism for removing encroachments from all the 61 water bodies within the JMC limits. A strict compliance is required for removing encroachments. To remove encroachments, JMC will soon form a police squad, he said.

In the end, the Mayor directed the concerned authorities to make a vision document for both these proposals so that JMC can provide better services to the general public of Jammu at large.

CJM reject bail of teacher in SI recruitment scam

JNF NEWS AGENCY

JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu Anjum Ara today rejected the bail application of one Jagdish Lal a teacher who was involved in much publicized Sub Inspector Recruitment Scam.

While rejecting the bail application of Jagdish Lal, CJM Jammu Anjum Ara after hearing both the sides observed that the charge-sheet in the present case has been filed. However, it is evident from the record that CBI is conducting further investigation in the matter and will file subsequent charge-sheet in the case as there are more evidence to be collected by the non-applicant and there is possibility of involvement of many more accused in the present case of the recruitment and the leakage of paper of sub-inspectors.

The accused is involved in a serious economic offence regarding the irregularities in written examination of Sub Inspectors and he has played a key role in the criminal conspiracy to leak the question paper and sell the same to the candidates in lieu of money. The investigating agency i.e CBI has prayed in the charge sheet that further investigation is still going on in the case and they will file a subsequent charge sheet as and when the investigation is complete. It is also alleged that the present accused is highly influential and if bailed out may frustrate the investi-

gation and may influence witnesses and destroy evidence which is yet to be collected. It appears that the offences alleged to be committed by the accused involves interstate gangs operating in several States. In such circumstances, the accused cannot claim bail on medical grounds or on the basis of parity.

CJM Jammu further observed that the contention of counsel for accused that offence of conspiracy is not made out against present accused cannot be considered at this premature stage as the merits of the case cannot be discussed at the time of disposal of bail application and only prima facie material on record is to be considered.

The medical record placed on record will also not help the accused person when he is involved in such a serious and economic offence which had deep impact on the society especially the meritorious students. So such offences are to be dealt with a different approach by the courts while dealing with the question of bail.

CJM Jammu further observed that the offence involved in the case impact the whole society and the public interest factor is to be taken into consideration and such socio-economic offences need to be considered with a different approach atleast at the time when the application for bail is to be decided by the courts. The applicant along with co-accused

are involved in recruitments scam as such the case in hand is socio-economic in nature and further investigation of the case is going on which may reveals more facts about the involvement of accused persons in like other cases. Beside this, the involvement of more accused is yet to be ascertained by the investigating agency as such the release of accused at this stage will hamper the investigation as he may tamper the witnesses and other evidence of the case. After further investigation, the CBI may file subsequent charge sheet with additional evidence, so the presence of accused in custody would be necessary till the whole facts are unearthed by investigating agency. In the backdrop of observations made above, in view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the larger interest of public/state and the case law relied upon by the non-applicant/CBI, the accused is not found entitled for any leniency of bail at this stage.

The present case falls under the exceptional cases where judicial discretion cannot be exercised in favour of accused person.

The case law relied upon by Id counsel for applicant is not applicable in the present circumstances of the case as such provides no assistance to accused in the present circumstances of the case. With these observations, Court rejected the bail application. JNF

DSEO Doda organises 1 day training on Registration of Births & Deaths through CRS portal

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, DECEMBER 01: District Registrar (Chief Medical Officer Doda) & Additional District Registrar (District Statistics & EVS Officer Doda), in collaboration with District Administration Doda, Directorate of Census Operation J&K and Directorate Economics & Statistics J&K on Thursday organised One Day Training Programme on 'Registration of Births & Deaths through Civil Registration System (CRS) Portal'. In his inaugural address, District Administration Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, highlighted the importance of the programme with regard to the role of newly notified Registrars. He further elucidated that besides issuing the death and birth certificate at door steps of people through the Civil Registration System 'We may also keep a continuous and complete record of Births & Deaths of our people which is vital for various government policies.'

Speaking on the occasion, Manmeet Singh, AD Census Operation Directorate, J&K, highlighted the need for implementation of Civil Registration System- Registration of Birth & Death Rules- 2022 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

During the training programme, Himanshu (SIG 2 Directorate of Census Operation) gave a detailed presentation on the implementation of the Civil Registration System (Registration of Birth & Death Rules, 2022), duties and responsibilities of registration functionaries. A detailed future roadmap for shifting to

online registration through Web Portal of ORGI for Registration of Births and Deaths and action required to be taken by the line departments for implementation of the Civil Registration System was also talked about through the presentation.

Similarly, AD Census Operation Manmeet Singh, J&K highlighted the use and purpose of Birth and Death Certificates along with the importance of recording the occurrence and the characteristics of the vital events which is subsequently used to study the demographic profile and other features.

Power shutdown

JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Kullian, Badyal, Kadyal, SUKAST, Chatha, Hakhal, Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bhandral and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 02 from 9 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Jhajar Kotli, Dansal, Jindrah, Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 02 from 9 am to 4 pm. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to HP Gas Agency-2, Channi Manhasa Village shall remain affected on December 03 and 05 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Director General (E&S) visits District Samba under MTMP 2.0

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SAMBA, DECEMBER 01: On the fourth 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 Samba district.

Director General E&S, Satvir Kour Sudan presided over the urban leg of Jan Abhiyan Proceedings at MC Bari-Brahmana and Ranggarh. Inspecting the stalls of different departments, Satvir Kour Sudan called upon the departments to run the Jan Abhiyan Shehri campaign aggressively so that the message is carried out to the targeted beneficiaries. The DG also distributed Vendor licenses among beneficiaries and handed over keys to 4 beneficiaries of PMAAY-urban vendor certificates to 15 beneficiaries.

Science & Technology Deptt holds Science exhibition at GHSS Tikri

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UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 01: As part of the celebrations of "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav", Department of Science and Technology Udhampur today organised a Science Exhibition at Government Higher Secondary school Tikri.

BDC Chairperson Tikri, Nisha Sharma was the chief guest while Arvin Koul, Chief Education Officer was the Guest of Honour. They formally inaugurated the science exhibition on the occasion.

Activities like Painting and symposium competition on the topic Ecology and environment protection was also organised by the department.

The program was co-ordinated by Assistant Director Science & Technology, Department Udhampur.

The Chief Guest and other dignitaries also inspected the various live models, charts, paintings and working models pre-



pared by the students of GHSS Tikri and other adjoining schools of the area.

The Students from the adjoining schools also visit the institution and have a close inspection and interaction with the students who have presented their ideas in the shape of Science Models.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest praised the students for this wonderful event and said that they have a great potential and thoughts.

Appreciating the work of students, the CEO said they can lead to a wonderful change in the society if there was proper channelization of the energy of these young minds.

Speaking on the occasion, Sathia conveyed his special thanks to Assistant Director Science and Technology Department Udhampur, all the participating students and their teachers under whose active guidance students presented these wonderful Science Models.

Further students will be awarded with Trophies, Cash Prizes and certificates of merit. Others who were present in function were Capt. Arjun Singh (Sarpanch), Yash Pal Sharma (Sarpanch), Lalita Sharma (Sarpanch) and great social reformer and Industrialist Parshotam Singh Jamwal.

Special vote of thanks was presented by Shrutti Khanma, District co-ordinator Science and Technology Department Udhampur.

Administrative order or circular in absence of any legislative competence cannot be made applicable with retrospective effect: HC

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 01: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court holds that law could be made applicable retrospectively if it was provided by the legislature in the statute, but at the same time, administrative/ executive order or circular in absence of any legislative competence cannot be made applicable with retrospective effect.

This significant judgment has been passed by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal while hearing a petition filed by M/s Shree Guru Kripa Alloys Pvt. Ltd seeking quashment of recommendations issued by the respondent no. 4 vide its communication No. DC/PD/To-II/42/1138-41 dated 28.12.2015, whereby the earlier recommendations of the then Designate Committee for Power have

been unilaterally withdrawn. Besides, the petitioner has prayed a writ, order or direction commanding respondent No. 3 not to cancel the order/permission granted vide order dated 22.03.2022 to the petitioner for change of furnace to induction furnace after the Designate Committee for Power allowed the said permission.

The brief case of the petitioner is that the petitioner has never applied for fresh power connection as the power connection was already sanctioned in his favour way back in 1995 itself. Rather the case of the petitioner was for seeking permission for change of furnace to induction furnace.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir through Power Development Department issued order No. 72-PDD of 2010 dated 03.03.2010, by virtue of which, it was ordered that

henceforth no power connection be provided to industrial units engaged in Iron and Steel Manufacturing through the use of electric induction and arc furnaces. By virtue of the aforesaid order, a complete ban was imposed on power connections for electric induction and arc furnace by the industrial units.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal after hearing both the sides observed that Once, the ban imposed in 2010 is in supersession of all previous circulars/orders, then in that eventuality, the connection which was already granted to the petitioner for running arc furnace also loses its validity and significance. In that eventuality, the petitioner has to apply fresh for new power connection which was banned by the Government from the intervening period commencing from 03.03.2010 to 20.05.2022 and during that intervening period

even shifting of the connection from arc furnace to electric induction furnace would also fall within the ambit of granting new power connection which was strictly banned.

Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal further observed that since the ban has now been lifted by virtue of subsequent order, the Government is not precluded from taking a decision afresh in light of the aforesaid Government order No. 57-PDD of 2022 dated 20.05.2022 (which is taken on record) for accord- ing consideration to the case of the petitioner. The interpretation drawn by the learned counsel for the petitioner cannot sustain the test of law and is liable to be rejected on the ground that if the interpretation is taken to be true then, it will tantamount to draw a different interpretation than what was the import of the Government

order and in a way, it would tantamount to interpret a Government order imposing ban retrospectively for 12 years in a different way. The retrospective operation of a Government Order cannot be permitted particularly where it is merely an executive order, and not a legislation. Even if this interpretation has to be taken as a true interpretation, even then, the petitioner cannot improve his case as it can in no way be applied retrospectively as every Government/executive order by virtue of a policy has prospective operation and it can in no way be applied retrospective by infusing life in a Government order and interpreting differently, when the explicit language leads to an irresistible conclusion that the ban covers all. Court further observed that having accepted the aforesaid Government order imposing ban for 12

years, it does not lie in the mouth of the petitioner to agitate now, at this belated stage that his case is not covered by the said ban or petitioner can draw different interpretation after 12 years, when the plain reading of the language used in the aforesaid Government order leads to irresistible conclusion that ban covers all cases including the case of the petitioner. It is also pertinent to mention here that the petitioner has not called in question the order dated 03.03.2010 (supra) for more than 12 twelve years and accepted the same gladly and voluntarily. The petitioner, as such, is stopped under law to question the same at this belated stage by drawing different interpretation than what it connotes/conveys. Court further said that even otherwise also, the present writ petition is not maintainable and liable to be dismissed in absence of any

specific challenge to the aforesaid Government order No. 72 PDD of 2010 dated 03.03.2010 imposing ban, which was gladly and voluntarily accepted by the petitioner for all along these 12 years. Court further observed that It is settled proposition of law that only law could be made applicable retrospectively if it was provided by the legislature in the statute, but at the same time, administrative/ executive order or circular in absence of any legislative competence cannot be made applicable with retrospective effect. For all what has been discussed hereinabove, the interpretation drawn by the petitioner cannot be accepted at this stage and the same is not sustainable in the eyes of law and is liable to be rejected and consequently, the present writ petition fails and the same is dismissed along with all connected applications. JNF