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SIU files chargesheet against 13 accused persons in NIA Court Srinagar



SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on Friday produced a chargesheet against 13 accused persons including three slain militants of TRF before NIA court Srinagar.

According to a statement, issued to the news agency, the case FIR No 127/2022 under sections 7/25 of Arms act & sections 13, 18, 19, 20, 38 and 39 of UAPA of PS Pariparwa was registered on 28-05-2022 on credible inputs about the presence of active militants of TRF in a few residential houses in Barthana area

of Qamarwari.

The statement reads police arrested six accused persons initially in the case and one more accused (active militant) namely Shariq Wani was arrested later in the case.

It reads 7 accused are lodged in different jails undergoing judicial custody, while 3 accused (militants) were killed in different encounters and 3 other accused are absconding as active militants of TRF namely Basit, Momin and Umair.

It added investigation has revealed that accused persons

had developed links with active militants and in pursuance of a criminal conspiracy, they collectively conspired with militants for executing militant activities in Srinagar.

"The militants were sheltered in residential houses and a process has been started to attach all these houses as per section 25 of UAPA act," it reads.

It further reads a chargesheet was produced before the Court of Special Judge Designated under NIA Act (TADA/POTA), Srinagar today, while further investigation was going on.

CS bats for making agri-allied sector attractive with lucrative economic returns

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today impressed upon the officers of agriculture and allied sector to make the agriculture sector more attractive and remunerative with attractive economic returns for farmers.

He stated this while chairing a meeting to discuss the financial structuring of policy for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir here at Civil Secretariat.

He called for a multi pronged strategy as the sector is going through large scale interven-



tions to increase farmers' income manifold and be more profitable.

He added that in order to achieve better results on ground,

the department has to work in mission mode to facilitate farmers in such a way that he would sustain beyond government support at the end of five years or so.

He called upon the concerned that J&K should become a role model as an UT.

He said any scheme becomes successful only if it is implemented well on the ground and added that there should be continuity for the implementation of these agricultural interventions on ground with clear withdrawal strategy so that farmers will reap maximum benefits even after external support winds up for them.

Earlier, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal

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AC approves regulations for functioning of Agri Markets across the UT

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved 'Regulations for functioning of Agriculture Markets across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir'.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting. The Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Produce

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Infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Uri, arms and contraband recovered

SRINAGAR: The security forces on Friday claimed to have foiled an infiltration and smuggling bid of arms and drugs along the Line of Control in Uri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that a joint team of police and army launched a cordon and search operation in Rewand Nallah in Kamalkote area of Uri.

The statement reads there were indications of initiation of early warning system installed by Army and some fires were also spotted.

"Further search led to the recovery of arms and ammu-



nition including 2 AK-74 Rifles, 02 AK Magazine, 117 rounds, 2 Pistols and 2 pistol magazines and 10 packets of suspected contraband," it reads.

It further reads a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Uri and investigation had been set in motion. **END**

Police busts extortion racket, arrest 5 for disguising as militants

SRINAGAR: J&K Police busted an alleged extortion racket and arrested five youths who were impersonating as militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Kulgam Police received multiple complaints from the residents of Katrasoo, Matbhug and Tarigam that some persons barged into their houses and asked for money and other valuable items at "gun-point". They later fled from the spot, police said.

Taking Cognizance of the matter, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Yaripora.

During the course of investigation, a special team led by Station House Officer Yaripora was constituted and searches were conducted and multiple checkpoints were established to arrest the accused, police said.

"Today after generating specific information regarding the module, a special naka at Yaripora was established and five accused were arrested," a police statement said.

They were identified as Nazir Mushtaq Malik of Pindpora Shopian, Khalid Hussain Deedad, Rizwan Ahmad Deedad and Abrar Ahmad Teedwa-residents of Sangarwani Pulwama and Karman Ahmad Deedad of Draklari Ahbama Pulwama.

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Reva Rajput of Tikri scripts success story by her innovations

UDHAMPUR: Reva Rajput from Block Tikri is a source of inspiration for thousands of women in Udhampur district. The head of Nari Shakti Women Self Help Group, she started with making cold dung Diyas. Her group sold cowdung Diyas worth Rs. 50,000/- on eve of Deepawali festival.

Today, using her innovative mind, she is preparing Barley Energy Booster, Amla products, RTS Anardana Chutney, Kashmiri Masala Tikki, Turmeric powder etc.

Her husband, Kuldeep Singh, left his private job to join his wife's innovative business. He, along with his wife, established a small food processing unit under the PMFME scheme at his house in Tikri.

The Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Udhampur, the District Nodal Agency for PMFME scheme, is providing adequate hand holding to this innovative couple.

Recently, they were sent by the department to New Delhi for participation in Indian International Trade Fair, wherein they not only sold their products but, also, had a vast exposure to the latest labelling, packaging and branding techniques.

The couple is providing employment to 7-8 females from their neighborhood. Area Mar-



keting Office Udhampur-Reasi has, temporarily, provided free space to Nari Shakti Women Self Help Group in Fruit and Vegetable Market Kallar Himmati Udhampur for selling their products from the Mandi platform.

Div Com holds meeting with Jammu Chamber of Commerce, discusses developmental issues

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today held a meeting with Jammu Chamber of Commerce & Industries and concerned officers and discussed developmental issues and other issues concerning to the business community.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Ankita Kar; Transport Commissioner, Rahul Sharma; MD SIDKO, Raman Kesar; Deputy Director



Planning, Manish Dutta; Joint Director Industries, Meenakshi Vaid; Officers of Banks, besides Secretary General CCI, Gourav Gupta; Vice President, Rajeev

Gupta; Secretary, Rajesh Gupta and other members of Jammu Chamber of Commerce.

Threadbare discussions were held on the issues projected by

the representatives of the Chamber related to overall development of Jammu city and welfare of the business community.

The representatives put forth the issues being faced by the business community. The major demands discussed in the meeting included unsafe buildings in the warehouse area, early renewal of lease deeds by JDA, requirement of toilet complex in Hari Market, issues related to GST and other important matters.

Regarding renewal of lease deeds, the Div Com instructed

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UNESCO world heritage sites illuminated with G20 logo across India

NEW DELHI: A day after it formally assumed the G20 presidency, the Indian government has illuminated 100 monuments across the country with the G20 logo.

The list of monuments to mark India's G20 presidency was compiled by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and includes historical sites including the Nalanda ruins in Bihar, the Shankaracharya temple in Srinagar (Jammu), and Modhera Sun temple.

Other monuments to be illuminated are Dholavira site in Gujarat, the Parvata Qila complex and Humayun's Tomb in



Delhi, Hemis Monastery in Ladakh, Tipu Sultan Palace in Bengaluru, the Chola temple of Thanjavur and Konark Sun temple in Puri.

Srinagar was the first place

where the G20 logo appeared in saffron, green, white and blue colors on the Shankaracharya temple. Jammu's capital is expected to host a series of

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Fraud Cheque Case CBK files challan against father-daughter duo in Srinagar court

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offence Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir Friday produced a challan in Srinagar court against two accused persons in a case related to fraud cheque.

According to a statement issued to the news agency, EOW produced challan in Case FIR No. 10/2019 U/S 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B RPC against Abdul Rashid Bhat and his daughter Rifat Rashid of Hari Singh High Street Srinagar before the court of 13th Finance Srinagar.

The statement reads the instant case has been registered upon receipt of a written complaint preferred by JK Bank Branch Head, Hari Singh High Street Srinagar, wherein it was alleged that a forged cheque presented before the concerned bank officials and later on was credited into the bank account of the accused persons.

"Accordingly, the instant case was registered in P/S Crime Branch Kashmir now Economic Offence Wing, Crime Branch Kashmir. During the course of investigation, it has been established that the accused persons in league with each other succeeded fraudulently in transferring the cheque amount into their personal accounts," it reads.

It added the evidence substantiated commission of offence U/S 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the accused persons and accordingly challan was Produced before the court of 13th Finance Srinagar. **END**

Progressing J&K: PMKVY projects preserving, reviving Namda Craft of Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0 and its component; Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for upskilling of artisans and weavers of Kashmir is tremendously helping in preserving and revival of Namda craft of Kashmir.

The Namda project will benefit more than two thousand persons of 30 Namda Clusters from six districts of Kashmir (Srinagar, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam and Anantnag) and RPL initiative targets to upskill around eleven thousand artisans and weavers of Jammu and Kashmir. Namda craft is a rug made of sheep wool through felting technique instead of normal weaving process.

Earlier the export of this



craft had declined and Central Government through this special project under PMKVY, of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has designed short-term training curriculum to preserve this

endangered craft.

The project is being implemented in 25 batches in 3 cycles of training. Each training program is of approximately three and half months, which

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Night temperature improves in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: Night temperature improved several notches at most places due to an overcast sky in the Kashmir Valley on Friday amid a Meteorological Department forecast of dry weather to continue over Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours, officials said.

However, there was no let up in cold conditions that continued to prevail in the Valley coupled with fog and haze on Friday.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 0.2 degree Celsius on Friday against minus 2.1 degrees Celsius the previous night. The temperature was 0.7 degrees above normal during this period of the season.

However, the day temperature also plunged to a few notches but was still 0.6 degrees above normal against 11.4 degrees Cel-



sius recorded on Friday.

Thick fog coupled with haze engulfed the Dal Lake, Boulevard, Nishat, Shalimar and other major parts of the city, disrupting normal activities.

The night temperature improved at Gulmarg in north Kashmir and settled at minus 0.8 degrees Celsius on Friday against minus 1.0 degree Celsius recorded the previous night.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir continued to remain the

coldest place in the Kashmir Valley. However the minimum temperature showed a considerable improvement due to overcast sky and recorded a low of minus 1.4 degree Celsius on Friday against minus 3.8 degrees recorded on Thursday.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of minus 0.5 degree Celsius, Kukernag 1.3 and Kupwara recorded a low of minus 0.4 degree Celsius on Friday.

Modern Youth Innovation Centre coming up in Ghat soon

Admin to go tough on defaulter contractors; 100% quality work desired from engineers: DC

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, DECEMBER 02: District Development Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan today reviewed the performance of PWD (R&B) regarding the execution of works taken up under Capex Budget 2022-23, NABARD, CRF and Lanquishing Projects.

Chairing a meeting of key officials of the department held in the Conference Hall of DC office, the DDC directed the Engineers to complete the formalities for the construction of modern Youth Innovation Centre at Ghat. The Department shall immediately get the proposed project technically vetted so that the required funds can be obtained from the government, he directed. The meeting was attended by SE(PWD), CFO Doda, ACP Doda, ACD Doda, All XENs of District, AEs and AEs of the departments.

The DDC asked SE and Ex Ens to personally monitor the quality of the work on the ground. The meeting decided to recommend non-feasible works for foreclosure and process the related funds for reallocation. The



DDC directed the concerned to ensure 75% physical and financial completion of the works under all schemes by or before the end of December. Asking the department to complete cement work before 31st of December, the DDC also discussed the bottlenecks hampering the progress on some of the roads and other projects in detail. He directed the Ex Ens to take up the matter with ADCs/SDMs, and other concerned officers for early resolution of the

issues and timely completion of the works. The DDC also enquired about the status of each project in detail with regard to tendering of works, works allotted, estimation of approved works, start of works on the ground, status of billing and progress on non construction works.

The DDC directed all the concerned controlling as well as executing agencies to pace up the completion of all ongoing works. Further, the DDC directed

them to mobilise the staff to clear pending bills and update the Account Books.

"The department shall also ensure that no work is held up or delayed beyond its allotted time of completion by any contractor. And take toughest decisions to the extent of blacklisting the defaulter cont ractors," he directed. It was also decided that a contractor declared defaulter by one agency shall be defaulter for all the executing agencies in the district.

DC visits MC Shopian; takes part in activities under Jan Abhiyan

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SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today visited Municipal Council Complex Shopian and took part in various activities being undertaken under the flagship Shehri Jan Abhiyan being held as a prelude to the 'My Town My Pride' programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the Shehri Jan Abhiyan has been organized to spread awareness among the people regarding various government initiatives in place for the welfare of the citizens, assess needs for planned development of urban areas.

He said the aim of the program is to increase interaction between the public and government to ensure responsive and transparent governance.

Vaishya said that all departments have been directed to ensure vigorous participation in the program and are assigned tangible targets. He said the performance of each department is being evaluated and exhorted the

District Officers to ensure that the assigned tasks are implemented on ground in letter and spirit.

He said that every effort is being made to ensure delivery of public welfare services and the district administration is committed to ensure 100 per cent coverage of eligible genuine beneficiaries. The DC said that inputs of the public under the overall supervision of PRI members and in consultation with the departments will be the basis of formulation of resource mobilization plans.

Vaishya said that he is closely monitoring the identification of youth for setting up self-employment ventures through various Govt. schemes in vogue. He assured the youth that a hassle free mechanism is in place for taking the benefits under MUMKIN, PMEGP, etc and they should come forward to set up self-employment ventures.

He also directed officials to ensure that awareness regarding these schemes is held regularly to ensure

that any interested youth can avail the opportunity.

Vaishya interacted with various officials and inspected the stalls setup by ICDS, Revenue, Health, AYUSH, Banks, Social Welfare, FCS&CA, Cooperatives, Agriculture and Horticulture, Handicrafts and Handlooms, NRLM, Youth Services and Sports and other departments. He impressed upon the officials to ensure that the public are briefed about the schemes in place and how they can leverage these for their welfare.

He also distributed hand passbooks among the beneficiaries.

Among others the programme was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Yar Ali Khan; Tehsildar Shopian, Executive Officer Municipal Council Shopian, Secretary MC, Councillors and concerned.

Later, the Joint Director, CSS, PD&MD, Visiting Officer Shopian, Mukhtar Ahmad Bazzar also inspected the stalls and interacted with the various officials.

DC B'pora reviews preparations for 'My Town, My Pride'

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BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 02: In view of the forthcoming second phase of 'My Town, My Pride', starting from 5th December, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr.Owais Ahmed on Friday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements put in place for smooth and successful conduct of the Urban Outreach programme.

At the outset, the DC took firsthand review of department-wise arrangements put in place and services being made available to the people during the course of the programme. Detailed discussions were also held on various activities to be conducted in all three Municipal areas of the district as per the specified and given parameters.

Departments were apprised that Visiting Officers during their visit to ULBs shall be interacting with people and ULB representatives, reviewing status of works, public services, implementation of schemes, besides taking part in various activities.



The DC directed line departments to make ample preparations and ensure provision of public services to the people. He especially laid stress on the conduct of sports and cultural activities, disseminating massive awareness on installed stalls, providing self-employment to 5 youth in

each ward, land passbook distribution, and plantation drives.

He directed the authorities of ULBs of Bandipora, Sumbal and Hajin to engage and involve maximum people in the programmes.

Dr Owais also sought effective coordination amongst departments and representatives of ULBs to make the programme action oriented.

He stressed for saturation of deliveries while emphasizing upon all stakeholders to conduct door to door camps.

The meeting was attended by the Presidents of MC Bandipora, Sumbal and Hajin. Nodal officer Coordination, JDP, CEO/EOs of MCs and other district and sectoral officers.

Director Agriculture reviews working scenario of Agriculture Law Enforcement Agency



JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 02: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today convened a meeting of law enforcement officers of all the districts of Kashmir division to review the overall working of the law enforcement agency. Addressing the meeting, the Director said that the prime objective of the law enforcement wing of the department is to ensure the availability of quality insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers to the farmers through proper sales outlets well in time. In this direction every effort must be put in place so that the farmer's interest could be secured, he further added. Director impressed upon the officers of the law enforcement agency to remain in close coordination at divisional and district levels to maintain transparency and accountability in the system in addition to smooth distribution of quality pesticides, fertilizers and

other inputs to the growers and farmers. He asked the officers to submit weekly reports on demand, distribution, seizures and other activities.

Besides, he also impressed them to strictly follow and implement different provisions of insecticides act 1968 and fertilizer control order 1968.

Iqbal asked the officers to initiate strict action according to law against the retailers if found selling fertilizers, pesticides without fol-

lowing the proper procedure. He said any standard/spurious material if found should be immediately seized and the warranted action as per law against the erring parties should be initiated.

He further said that any dealer or retailer if found guilty of violating different provisions of insecticides act 1968 and fertilizer control order 1965 his license should be cancelled with immediate effect.

Director exhorted upon the enforcement officer to carry out special inspection drives across Kashmir to ensure regulation of standard and genuine supplies of insecticides, fertilizers to the farming community.

Deputy Director Law enforcement, Enforcement officers of Kashmir division and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Kupwara Administration conducts 2nd training programme for Presiding, Polling Officers

Re-poll of DDC constituency Drugmulla

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 02: The District Administration Kupwara today conducted a second training programme for Presiding and Polling Officers for Re-poll of DDC Constituency Drugmulla in Kupwara district.

The Dy. District Election Officer Kupwara presided over the training programme. The Returning Officer for DDC Constituency Drugmulla, ARO, various Nodal Officers and DIO Kupwara were present on the occasion. The Master Trainers imparted the necessary training related to smooth

conduct of election process at the occasion. The Dy. DEO said that the training was imparted to 163 Officers including 42 Presiding Officers, 84 Polling Officers and reserved quota to acquaint them with the rules and regulations of the election process and implementation of Model Code of Conduct.

He stressed upon them to work in coordination to get best results for smooth conduct of the election. On the occasion, the Master Trainers provided detailed awareness and guidelines to the Presiding and Polling officers with regard to their duties and responsibilities during the election process.

It was informed on the occasion that the polling shall be held on 5th of December in the DDC constituency Drugmulla from 7 AM to 2 PM. There shall be 42 polling stations for which sufficient staff including one Returning Officer, one ARO, 42 Presiding Officers, 84 Polling Officers, 2 Zonal Magistrates and 7 Sectoral Magistrates has been detailed for the occasion. The DDC constituency Drugmulla comprises CD block Drugmulla and partly Kupwara and partly Qadirabad. The total electorate of the constituency is 32743.

My Town My Pride: President MC Ramban asks officers to fully saturate beneficiary-oriented schemes

City Livelihood Plan discussed at Batote

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 2: Jan Abhiyan activities are in full swing in all three municipalities of district Ramban as part of 'My Town My Pride' phase-2 witnessing huge participation of people who are coming to avail the benefits of different public services and schemes.

The Municipal Committee Batote today sensitized the people about the City Livelihood

Plan at an awareness programme attended by the President MC Batote, Ravinder Singh, Tehsildar, Vijay Sharma, Naib Tehsildar, Sanok Singh and several other officers of line departments.

Similarly, Municipal Committee Banihal organised a camp where officers of line departments sensitized the people about various developmental, social, and job-oriented schemes of their respective

sectors. The ARTO Ramban also sensitized the people about Motor Vehicle Act and road safety measures besides discussing the transport plan with the ward members and other prominent citizens.

Meanwhile, the District Administration organised an exhibition cum awareness camp at Ramban where DUDA, DIC, KVIB, PMJAY-U, Agriculture, Horticulture, Housing

Board, Social Welfare, Labour and Employment departments set up their stalls to provide the benefit of their schemes to deserving people.

Speaking on the occasion, President MC Ramban, Sunita Sumbria asked the officers to put a special focus on saturating youth and beneficiary-oriented schemes like Golden Card, MUMKIN, PMAY-U, and Tejaswini schemes.

DC B'pora inspects work progress on Transit Accommodation at Odina Sumbal

Directs for completion of works within set timelines

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Friday visited Odina, Sumbal to inspect the ongoing works on the Transit Accommodation.

During his visit to the Transit Accommodation site, the DC assessed the progress on ongoing works there. SDM Sumbal and concerned engineers from executing departments briefed the DC about

progress of work on the project. Officers at Transit Accommodation informed that transit accommodation is coming up at the cost of Rs.57.60 crores comprising 480 flats in 30 blocks.

They said each block is four-storied with four flats in each storey, totaling 16 flats in each block.

The concerned executing department informed that 06 flats are near completion and will be ready to use by the end of this month. It was further apprised that

work on other blocks is in full swing and shall be completed within the set deadlines.

Dr. Owais exhorted upon the executing agencies to expedite the progress of work by way of engaging more men and machinery so that work gets completed well before stipulated time frame without compromising the quality of work.

He also directed for early construction of approach road and boundary wall

besides making immediate availability of drinking water and electricity facility for 6 completed blocks.

He instructed SDM Sumbal to monitor the execution of work regularly and ensure quality and timely completion of works.

The DC was accompanied by SDM Sumbal Dr. Bashir Ahmad Lone, Tehsildar, DIO and officers from PDD, R&B, Jal Shakti and other concerned departments.

GCW Udampur observes World Aids Day

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DEC 02: To observe World AIDS Day-2022, different activities on the theme, "Equalise: Achieving Equity to end HIV/AIDS" were organised by Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Government College of Women Udampur in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society and Higher Education Department J&KUT here today.

Principal of the College, Dr. Monika Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion. She lauded the efforts of RRC for organizing different events to generate awareness among the youth as well as society regarding HIV/AIDS. She further added how this acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a life-threatening condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). She spoke in detail about the involvement of Government, health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world in observing this day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control.

Earlier Dr. Kewal Kumar, Convener Red Ribbon Club presented his Welcome address, in which he informed the audience about this year's theme for World AIDS Day which is "Equalise: Achieving Equity to end HIV/AIDS." He explained how it encourages people to unite globally to eliminate the disparities and inequities that create barriers to HIV

testing, prevention, and access to HIV care. He also informed the audience that on this day, various awareness campaigns and activities that promote disease awareness, are conducted by several organisations across the world.

In the morning session, a poster making competition was held in which about 29 students participated and made beautiful and message oriented posters on the given theme. The posters clearly and magnificently depicted the causes, prevention and control measures of AIDS, thus sending an awareness message among the students and other participants of this event. Dr. Sanjeet Kour, HOD Zoology, Prof. Ashni Devi, HOD Botany and Prof. Sumita Rao, Assistant Professor of Zoology were the jury members.

On the basis of judgment of jury members, Miss Anita Devi of Sem-V, Miss Sukanya Sharma of Sem-V were judged 1st and 2nd besides Miss Kiran Sharma of Sem - III & Neena Devi of Sem-V shared 3rd position respectively.

In the afternoon session, an extempore competition was conducted where students are allowed to speak on HIV/AIDS voluntarily for one-to-two minutes without any pre-preparation. Miss Anita Devi of Sem-V who bagged 1st position in Poster Making also won the extempore competition. After that Prof. Sumita Rao delivered a mind-storming lecture on HIV/AIDS. She explained in detail about the causes,

effects, structure of HIV Virus, its transmission etc. by showing the different animation videos. She also briefed the students about various treatments for HIV/AIDS available globally. Besides, she also discussed various stigma associated with AIDS and assured the students that although the disease is not curable, an HIV/AIDS patient can live a happy and healthy life like others by following certain regimes and supports.

Meanwhile a documentary movie was also screened to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS among the students. The winners and participants of Poster Competition and Extempore competition were awarded with mementos and certificates by the dignitaries.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Radhika Sharma a student of Sem-V while the formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Yash Paul, HOD History. Refreshments were also distributed among the participants. About 115 students participated in the event.

Besides, the event was graced by the presence of Dr. Shaveta Sharma, Assistant Prof. of Political Science, Tania Akhter, Assistant Prof. of English, Rukhsana Kousar, Assistant Prof. of Education, Tania Mahajan, Assistant Prof. of Zoology, Rajinder Singh, Assistant Professor of Punjabi, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Prof. of Music, Yash Kumar, Assistant Prof. of Music and large number of students.

Poster Exhibition organised at IIM Jammu

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 02: Students of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu today organised a poster exhibition showcasing their creativity, skills, and talents as a part of their Business Communication course.

The objective of the event was to facilitate a learner dialogue with the IIM Jammu academic fraternity on various dimensions of communication and language, and also enabling creativity in student assessment practices. The activity was executed by the students of the IPM 02 batch under the guidance of Dr. Apurva, Co-Chairperson Student Affairs, IIM Jammu. The event was graced by Professor B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, faculty members, officers, staff, and students at the Institute. Present on the occasion was Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, Dr. Ateeque Shaikh, Chairperson, IPM, Cmr. Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, and Rajat Jain,

Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer, IIM Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said, "IIM Jammu is always committed to the growth and overall development of students. The students have innovated some unique and show-stopping concepts in poster exhibitions through their creative adaptations. We at IIM Jammu have always believed in providing a platform for our students to represent the best of their ideas and creativity and this poster exhibition is indeed an initiative in that direction."

Ten groups presented ten different topics as a part of their Business Communication curriculum. The Group "MERAKI" presented on the topic "Communication and the Importance of Language in Communication", conveying the process of effective communication and how language plays a major role in the process of communication between different individuals. The Group "MAVERICKS" presented on

the topic 'Physiology of Reading' explaining the process of reading with the help of fun activities such as 'Spot the difference' in their poster. The Group "THE WALNUTS" exhibited the topic 'Language and Brain-Lateralization and Localization' illustrating how the brain is divided into two parts and how each part functions in a specialized way. The Group "THE SURVEY CORP" presented the topic 'Tabular Rasa vs. LAD' depicting the different ways by which humans acquire languages with the help of relevant examples. The Group "PHOENIX" presented on the topic 'Evolution of Language' in which the group explained how language evolved along with the evolution of humans.

The Group "PERKY PROFESSIONAL" creatively exhibited their topic 'Nature vs. Nurture' where the group illustrated the impact of Nature and Nurture on the linguistic development of human beings. The Group "HARVEY" exhibited on the topic 'Language

JMC hosting Pad Yatra on Dec 9 to promote PM's call for Corruption Free India

Mayor discusses modalities with CCJ, seeks cooperation for success of campaign

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 02: Jammu Municipal Corporation is going to organize a Pad Yatra (Tramp) on December 9 at 10:30 AM to promote the Call given by Prime Minister of India, Sh. Narinder Modi from Red Fort on August 15th regarding Corruption Free India.

In this historical Pad Yatra called by Mayor Jammu under the banner of Jammu Municipal Corporation, stu-

dents from different schools, colleges, universities, a number of Trade organizations, Chamber of Commerce and several social organizations will participate.

In this regard, the Mayor, Jammu today chaired a meeting with delegates of the Chamber of Commerce and other trade organizations.

The Mayor conveyed another meeting under the guidance of Mayor, Jammu regarding tourism department schemes and initiatives for promoting tourism

in Jammu city. The Officers of tourism department briefed the business fraternity of Jammu city regarding various schemes initiated by the tourism department to boost tourism industry in Jammu.

The Mayor also suggested many heritage spots and temples of Jammu city which have a great potential to attract tourists. The Mayor also directed the tourism department to take necessary steps to make

Online auction of kiosks at rail head complex by JDA is a big scam: Neeraj Dewan



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: Neeraj Dewan Senior Leader BJP imposed allegation on JDA of hidden collusion for allotment of kiosks at Rail Head Complex Jammu. Through a press conference held at his

office at Rail Head Complex Jammu he raised a figure at the latest way of online auction by the JDA. He said that JDA has fixed a high amount of minimal bid and after that in last few minutes the people failed to file their bid as

so as to make a profit for the department. Many people who want to file a bid failed to do so. JDA has made it a custom to fix the lowest bid at higher rate so as to avoid the unemployed youth or in a way prevent them to file the bid. He said that it is a big scam and needs proper investigation.

He urged to Honble Lt. Governor to personally take the matter in his hand and direct the authorities to take appropriate measures so as to give relief to the common man and unemployed youths. He was accompanied by Sh. R.K Gupta BJP Leader and Jeet Raj Kalsi Sr BJP Leader.

Progress of RDD works executed under District Capex Budget reviewed in Kishtwar

Stress laid on optimum utilization of funds, timeline completion of projects

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 02: Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Sham Lal today chaired a meeting of the Rural Development Functionaries to review the progress of Rural Development Department works executed under the District Capex Budget 2022-23 here at con-

ference Hall DC Office complex.

Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Atul Dutt Sharma; District Panchayat Officer Kishtwar Sunil Bhutyal; All the Block Development Officers, ExEn REW Bashir Ahmed, besides AEs, AEs attended the meeting.

The ADDC Kishtwar took a detailed review of

Block wise progress achieved under different works being executed under the District Capex Budget 2022-2023 in the RDD sector.

During the meeting, ADDC Kishtwar stressed to mobilise the resources at the work site so that the work is completed by the end of December 2022, keeping in view of the unfavourable weather conditions ahead.

He instructed the BDOs to expedite expenditure and ensure cent percent utilisation of funds besides sticking to the quality of works.

The BDOs were further directed to submit the list of completed works to ExEn REW and EXEN REW should prepare bills for the treasuries by 10th December 2022.

Dr Sehrish reviews functioning of RDD Baramulla

Stresses on 100% Saturation in Flagship schemes, timely execution & completion of Development Works

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, DEC 02: To take a comprehensive and sector wise review of the progress achieved by Rural Development Department (RDD) Baramulla, the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar today conveyed a meeting of the concerned functionaries at Dak Bungalow, here.

On the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla apprised the chair regarding the estimation, tendering and allotment, status of all works including DDC/ BDC/PRI grants.

The meeting also discussed detailed proposals under the District Capex Plan, 2021-22 including physical status of projects targeted for completion in the current fiscal and took a comprehensive review on the progress of developmental projects undertaken by various departments.

After taking a comprehensive review, the DC said that district administration is committed to ensure all development projects/works are completed within a set timeline. She stressed on the concerned officers/officials to take all possible measures to accelerate the pace of the ongoing works for their time-bound completion and directed for regular monitoring of works. Dr Sehrish also directed concerned officers to complete the paper-

work of pending works at earliest and also asked them to expedite under execution works to meet the target. She also exhorted upon the officers to achieve 100% saturation in all flagship schemes.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning M Yousuf Rather, ACD Baramulla, Gulzar Ahmad Khan, Executive Engineer, REW Baramulla, BDOs besides other concerned functionaries.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of JPDCL projects, calls for timeline completion

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DEC 02: Vikas Kundal, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, today reviewed the progress of JPDCL projects here in a meeting of the concerned officers. During the meeting, the DDC took a comprehensive review of physical and financial progress of JPDCL projects under the District Capex budget, B2V and S5Y. The concerned officer briefed the meeting about the to date status of the same.

DC Ganderbal chairs 2nd DLTF C meet

Selects 14 candidates for self-employment under JKREGP

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DEC 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the second meeting of District Level Task Force Committee (DLTF C) in which 21 cases for sanctioning of self-employment under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) were recommended.

At the outset, the committee interacted with aspiring entrepreneurs and appraised them about prospects, successful set up and operation of their ventures under the JKREGP.

After discussing the pros and cons of all cases put up in the meeting, the committee selected 14 cases out of 21 recommended cases and it was unanimously decided that the approved cases shall be forwarded to concerned bank branches for timely disbursement.

The DC while interacting with the beneficiaries advised them to focus on their work and ensure they become successful entrepreneurs and create avenues of employment for not only themselves but also for others.

The DC urged upon DLTF C mem-

bers to highlight the beneficial advantages of JKREGP scheme in eradicating unemployment issues in the district, besides ensure participation and involvement of all unemployed youth from grassroots level.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Lead Bank Manager Ganderbal, Principal ITI, Director RSETI Ganderbal, Cluster Head J&K Bank Ganderbal, District Coordinator KVIB and other members.

ADDC reviews progress of Developmental works under District Capex at Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DEC 02: Additional District Development Commissioner Udhampur today reviewed the status and progress achieved in respect of the District Capex Works and expenditure incurred till date here at a meeting held on the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna.

The meeting was attended by Nodal Officers i.e. Programme Officer, ICDS Projects, Assistant Commissioner Development, General Manager DIC, Assistant Director FCS & CA along with District Treasury Officer, Executive Engineer REW

Udhampur, representative of Chief Planning Officer Udhampur and all the Block Development Officers of District Udhampur.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Development, Ranjeet Kotwal briefed the house about implementation of District Capex and other Schemes being executed by the Rural Development Department in the District. Threadbare discussions were held on various aspects and bottlenecks being faced by the Block Development Officers with regard to implementation of developmental works viz-a-viz District Capex, UT

Capex (CD & Panchayat) and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes including construction of Amrit Sarovar, Soak Pits/ Composed Pits, NGT Ponds/ Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) etc were discussed in detail. The ADDC directed the BDOs to ensure 100% door-to-door waste collection and fast track execution of works and utilization of 100% available funds by the third week of December, 2022. District Treasury Officer was asked to issue instructions to the Sub-Treasuries not to delay the Bills for drawl without any solid reason.

I&C Department hosts Sensitisation program on MSME initiatives

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 02: A sensitisation programme on various initiatives by MSME including revised Guidelines of Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) was organised today at Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex Jammu.

Anoo Malhotra, Director General Industries & Commerce, Jammu welcomed the participants and appreciated the initiatives of MSME-DI Jammu in helping the MSMEs of J&K. She also thanked MSME-DI Jammu for getting special relaxation in land requirement norms for establishment of a Tool Room in J&K.

G. Velladuria, Joint Director of MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Govt. Of India, Industrial Estate Dignana Jammu gave a detailed presentation on revised MSE-CDP guidelines. He exhorted the General Managers, District Industries Centres of Jammu Division, to come up with new proposals so that MSMEs in Jammu are benefited. He noted that there was a lot of potential for cluster development in J&K, which is still at a nascent stage in J&K. He described a cluster as a group of enterprises located within a contiguous area or a value chain producing same/ similar products/complementary

products/services, linked together by common physical infrastructure facilities.

He elaborated that various objective of the scheme is to support the sustainability and growth of MSEs by addressing common issues such as improvement of technology, skills and quality, market access, access to capital and it can help build capacity of MSEs for common supportive action through formation of self help groups, consortia and upgradation of associations. He explained that creation /upgradation of infrastructural facilities and common facility centres for testing, training centre, raw material depot, effluent treatment, complementing production processes, in the new/exist-

ing industrial areas/ clusters of MSEs are also covered under MSE-CDP. He apprised that various projects have been approved viz. Up-gradation of Industrial Estate at Lassipura, Up-gradation of Industrial Estate at Battal Ballian Udhampur in addition to setting up of the Technology Centre at Industrial Growth Centre, Samba among others.

CS bids farewell to Rohit Kansal

Terms Kansal as strategic thinker who had a great career in J&K



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 02: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta along with other administrative secretaries today bid farewell to Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department and Information Department at a function organized here at Civil Secretariat.

Dr Mehta described Kansal as a professional with kind heart who proved his mettle during his 25 year long service in Jammu and Kashmir. He credited Kansal for handling job of government spokesperson with great ability due to which he became a household name in the entire Union Territory.

“Mr Kansal had a great career in J&K. He was an officer with strategic thinking and was able to bring fundamental changes in the higher education sector,” Dr Mehta said about the outgoing Principal Secretary.

He also wished him good luck in his future assignments and hoped that will keep supporting J&K in any manner.

Speaking on the occasion, Kansal said that he has an emotional connection to J&K and has fond memories with everyone here and is overwhelmed by the affection he has received.

He said that he has received out of way cooperation and support from everyone, officers, staff and people alike in J&K.

He added that as he is moving out of J&K, he is hoping that he would always be there to support whatever way he can.

Recalling their service stint with Rohit Kansal, several administrative secretaries recollected the role he had played during their initial period of services in J&K.

They credited the success of flagship programmes like Back to Village and My Town My Pride to Rohit Kansal.

DDC Rajouri reviews performance of PMGSY

295 schemes completed across two subdivisions

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 02: Vikas Kundal, District Development Commissioner Rajouri, today chaired a meeting here to review the progress achieved under the PMGSY sector in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC took a comprehensive stock of the physical and financial achievements of PMGSY schemes under Phase-I and Phase-II in Rajouri and Budhal subdivisions.

Taking stock of the progress in Rajouri subdivision, the meeting was

informed that out of 195 schemes, the work on 184 schemes was complete in all respects while rest would be completed shortly.

Seeking the progress of the schemes in Budhal subdivision, it was apprised that out of 124 schemes, the work on 111 schemes was complete and the rest are in progress.

Taking an extensive road-wise review of all PMGSY projects, the DDC directed the concerned authorities to expedite the progress of work and achieve the targets set by the

Government within the given timeline.

Inquiring about the schemes approved under PMGSY Phase-III, the meeting was informed that 04 schemes have been proposed for Budhal subdivision and 08 for Rajouri subdivision and all schemes are in the tendering process.

Officers present in the meeting included ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; ExEn PMGSY Rajouri, Subash Chander; ExEn PMGSY Budhal, Intiaz Mir; AD Planning, Banshi Lal and other concerned officers.

JK Pollution Control Committee observes National Pollution Prevention Day



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 02: Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee (JKPCCC) today conducted one day program to commemorate National Pollution Prevention Day at Convention Centre, Jammu.

The objective of the program was to deliberate on various environmental aspects besides discussing measures to prevent pollution. The event was also aimed at to have a common platform for discussion among the regulators, implementing agencies and waste generators including various associations to understand the need of taking preventive measures by one and all to save the planet.

Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma, graced the occasion as chief guest while Chairperson, JKPCCC, Neelu Gera was the guest of honour.

The program started with inspection of exhibition by the chief guest along with dignitaries and all the participants from various departments and organizations. Regional Director, JKPCCC, Sat Paul, briefed about the objective of the sensitization workshop. Commissioner Secretary appreciated the efforts of JKPCCC for organiz-

ing such type of programs. He impressed upon all participants to work with commitment to ensure awareness among general masses regarding importance of taking small steps at household level and at level of departments and Industries to prevent pollution at source level.

Commissioner Secretary further stressed upon working out a strategy for implementation of notification issued by the Government of India for ensuring ban on SUPs from 1st July. He further informed that mock drills should be regularly taken up by industries handling toxic chemical and gases to ensure that any accident related thereto may be effectively and timely averted.

Chairperson, JKPCCC, Dr Neelu Gera, in her address stressed upon using environment friendly products to reduce waste generation at source. She added that replacement of Single-Use Plastic Products (SUPs) by various available eco-friendly alternatives and replacement of conventional fuels like coal and wood (banned for use in J&K by dhabas and eateries) by sustainable and eco-friendly fuels like dung logs and poultry manure briquettes should be encouraged and promoted

Member Secretary, JKPCCC, K. Ramesh Kumar, informed the gathering that environmental pollution specifically air pollution is a global issue, being trans boundary in nature it needs immediate and strategic international and regional co-operation for efficient implementation of mitigation policies to tackle air pollution.

Former Additional Director and Government Analyst, Central Pollution Control Board MoEF and CC Government of India, Dr Sanjeev Agrawal, made a detailed presentation over latest trends and innovations in abatement of pollution in India.

President and CEO, SRC Systems and Reengineering Consultants, Hyderabad, Dr. K. R. Chari, talked about circular economy with focus on ensuring waste to wealth so as to manage specific types of waste in an efficient manner alongwith revenue generation.

Head- Re Sustainability Limited, Hyderabad, Bobby Kurien, discussed various sustainable solutions to ensure environment management while Dr. S. B. Matta, General Manager, Tata Motors Smart City Mobility Solution Limited gave an overview of electric vehicles to ensure sustainability.

Vote of thanks was presented by Neelu Sharma, Principal Scientific Officer, JKPCCC. The Program was also attended by Professors from Jammu University, SKUAST, SMVDDU, Officers from JMC, UEED, NRLM, JKPCCC, Functional Managers of I&C Department, ARTOs, Federation of Industrial Association, Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dairy Farms Association and Poultry Farms Association, Resident Welfare Associations besides DISHA organization and Indian Pollution Control Association (PRO).

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Corrigendum

With respect to the e-NIT No. 46/WLWJZ of 2022-23 dated: i.e. Balance work of erection of chain link fencing at trail path of Jambu Zoo, **due to poor response in receiving the bids (one bid received), the bid submission end date is hereby extended till 05-12-2022.**

No. WLWJZ/1412
Dated: 30/11/2022
DIP/J-12435/22

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Additional Wildlife Warden,
Jambu Zoo, Jammu.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (SHORT TERM)

MHDJ/e-NIT 193 of 2022-23
Dated: 30.11.2022
due: 07.12.2022

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from registered/reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience for the work mentioned below:

S. No	Description of work	Estt	AAA	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	REPAIR/SERVICING OF AIR CONDITIONING (Hot & Cold) UNITS OF ENT OT, BLOOD BANK GYANE OT AND HALL and ward 6 (recovery ward/ICU) of GOVT. SMGS HOSPITAL, JAMMU	1.85 LACS	ACCORDED	Rs.3700.00 in the Shape of CDR/FDR/TDR valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer MHCH Divn GMC Jammu	Rs 200.00 in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal.	10 days	OEM /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" Electromechanical nature of work

OR
The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account no. 0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer MH&CH GMC&H Jammu.
Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu
Branch Code:0097
IFSC code: JAKAOTNHALL
MICR CODE: 180051025

THE NIT CONSISTING OF Qualifying INFORMATION, ELGIBILITY CRITERIA, BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ) SETS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT & OTHER DETAILS CAN BE VIEWED / DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.jktenders.gov.in.

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(ER.LAKHWANT SINGH)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION GMCH, JAMMU

MD NHM presents National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to UPHC Shastri Nagar



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 3: Mission Director, NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan, today presented National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certificate to Dr Ila Gupta, Medical Officer Incharge UPHC, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, at State Health Society, Nagrota, Jammu.

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has accorded National Certification under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Programme to UPHC Shastri Nagar in recognition of high standards of quality in the hospital.

Pertinently, the quality of services being extended in the hospital has been assessed by a team of highly qualified and empanelled assessors from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the month of July, 2022. The National Certification will be valid for a period of three years subject to annual verification of the scores by the State Quality Assurance Committee.

UPHC Shastri Nagar shall receive an additional annual grant of Rs.3.00 lakh as part of NQAS certification for next three years under National Health Mission for further strength-

ening, following which there will be re-inspection.

Ayushi Sudan, while congratulating the staff of UPHC Shastri Nagar for this achievement, urged upon all Medical Colleges, District Hospitals and CHCs of J&K to work hard for implementation of NQAS for improved patient care.

Elaborating on the achievement, Mission Director, NHM said that the certification has been accorded to UPHC Shastri Nagar, Jammu, in recognition of "high standards of quality and performance maintained by the hospital".

He informed that all efforts are being made to strengthen the health care delivery system to the utmost satisfaction of general public under NHM. Others present on the occasion were Rajini Charak, Director P&S, Abhishek Talwaria, FA&CAO, NHM, Dr Jitender Mehta, Programme Manager, Quality Assurance Programme, State Health Society, NHM.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

BAN PRIVATE PRACTICE OF DOCTORS

The Covid-19 pandemic that has swept the globe exposes ill-preparedness of health infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. The deaths of Coronavirus-affected patients due to lack of infrastructure and non-availability also put a big question mark on the preparedness of authorities at the helm of affairs. The private practice of doctors, which is forbidden in most of the states in India, also comes under the scanner in Jammu region as the doctors were found in their private clinics during duty hours, that too, amid Coronavirus pandemic. In the country, private practice of doctors has been banned and forbidden in most of the state medical institutions, all central government health institutions as well as autonomous institutions including prestigious PGIMER and AIIMS. The ban on private practice of doctors has always remained a major issue of debate in the society. The recent circular of the health and medical education department on banning private practice of doctors reignited the debate. In the year 2011, two judges of Hon'ble Supreme court of India comprising Justices Markandey Katju and Gyan Sudha Misra quashed an FIR lodged against two Punjab government doctors for running a private clinic. The bench ruled that the government doctors defying the ban on private practice and charging consultation fee from patients in a clinic during spare time could neither be accused of indulging in trade nor be booked under the anti-corruption law. It could amount to breaching a government order making them liable for departmental action. In yet another judgement of 2016, three Judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India, Justice T.S Thakur while remanding the proceeding back to the J&K State High Court, the Apex Court said, “apart from the issue pertaining to the issue of private practice by doctors, there are other and perhaps, more fundamental aspects, which would arise from the Public Interest Litigation instituted before the High Court”, adding, “the basic issue which requires to be addressed is the availability of infrastructure and facilities in Government hospitals across the State of Jammu and Kashmir and the facilities for the treatment of patients. We are of the view that the quality of medical care in Government hospitals across the State of Jammu and Kashmir is a matter which should receive attention and oversight in the exercise of the jurisdiction under Article 226”. Similarly, the Madras High court Justice S.M. Subramanian in 2019 while advocating strict ban on private practice by government doctors observed “The skill acquired from and out of taxpayers' money must be utilized for the people at large and it is under these circumstances that the government expects them to work in public hospitals at least for specified period...”. Unfortunately, there are no specific guidelines pertaining to the issue of private practice by government doctors. Also, there is a widespread perception that private practice has affected healthcare services badly in government institutions. Consultants and senior doctors always stay away from hospitals while Registrars and Postgraduate medicos remain overburdened. The government should strictly implement its guidelines banning private practice of doctors.

India not a creation of wars or redrawing of maps

The ICHR is not following the previous practice of imposing cooked-up historical narratives to suit the needs of the political system. An earnest effort with the support and guidance of a large number of scholars countrywide is being made to fill the gaps and draw attention to legacies and history that have been consciously, indeed by design, overlooked. We stand committed to our resolve — if durbari historians, so be it.

RAGHUVENDRA TANWAR

In her article published in these columns (‘Constitution was a product of freedom struggle’, November 30), Neera Chandhoke is no doubt right that “Durbari historians... twist the past. Historians who serve power write of a past as if it was taken out of a fairy tale.” The problem, however, is that she overlooks the fact that the building of historical narratives to fit the requirements of the political class in power started more than five decades ago.

The exercise of building a new historical narrative that sought to understate culture and spiritualism from India's past started in the 1970s at the high-school level and was enforced at all levels, including the Union Public Service Commission examinations. How biased and motivated history teaching could be can be ascertained from the textbooks that were prescribed for Classes X to XII by the CBSE and published by the NCERT in the 1970s and 1980s and even later. Class XII textbook The Story of Civilisation (1978) had a chapter, ‘India's Struggle for Independence’. There were nine photos in this chapter. One leader figured in seven and even Mahatma Gandhi found a place in only two. There was no place for anyone else. The Partition of India, a monumental disaster of our past, was discussed in 45 words.

Medieval India was a textbook for CBSE's Classes XI and XII (1978). While discussing the hugely important issue of religious conversions of medieval India, it noted: “On the whole, conversions to Islam were not effected with the strength of the sword.” The book goes on to justify the period of the Sultans as acceptable and not oppressive. “The absence of any organised resistance from the peasantry” was a sign of relative happiness.

This is what Guru Nanak has to say of the times: “This age is like a drawn sword, the kings are butchers, goodness has taken wings and flown.” The Guru was in Sayyidpur (Gujranwala) when Babur invaded the region in 1521. He writes: “Thou has sent Yama disguised as the great Mughal Babur. Terrible was the slaughter. Did this not awaken pity in thee, oh Lord...”



Chandhoke brushes aside the idea of this ancient land being seen as a unified entity. What she clearly misreads is that India has evolved over millennia and is not a creation of political wars or redrawing of maps. To quote Sri Aurobindo: “India, shut into a separate existence by the Himalayas and the ocean, has always been the home of a peculiar people with characteristics of its own.”

Coming to the issue of governing practices of ancient India, the Rigveda (VI) refers repeatedly to sabha and samiti or a conclave of people (BK Ghosh in The History and Culture of the Indian People: The Vedic Age, Vol I, general editor RC Majumdar).

The last hymn of the Rigveda notes: “Assemble, speak together, let your minds be of one accord, the place is common, common the assembly, common the mind, so be their thought united.” The Atharvaveda (III.4) stresses on concord between the king and a body of electors (VM Apte in The History and Culture of the Indian People: The Vedic Age, Vol I).

A sutra of Panini dealing with the period from 600 BC to 400 BC refers to the king as parishad bala, which means a person whose strength lies in the parishad.

In fact, in the Upanishads the parishad is referred to as a gathering of specialists. A prayer in the Rigveda, invoked by the king,

states: “May the samiti and sabha, the two daughters of Prajapati, concurrently aid me.” The Vedic term for law is Dharma. Dharma has been the sheet anchor of civilisation in India. To quote Justice Rama Jois: “Dharma is that which sustains and ensures progress of all in the world. It is at this stage of the evolution of human society in India when positive civil and criminal law, the law laying down the powers, duties and responsibility of the king was laid, which marks the commencement of its legal and constitutional history.”

Anyone familiar with the working of bodies such as the University Grants Commission, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), Indian Council of Philosophical Research and many others over the past some decades would know how these bodies have been controlled and dominated by a particular ideological setup. Academic spaces and chairs of patronage no doubt have to be vacated. This is where the contention lies.

To suggest that Indians were mobilised in large numbers against the British just because of Nehru's egalitarianism and Gandhi's ethical approach would do great injustice to countless revolutionaries and those who inspired them.

You have only to read the writings of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Bal Gangadhar Tilak decades

earlier or even the oath of ‘Abhinav Bharat’ (1901). Do remember that Anant Kanhere was just 17 when he was hanged in 1909.

Western scholars and even our own West-inspired ones commonly dismiss our ancient texts such as Ramayana and Mahabharata as sophisticated poems adopted by Indians as religious texts. The fact remains that the ideas in such texts have sustained this ancient land for ages and fortunately find a place in our modern democratic ethos.

I started teaching history at the age of 21 in 1977 and it was the old school of conventional historians we depended upon. But within a few years, a new set of historians emerged, leaving behind RC Majumdar, Jadunath Sarkar, Raghuvari Singh, DB Sen, RK Mookerjee, Ishwari Prasad, Hari Ram Gupta and so many others. They were pushed aside not by more deserving historians but by design and ideological needs.

The ICHR is not following the previous practice of imposing cooked-up historical narratives to suit the needs of the political system. An earnest effort with the support and guidance of a large number of scholars countrywide is being made to fill the gaps and draw attention to legacies and history that have been consciously, indeed by design, overlooked. We stand committed to our resolve — if durbari historians, so be it.

A test of India's capacity to take criticism

VIVEK KATJU

It was extraordinary, certainly provocative, for Nadav Lapid, who was described in a November 27 statement of the Press Information Bureau as an “Israeli director, writer and Chairperson of the International Competition Jury at the 53rd International Film Festival of India”, to make scathing remarks on the movie The Kashmir Files. He deliberately chose to contrast this movie with the 14 others competing for the Golden Peacock Award. He said these movies “had the cinematic qualities and evoked vivid discussions”. However, on The Kashmir Files, Lapid said all jury members were “shocked and disturbed” by it. He added that the jury felt that it was a “propaganda, vulgar movie, inappropriate for the artistic competitive section of such a prestigious film festival”.

The jury consisted of an American, two Frenchmen and an Indian connected with the movie world. The Indian, Sudipto Sen, has clarified that Lapid's remarks were only his personal opinion. No media reports have appeared, as yet, of the responses of the other three jury members to Lapid's comments on The Kashmir Files.

Israel's Ambassador to India Naor Gilon, obviously aware that Lapid's views on the movie would outrage the sentiments of a considerable section of

It is not known if the foreign jury members were at all aware of the brutal violence suffered by the Pandits and viewed The Kashmir Files keeping this in mind. Nadav Lapid and some other jury members may have the right to take positions on the ‘artistic merit’ of the movie, for these assessments are subjective in nature. It is Lapid's use of the word ‘propaganda’ which is objectionable.

the Indian public, which was deeply moved and influenced by The Kashmir Files, has attempted damage control. He has castigated Lapid. Gilon does not want that Lapid's remarks should be taken as those of the Israeli authorities and adversely impact India-Israel ties. This is what experienced diplomats are expected to do.

On his part, Lapid has stood by his comments, but has expressed sorrow if he has hurt anyone's sentiments. He has also clarified that he was concerned only about the movie and not the developments in Kashmir over the decades. The real question is: what should be the general Indian response to Lapid's views on The Kashmir Files?

In the first place, a distinction should be made between the movie and the actual event of the exodus of the Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley in 1990. Members of the community were subjected to vicious and unspeakable acts of violence by terrorists and the Kashmir's mainstream politicians and the Valley's influential members of the majority community did not stand up against the terrorists. This cannot be denied. That some ordinary Kashmiri Muslims, who had lived as neighbours



of the Pandits, also did not seek to, at a minimum, restrain the terrorists is also not untrue. Indeed, in the situation, which then prevailed, most Pandits had no alternative but to leave their hearth and home. They became refugees in their own country. These developments are a black chapter in the history of independent India.

No one has the right to call these events untrue. These happened and almost an entire community was uprooted and their wounds will not

easily heal even if many Kashmiri Pandits, with their scholarly traditions and resilience, have moved on with their lives in the rest of India or, in some cases, abroad. But a sizeable number of families continue to suffer and need state support and the ruling dispensation is making efforts in this direction. However, targeted individual killings, including of the Pandits, continue because of which the community in the Valley remains fearful.

It is not known if the foreign jury members were at all aware of the brutal violence suffered by the Pandits and viewed The Kashmir Files keeping this in mind. Lapid and some of the other jury members may have the right to take positions on the ‘artistic merit’ of the movie; they may even find it ‘vulgar’, for these assessments are subjective in nature. It is Lapid's use of the word ‘propaganda’ in the context of The Kashmir Files, which is unacceptable. This is because it connotes that crimes against the Pandits either did not take place or downgrades them. He should have been aware that they did and there was an exodus of the Pandits.

Besides, the substance of the com-

ments Lapid used at the closing ceremony to single out The Kashmir Files showed a lack of finesse. Lapid said, “I feel totally comfortable to share openly these feelings with you on this stage. In the spirit of this festival, (we) can surely accept a critical discussion, which is essential for art and life.” Indeed, critical discussions on any subject are a part of the intellectual and philosophical tradition of India since ancient times. But there is a time and place and manner in which such discussions should take place and a closing address is hardly the occasion for passing judgement on a particular film, whatever Lapid may have felt about it. The responses to Lapid's comments on The Kashmir Files have been on predictable lines. Some members of the ‘ecosystem’, who had lauded the movie, have lashed out at Lapid. Those who are opposed to the ruling dispensation have found an opportunity to point fingers at the movie's supporters.

While artists and some members of political parties have spoken on Lapid's comments, the government, on its part, has, till now, not reacted. This is the correct approach, for the Indian Government cannot be in the business

of defending a movie even if it had been ‘promoted’ in some BJP-ruled states. Besides, the fact remains that the selection of the jury is essentially made by the government machinery itself. Hence, even if Lapid's comments on The Kashmir Files caused embarrassment, the government could do little itself. It would have taken comfort though in the Israeli envoy's criticism of Lapid's remarks, but the damage done by Lapid on the perceptions of many abroad will remain.

The government, internally, would have not been amused by Lapid's comments. It will be interesting to observe the measures that will be undertaken to vet members of juries in the future. Naturally, these processes will be internal, but their results will show through the choices made. The real point in all this is India's capacity to take criticism as part of its democratic values. These values also demand that reason and not invective should be the basis of discussions. Naturally, malicious, scurrilous and motivated remarks are especially to be avoided. The problem is that at a time when everyone wears nationalism on his sleeve, the space for reason and logic has diminished.



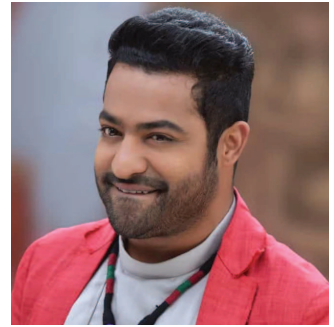
Yami Gautam: Haven't felt nervous even with films which didn't do well, I knew the result beforehand

Yami Gautam's next film, *Lost*, found itself getting a hearty response at its Asian premiere, which took place at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Talking to us after it ended, she gushes, "Actually, I was not nervous, I am quite excited by the response we got. You do get nervous, but not when you are prepared with what's going to come, and you are reasonable with your understanding of how the film has shaped up. I don't think I have felt nervous even with the ones which have not done well, because I know the result. I have mostly been correct with my

understanding and predictions so far." Then how is she able to give her 100 percent on a film set, if she already has a feeling of it not doing well upon its release? Gautam smiles and replies, "You still have to give your 100 percent. You still chose to be a part of that film, you are still on that set. I don't think you can ever cheat that, unless it's such a bad experience in terms of behaviour, or something which is beyond your dignity. Until it reaches that point, you have to give your best, and do justice to the best of your ability." The 33-year-old goes on to

explain that it has happened with films in the past, where she tried to save them. She says, "You still try to reason out with the director, and salvage, what can be worked out. I am one of those people who won't leave till the end. What can be done, is there anything? Let's sit post pack-up and see if we can tweak the performance. I have done that with two-three films of mine, and yes they didn't turn out to be the way I wanted. But I was prepared. In terms of my work, you can't say I was bad, because I think I did justice to myself and my sensibility."

Alia Bhatt To Deepika Padukone To Janhvi Kapoor - Actresses Who Can't Wait To Work With Jr NTR



Man of the masses Jr NTR commands a huge fandom not only among the public but also among the Indian film industry, particularly the women of Bollywood who openly state that they would love to collaborate with him. He has become an even bigger star after the massive pan-India success of 'RRR'. With his exceptional acting abilities, on-screen ferocity, and heartfelt kindness nature, the actor is widely adored and has a devoted global fan base. Here are a few names from the top female actors who would love to share screen space with man of the masses Jr NTR:

Alia Bhatt
Alia Bhatt, who shared pivotal scenes with Jr NTR in the magnum opus 'RRR', confessed her willingness to work with Jr NTR again because she thinks that he is supremely talented and fabulous. Additionally, she also adores the fact that even though he is such a big star yet has such a down-to-earth and grounded nature.

Deepika Padukone
Deepika Padukone admitted she is 'obsessed' with Jr NTR in an interview, and she thinks he has an incredible personality with commendable acting skills.

Janhvi Kapoor
Janhvi Kapoor has often drawn attention to the fact that she never holds back when expressing her desire to collaborate with her favourite Jr NTR whose work she admires and adores greatly.

Jr NTR, often known as the man of the masses, is one of the most adored and highly regarded actors in the Indian film industry.

Shah Rukh Khan Reveals Meaning Of 'Dunki', Says It's A Story Of People Who Want To Come Back Home

Shah Rukh Khan, who was honoured at the second edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival, opened up on his upcoming Rajkumar Hirani film 'Dunki' for the first time.

Explaining the meaning of 'Dunki', SRK said that the film would be called 'Donkey' in English. Speaking to Deadline, he said, "In English, my film would be called Donkey, it is Donkey. But the way a part of the country pronounces donkey in India, it is 'dunki'. The Punjabis say it (donkey) like dunki... How much to tell you about the story? It is a film directed by one of the most brilliant filmmakers we have had in our country, Mr Raju Hirani. It is written by a very fantastic writer, Abhishek Joshi."

He further added that it is "a story of people who want to come back home... when you finally get the calling." It is touted that the film will highlight the rampant use of an illegal backdoor route called 'Donkey Flight' that Indians undertake to migrate to countries like Canada and the USA.

He added, "It is a comic film. His (Rajkumar Hirani) films are always a mix of comedy and a lot of emotions, and about the country. So, it is a big journey film, and it goes through different areas around the world and finally comes back home to India."

'Dunki' also stars Taapsee Pannu in a pivotal role. It is scheduled for a December 2023 release.

Coming to SRK's lineup of work, apart from 'Dunki', he also has 'Pathaan' with Deepika Padukone and John Abraham, and Atlee's 'Jawan' too.

Neliima Azeem Talks About Her 'Roller-Coaster Life', Says Son Shahid Kapoor Was With Her 'Every Step Of The Way'

Veteran dancer-actress Neliima Azeem turns 63, and still is coming up with new ideas and passions. She is setting up a Kathak school dedicated to Kathak exponent Pandit Birju Maharaj, and has also wrapped up a film.

Reflecting on her life journey with lots of "halts and turns", she told Indian Express that her parents gave her the much needed cushioning, which helped her to continue her work and fend for her children, despite failed marriages with actor Pankaj Kapur, Rajesh Khatter and vocalist Raza Ali Khan.

"Though my marriages broke up, my parents were so amazing and so supportive that there



wouldn't be a better cushion for me to recover. I went back to dancing and Shahid (son, actor Shahid Kapoor) was always with me wherever I went," she said, adding, "Despite having gone through difficult phases, I've seen huge challenges, breakups

and breakdowns, that it's been a roller-coaster ride, but by the end of the day I'd say that I've had a very enriched life." Talking about her son Shahid Kapoor, she quipped, "I had a lot happening at a very early age. I had a beautiful career in dance and in theatre, and then I married young and became a mother at a young age. I was just stepping out of girlhood and it was the most beautiful phase, when Shahid came." Last but not the least, she praised her parents and my family, largely her children, and signed off by saying, "today my child's children, my grandchildren make such a beautiful part of my life."

The Lord Of The Rings: The Rings Of Power' Get Seven New Cast Members For Season 2

Seven new actors including names such as Gabriel Akuwudike, Yasen Atour and Ben Daniels have joined the existing cast of the series in recurring roles for its forthcoming second season, currently in production in the UK.

"Since its premiere, The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power has been bringing audiences together to experience the magic and wonder of J.R.R. Tolkien's magnificent Middle-earth. To date, season one is the top Original series for Prime Video in every region and has been viewed by over 100 million people worldwide, a truly global hit that speaks to the universal nature of powerful storytelling. We welcome these wonderful actors to our 'fellowship' and look forward to telling more incredible Second Age stories in season two," said Vernon Sanders, Head of Global Television, Amazon Studios.

The cast members are Gabriel Akuwudike, Yasen Atour, Ben Daniels, Amelia Kenworthy, Nia Towle, and Nicholas Woodeson. The role of Orc leader 'Adar' has been recast for season two, and will be played by Sam Hazeldine.

Suniel Shetty Denies Being Insecure Of Akshay Kumar's Success: I Wasn't Probably Focussed When I Was Working

Suniel Shetty and Akshay Kumar started their Bollywood journeys around the same time. They even starred in multiple movies together including 'Mohra', 'Dhadkan', 'Hera Pheri' and more. But it would not be wrong to say that their career graphs haven't been the same. While Akshay is now the highest-earning, busiest actor in Bollywood, Suniel has been comfortable about his film choices. When asked if he's ever felt insecure seeing Akshay's success, Suniel said that he doesn't take such things to heart. "Not at all because I don't take pres-

sure. I have a world of mine so beautiful that I feel probably they would have missed out on. I don't know. I am happy when it comes to a lot of things that I have done and am doing in my life. I am someone who's always been very comfortable in his own space. My success? The film spoke for itself. Failure? I took the blame for it. Wrong choices, emotional choices," he told Bollywood Life.

He added, "I'm not insecure. Akshay inspires me, Ajay inspires me. Not necessarily for movies but for staying focussed and you could achieve anything.

I wasn't probably focussed when I was working. Probably I didn't pay heed to the scripts that I was hearing or I believed I was larger than life. That's a mistake. But if that can rub off on my children. Ahan (Shetty, his son) is sitting back, thinking that for his second film he will deliver at the right time."

Suniel likes to look more at a 'glass half full situation', especially 'when a 100 million people haven't been able to make it.' Suniel was last seen in 'Dharavi' Bank with Vivek Oberoi.

Veteran Odia Film Actress Jharana Das Dies At 77

Veteran Odia film actress Jharana Das died at her residence here, family sources said on Friday. She was 77.

Das, a winner of the state government's prestigious 'Jaydev Puraskar' for her lifetime contribution to Odia film

industry, was suffering from old age-related ailment. She died on Thursday night, the family sources said.

President Droupadi Murmu, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan condoled the death of Das.

"Saddened to know about the demise of legendary Odia actress Jharana Das. She will always be remembered for her outstanding contribution to Odia film industry. My deepest condolences to the family and her admirers," the president tweeted. Patnaik announced that the last

rites of Das will be performed with full state honours.

"Her impactful performance on stage and film will always be remembered. May her soul rest in peace and my condolence to the bereaved family," Patnaik said in a statement.

Vicky Kaushal reveals Katrina Kaif gives 'very specific feedback' on his dancing, calls her 'spectacular' dancer

VICKY KAUSHAL, who will soon be seen in Govinda Naam Mera, revealed that Katrina Kaif gives him 'specific feedback', when it comes to dancing. In a new interview, Vicky said Katrina guides him after he shows her his rehearsal videos. Katrina and Vicky married last year, and will be celebrating their first anniversary on December 9.

Vicky also called Katrina a 'spectacular dancer' and added she has 'a lot of knowledge about dancing' in

films. Vicky Kaushal said that Katrina has always given him a lot of input, when it comes to dancing. The actor was seen giving an electrifying dance performance in the recently-released song Biji from Govinda Naam Mera.

In an interview with indianexpress.com, Vicky was asked if he discusses his films with Katrina, and if she gives him tips on dancing. He said, "Of course, whenever I would rehearse, I'd go back home and show her the video of the

rehearsal. Actually she comes up with... she's not like, 'yeh acchha hai, yeh buraa hai (this is good, this is bad)'. She's a spectacular dancer and she also has a lot of knowledge about dancing in cinema so she has very specific feedback to give."

Explaining Katrina's 'constructive feedback', Vicky further said, "She knows how it comes across to camera, what to do and not to do. So, I'd take a lot of guidance from her and she'd actually help me a lot. She gives very constructive feedback,

ask me to put strength in it, take your chin up... She knows a lot about lighting... I regularly show her my rehearsal videos and she's given me a lot of input, that always happens."

After the release of his upcoming film Govinda Naam Mera with Kiara Advani and Bhumi Pednekar, Vicky will be seen in Sam Bahadur, based on the life of India's first Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. The movie will be released in December 2023.



FOR OLDER ADULTS, SIMILAR OUTCOMES FOR SUBCUTANEOUS VS. TRANSVENOUS ICDS

Among adults aged at least 65 years, treatment with a subcutaneous or single-chamber transvenous implantable cardioverter defibrillator was associated with similar outcomes, including all-cause and CV rehospitalization and death.

"Prior research has established the subcutaneous ICD as a reasonable alternative to the transvenous ICD in younger patients," Daniel J. Friedman, MD, assistant professor of medicine at Duke University Hospital, told Healthline. "There has been uncertainty regarding whether this was the case in older patients, particularly as older patients are more likely to develop an indication for backup pacing. The results from this study reassure that overall, the subcutaneous ICD can be a good option in appropriately selected older patients."

Friedman and colleagues compared outcomes data among 16,063 Medicare beneficiaries who received a subcutaneous ICD or a single-chamber transvenous ICD implant from September 2012 to December 2017, using data from the National Cardiovascular Data Registry ICD Registry. The mean age of patients was 73 years, 28% were women and mean ejection fraction was 28.3%. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality; secondary outcomes included device reoperation, device removal for infection, device reoperation



without infection and CV admission. The median follow-up was 2.3 years.

No difference in outcomes
Compared with patients with transvenous ICDs (n = 15,072), patients with subcutaneous ICDs (n = 991) were more often Black (18.1% vs. 12.4%), younger (mean age, 71 years vs. 73 years) and receiving dialysis (22.9% vs. 21%) and were less likely to have a history of atrial fibrillation or flutter (26.9% vs. 33.4%).

"Subcutaneous ICD was more common later in the study period, increasing from 1.1% of all study patients in 2013 to 8.1% of all study patients in 2017," the researchers

wrote. In an unadjusted analysis, death was more common among the subcutaneous ICD group compared with the transvenous ICD group (log rank P < .002). In adjusted analyses, the researchers did not observe between-group differences for all-cause mortality (HR = 1.02; 95% CI, 0.819-1.27), device reoperation (HR = 0.976; 95% CI, 0.645-1.479), device removal for infection (HR = 0.614; 95% CI, 0.138-2.736), device reoperation without infection (HR = 0.975; 95% CI, 0.632-1.506), CV readmission (HR = 1.087; 95% CI, 0.912-1.295) or recurrent all-cause readmission (HR = 1.072; 95% CI, 0.99-1.161). Friedman said longer-

term follow-up is needed.

"The median follow-up in this study was 2.3 years," Friedman told Healthline. "The subcutaneous ICD battery is estimated to last around 7 years, compared with approximately 10 years or more with a transvenous ICD. That means patients who receive a subcutaneous ICD will need a generator replacement sooner than a transvenous ICD. While generator replacements are using straightforward procedures, there is an important risk for infection and there are limited data on outcomes after subcutaneous ICD generator replacement. Additionally, longer-term follow-up is needed to understand how often older patients require a device reoperation for addition of a transvenous pacing lead."

Age bias 'not warranted'

In a related editorial, Ahmadreza Karimianpour, DO, and Michael R. Gold, MD, PhD, both from the division of cardiovascular diseases at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, wrote that the results support and extend previous studies suggesting that the age bias in subcutaneous ICD use is not warranted with contemporary ICD devices and programming.

"Hopefully we can treat older patients with a new trick of avoiding transvenous leads while still protecting from sudden cardiac death in the absence of pacing indications," Karimianpour and Gold wrote.

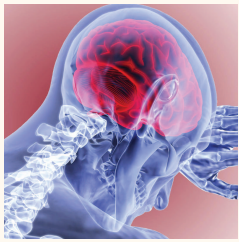
High triglycerides may increase risk of second stroke, suggests study

A new study led by the American Academy of Neurology has found that people with stroke[>]atherothrombotic stroke who also have higher levels of triglycerides may have a higher risk of having another stroke or other cardiovascular problems one year later, compared to people who had a stroke but have lower triglyceride levels.

The study was published in the journal, 'Neurology'. An 'stroke' atherothrombotic stroke is caused by a clot that forms from plaques that build up within blood vessels in the brain. Triglycerides are a type of fat, which is found in people with stroke[>] atherothrombotic stroke.

Elevated triglyceride levels are thought to contribute to the hardening of the arteries and increased risk of heart attack, heart disease and stroke.

"Our study suggests that for people who had an 'stroke' atherothrombotic stroke, having elevated levels of triglycerides in their blood is a risk factor for having another stroke or other cardiovascular problems



in the future, and we found that to be true even if the person is on statin therapy," said study author Takao Hoshino, MD, of the Tokyo Women's Medical University in Japan. "The good news is that statin medications are just one therapy for high triglycerides—diet and exercise can also be effective ways to reduce the levels in your blood at little or no cost," he added. The study looked at 870 people who had a

stroke or transient ischemic attack. Their average age was 70. Of those, 217, or 25 per cent, had elevated triglyceride levels, defined as fasting triglycerides levels 150 milligrams per deciliter or higher. Researchers followed up with the participants one year later to find out if there was an association between high triglyceride levels and having another stroke, acute coronary syndrome, which is any condition caused by a sudden reduction of blood flow to the heart, or death due to vascular causes. After adjusting for factors like cholesterol level and statin use, researchers found that people who had high triglyceride levels had a 21 per cent greater risk of death, stroke or heart condition one year, compared to 10 per cent greater risk for those with lower levels. When researchers looked specifically at people who had another stroke after an 'stroke' atherothrombotic stroke, they found that 14 out of 114 people with normal triglyceride levels, or 12 per cent, had one during the study, compared to 33 out

of 217 people, or 16 per cent, of those with elevated levels. For acute coronary syndrome, one out of 114 people, or 0.9 per cent, with normal triglyceride levels developed the heart condition one year after a stroke[>] atherothrombotic stroke, compared to five out of 60, or 8 per cent, of those with elevated levels. Hoshino noted the study did not find an association between higher triglyceride levels and future cardiovascular problems in people who had a different type of stroke called a cardioembolic stroke. "More research is needed, but for people who have had an 'stroke' atherothrombotic stroke, triglyceride levels may emerge as a key target for preventing future strokes and other cardiovascular problems," Hoshino said. "Statin therapy is still an effective treatment for people with high triglyceride levels, but our study highlights how important it looks at all the tools a person can use to lower their triglycerides, including diet modifications, exercise and taking omega-3 fatty acids," he concluded.

Can Autism and Bipolar Disorder Co-Occur?

The idea of multiple mental health conditions such as bipolar disorder and autism occurring at once may seem unlikely, but it is possible.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD), or autism, is defined as a developmental disorder that affects how someone communicates, behaves, and interacts with others.

It's a common condition, with an estimated 1 in 44 (2.3%) of children in the United States living with autism.

Bipolar disorder is also a common mental health condition. It involves severe shifts in your mood and energy levels — like highs and lows — that can last weeks or longer.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), around 4.4% of children in the United States will have bipolar disorder at some point during their life.

But how often do these two conditions occur at the same time? More than you think.

Quick definitions

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder. It exists on a "spectrum," and the level of support needed varies from person to person. Each autistic individual has their own set of differences and support needs.

Bipolar disorder is a mental health condition often diagnosed in early adulthood that causes a person to have extreme shifts in mood and energy that impact day-to-day functioning. There are three types: bipolar I, bipolar II, and cyclothymic disorder. Symptoms vary from person to person and include the presence of manic or hypomanic episodes and depressive episodes that can occur separately, at the same time, or in rapid sequence.

How are bipolar disorder and autism similar?

Jessica Myszak, PhD, psychologist, and founder of the Help and Healing Center in

Glenview, Illinois, says, "Autism and bipolar disorder could both sometimes have sleep difficulties and behaviors that others don't understand — such as behavioral rigidity, impulsivity, becoming overwhelmed, and differences in speech."

Some additional overlapping symptoms of autism and bipolar disorder could include:

- talking excessively or rapidly
- increased stimming (repetitive movements or noises) or fidgeting
- impulsivity
- aggression
- irritability
- increased sensitivity to sensory input
- difficulties with sleep
- self-injurious behaviors
- difficulty thinking or concentrating
- suicidal ideation

According to a 2016 study[>] Trusted Source, youth diagnosed with both bipolar disorder and ASD presented with:

- symptoms of depression
- difficulty concentrating
- challenges with peers
- suicidal ideation

You're not alone. If you need to talk to someone right away, you can:

- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24 hours a day at 800-273-8255.
- Text "HOME" to the Crisis Text Line at 741741.

Not in the US? You can find a helpline in your country with Befrienders Worldwide.

Autism vs. bipolar disorder: How are they different?

According to Myszak, one of the major differences between bipolar disorder and autism is that autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that is present from childhood, while bipolar disorder is usually diagnosed sometime

between late adolescence and early adulthood.

"Bipolar disorder is episodic and consists of periods of mania or hypomania and depression," she adds.

Bipolar disorder is considered a mood disorder. You can have extreme highs or extreme lows that can last weeks or even longer. Many people experience both highs and lows.

Autism, on the other hand, is considered a neurodevelopmental condition that affects the way a person communicates, behaves, and interacts with others. If you have autism, you'll likely show certain patterns of behavior and communication.

Myszak says bipolar disorder can often be managed with medication. As for autism, medications might be prescribed to help manage certain conditions that commonly coexist with autism, such as depression, anxiety, and hyperactivity.

Navigating autism and bipolar disorder
If you have autism, it's possible you might live with at least one other mental health condition that can impact your emotional well-being. One such condition is bipolar disorder.

Myszak says, "For many individuals, it can be like peeling an onion — finding appropriate medications to ease attention or mood symptoms could significantly improve these conditions but make other diagnoses more apparent. Taking a stepwise approach could help a person understand how a particular medication or treatment is helping them before moving on to address another condition."

Sonny Jane, educator, consultant, and advocate in Kaurua Land, Australia, shares their experience navigating more than one neurodivergence — a term that characterizes when a person learns, behaves, and processes differently than what's considered "typical."

Jane adds that "When you're autistic with

bipolar, you have the needs and differences of both autism and bipolar to manage and contend with. They're both a part of how you experience the world, how you function and process, and how you take care of yourself."

Being diagnosed with more than one condition simultaneously can take work to navigate. Being mindful of the needs of both disorders could help.

Autism and ADHD
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is another condition that can coexist with autism.

Like autism, ADHD is a neurodevelopmental condition that can affect the way you behave. ADHD and autism can have some similar symptoms, but they are not the same.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 14% of children with ADHD also have autism.

Jane says, "When it comes to autism, there are often sensitivities to sensory input which can be hard to manage when you crave constant stimulation because of your ADHD. For example, one of my biggest challenges as an autistic ADHDer is my desire for structure and organization but my difficulty in implementing and managing it."

Navigating the differences and associated needs of autism and ADHD can be challenging, but there are various support services and coping skills that could be useful for both diagnoses.

Autism, ADHD, and bipolar disorder
While it might be unlikely to have more than two conditions at one time, it is possible.

Jane mentions that they are able to live with all three conditions. They say that navigating life with all three conditions means recognizing your triggers and symptoms.

Night owls can 'retrain' their body clocks to improve mental well-being

A simple tweak to the sleeping patterns of 'night owls' — people with extreme late sleeping and waking habits — may improve performance in the mornings, and reduce depression and stress, a study has found. The research, published in the journal Sleep Medicine, showed that, over a three-week period, it was possible to shift the circadian rhythm of 'night owls' using non-pharmacological and practical interventions.

The researchers from University of Birmingham and University of Surrey in the UK, and Monash University in Australia, showed that participants were able to bring forward their sleep/wake timings by two hours, while having no negative effect on sleep duration.

In addition, participants reported a decrease in feelings of depression and stress, as well as in daytime sleepiness.

"Our research findings highlight the ability of a simple non-pharmacological intervention to phase advance 'night owls', reduce negative elements of mental health and sleepiness, as well as manipulate peak performance times in the real world," said Elise Facer-Childs from Monash University.

'Night owls' are individuals whose internal body clock dictates later-than-usual sleep and wake times — in this study participants had an average bedtime of 2:30 am and wake-up time of 10:15 am. Disturbances to the sleep/wake system have been linked to a variety of health issues, including mood swings, increased morbidity and mortality rates, and declines in cognitive and physical performance.

"Having a late sleep pattern puts you at odds with the standard societal days, which can lead to a range of adverse outcomes — from daytime sleepiness to poorer mental wellbeing," said Andrew Bagshaw from the University of Birmingham.

"We wanted to see if there were simple things people could do at home to solve this issue. This was successful, on average allowing people to get to sleep and wake up around two hours earlier than they were before," said Bagshaw.

"Most interestingly, this was also associated with improvements in mental wellbeing and perceived sleepiness, meaning that it was a very positive outcome for the participants," he said. "We now need to understand how habitual sleep patterns are related to the brain, how this links with mental wellbeing and whether the interventions lead to long-term changes," he added.

Twenty-two healthy individuals participated in the study. For a period of three weeks participants in the experimental group were asked to wake up 2-3 hours before regular wake up time and maximise outdoor light during the mornings.

The were also asked to go to bed 2-3 hours before habitual bedtime and limit light exposure in the evening; keep sleep/wake times fixed on both work days and free days; have breakfast as soon as possible after waking up, eat lunch at the same time each day, and refrain from eating dinner after 7 pm.

The results highlighted an increase in cognitive (reaction time) and physical (grip strength) performance during the morning when tiredness is often very high in 'night owls', as well as a shift in peak performance times from evening to afternoon.

It also increased the number of days in which breakfast was consumed and led to better mental well-being, with participants reporting a decrease in feelings of stress and depression.

"Establishing simple routines could help 'night owls' adjust their body clocks and improve their overall physical and mental health."

Insufficient levels of sleep and circadian misalignment can disrupt many bodily processes putting us at increased risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer and diabetes," said Debra Skene from the University of Surrey.

Sham, Priya, Munish listen to public grievances at BJP headquarter



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister Sham Choudhary, BJP NEM & former Minister Priya Sethi and BJP All Morcha Incharge Munish Sharma, listened to public grievances and took up the same with concerned officials for early solutions at

BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Many individuals and deputations visited the BJP office to meet the party leaders and narrate their woes & problems. The issues presented by common masses before the senior party leaders were related to PHE, PWD, Rural Develop-

ment, Revenue, Irrigation & Flood Control, Education, Agriculture etc. Presented issues were on the spot, taken up with the heads of these departments by Sham Choudhary, Priya Sethi and Munish Sharma telephonically and they were impressed with immediate solutions.

While listening to the issues represented, Sham Choudhary stressed on the BJP's commitment to resolve the issues faced by the general masses. He maintained that the senior party leaders are daily listening to the grievances of the public to provide them with the best possible solutions.

Priya Sethi said that the BJP leaders make every effort to solve the issues represented before at the earliest. "People visit the BJP office with their issues as they have full confidence in the party's commitment towards their issues".

Munish Sharma said that these grievance camps have provided the common masses an accessible platform to share their issues for their resolutions.

Rashtriya Hindu Vahini starts Signature Campaign to declare Cow as National Animal

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: Rashtriya Hindu Vahini started a Signature Campaign in Jammu & Kashmir for designating Cow as National Animal under the leadership of Rajinder Hindu state President Rashtriya Hindu Vahini, Sapna Hindu State President Disciplinary Committee and Vijay Hindu Mahila President.

The programme was started in Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi in a programme organized by Maitri Bodh and Rashtriya Hindu Vahini also participated in it. From the stage as speaker on behalf on Rashtriya Hindu vahini Sh. Deepak Kohli, National President of Disciplinary Committee said that the programme will be formally inaugurated from the region of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that J&K is the crown of India and as such the programme is being started from J&K which will be gradually covering all the



states of India.

The signature campaign is to press the government to declare Cow as the National Animal as the Cow signifies the most sacred feelings of the residents of this subcontinent.

It was stressed that since the time immemorial, the Cow is revered as the most sacred being and the Cow reverence is included in every ritual and culture of Bharatvarsh. It was also

demanding that the persons involved in the killings of the Cows must be dealt with strictest of the law and must be hanged till death. Rajinder Hindu, on the occasion, said that the Indian society cannot be imagined without the Cow.

He said that the campaign will be taken to every area of the region by the dedicated volunteers of the Vahini. He also sought the cooperation of common masses in the

campaign. Sapna Hindu said that the signature campaign is to connect the common people to the mission and soon the campaign will attain the role of nation-wide steer for the pious demand.

Vijay Hindu focussed on the role of the ladies in the campaign comprising the 50% of the population and representing the 100% of the Indian cultural ethos which revolves around the worship of the Cows.

Manjit Singh led deputation calls on ADC Samba



JJ NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, DEC 02: A deputation of people led by Apni Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh called on Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba.

As per a press release, S. Manjit Singh who led the deputation informed the ADC Samba that the people had given their land under second and third phase to SIDCO for industrial development over 10 years back.

However, the people who had given their land to SIDCO were not given compensation despite the lapse of so much time, he said. He said that the people had no other option but they were dependent on the land which they gave away to the SIDCO for industrial development. "These people have given land to the SIDCO but they are delaying the

payment for one reason or the other. The Govt has released funds for the land owners who gave land to the SIDCO but it appears that the officials do not want to release the compensation amount in favour of the respective land owners," he added.

He said that the authorities should look into the issue and release the compensation in favour of the people whose land has been taken over by SIDCO in Samba District.

On this, the ADC Samba assured that he will study and accordingly look into the issue. The deputation consisted of District President Samba, Raman Thappa, District President Legal Cell Samba, Sahil Bharti, District Secretary Punjaba Ram, Adv Lovely Mangol, and others.

Indian Army organises Cadre on "Women Empowerment"



JJ NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, DEC 02: In an effort to boost financial independence among women in rural regions through self employment, the Indian Army in had conducted a 60 day long stitching and tailoring cadre for the women of Dadhonta &

Kutler Bala of Panchari block in Udhampur district. The program is aimed at improving the economic condition and assist the women in earning a livelihood through self employment. A total of 67 women attended this stitching and tailoring cadre for duration

of 60 days which concluded on 01 December 2022. The program was aimed to bring about advancement and empowerment among the trainees by way of imparting them a skill which would help them to pursue an independent vocation and in turn make

them financially independent. The beneficiaries mainly include young women from poor economic background. The local populace as well as the beneficiaries lauded the efforts of the Indian Army for its contribution towards women empowerment.

A prominent civil society member who attended the closing ceremony said, "Indian Army has always been on forefront to alleviate hardship faced by Aawaam". These noble initiatives over the years have paid huge dividends in bringing Aawaam and Jawan closer, he further stated. Other villagers unanimously expressed their gratitude towards Army who they said are always found beside them in any situation. They urged Indian Army to continue with such initiatives in future.

Sonavane meets protesting migrant employees, vows to take-up their issue with Party High Command

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: BJP National Executive Member, Rakshanda Sonavane along with Raj Rattan Raina, President Namoo Namoo Morcha, J&K today visited the Dharna site of All Migrant Displaced Employees Association Kashmir (AMDEAK) in Jammu and joined them in the ongoing protest in support of their demands.



While talking to media persons here today, Rakshanda Sonavane said it is really a matter of serious concern that despite these aggrieved employees staging protest for the last more than about 200 days, the government seems to be unmoved on this significant issue relating to the life and death of thousands of employees and their families. The senior BJP leader said that these employees are highly worried about

their safety and relocation is the only option which can guarantee security of their lives.

He advised the J&K government to initiate a dialogue with the employees so that an amicable and satisfactory solution is found out to resolve this vital issue.

Rakshanda Sonavane also assured the protesting employees that she will take up their issues with the Party High Command in New Delhi and the authorities concerned for early redressal.

Fearing defeat, BJP not holding elections in J&K: Tony

Only AAP can end people's miseries due to incumbent Govt's mis-governance

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: Chairman of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu and Kashmir for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs, and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony has asserted that Bharatiya Janata Party is not daring to hold the Assembly elections in J&K due to imminent defeat due to its poor governance performance especially in J&K. In a statement issued to media here today, Tony said that people across the Jammu and Kashmir are reeling under immense miseries thrust upon them by the BJP Govt's anti-people policies.

He said that today J&K is witnessing the worst form of mis-governance that has never been seen during the past over seventy years. He said that people are fed up with anti people and anti youth policies of ruling Government at the Centre that has only gifted Inflation and Unemployment bringing it to peak level. Tony accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of making only fake election promises to the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the employees of J&K Govt. The result is that the daily wages promised regularized continue to protest on roads, with the proxy government in J&K doing absolutely nothing for them, he added.

Asserting that Aam Aadmi Party Governance has brought a great revolution in the states of Delhi and Punjab, Taranjit Singh Tony said that the common people of these states are quite satisfied and happy with the unprecedented achievements made by it. He said that only the AAP can resolve the miseries of the people of J&K. He impressed upon the

people to vote Aam Aadmi Party to power in the impending Assembly elections to get rid of the miseries thrust upon them by the BJP Govt. He asserted that the Aam Aadmi Party is the key to a happy and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

My Town My Pride: Massive activities held on 5th day of Jan Abhiyan at Kulgam

JJ NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, DEC 02: Under 'My Town My Pride' ambitious programme, various officers from district level visited the Municipal Council Kulgam and interacted with the elected representatives, general public and series of activities were carried out by District Administration in collaboration with Urban Local Bodies (ULB) Kulgam. Awareness cum training programmes, seminars, plantation drives, special sanitation drives, water sample testing, anti encroachment drives, plastic free Kulgam drives and other activities were carried out by various departments across all municipal areas of the district.

'Both RTE and RTI Acts being brazenly violated in J&K' 25% free seats be given to poor students by private Schools: Harsh Dev

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: "Despite the Right to Education (RTE) Act 2009 having become applicable to the UT of J&K, the present regime continues with its unabated violation thereby depriving the prospective beneficiaries of the benefits envisaged under the said Act. Expressing dismay over the gross defiance shown by the govt in implementing the most revolutionary provisions of the Act, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh, Former Education Minister and Chairman AAP J&K SCC said that it only demonstrated the derision and contempt of the present rulers for the beneficial laws and educational reforms in the new UT. Not only have the most revolutionary provisions of the RTE Act been violated with impunity by the Education Deptt but the private schools also seem to have been granted immunity from observing the mandatory provisions of the Act in view of a well knit nexus operational in the system. Not only that, the Education Deptt had refused to reply to repeated RTI applications seeking

the progress with regard to implementation of RTE Act in J&K. It had made the most contemptuous mockery of both the Acts by denying reply under RTI Act only to conceal its lapses under the RTE Act". Elaborating the basic highlights of RTE Act before the media, Mr. Singh said that it envisaged the Right of children to free and compulsory education to all children of the age of 6 to 14 years, from class-I to class-VIII. It provides that no school fee, capitation, charges or expenses are to be paid by the child to get elementary education, a provision which was being brazenly defied by the govt schools in the UT of J&K, divulged Mr. Singh. Charging of admission fee and other charges was violative of the provisions of the Act, said Mr. Singh. "The Act further states that no child or his parents would be subject to any screening procedure for admission to school, no child shall be held back in any class till class-VIII and no child expelled from school. It further calls for provision of free textbooks, writing materials and uni-

forms", revealed Mr. Singh. He expressed his shock over the collection of huge fee and other charges by the govt from students of class-I to class-VIII in the form of Admission School Improvement Fund, Red Cross Fund, Mutual Benefits Fund, Games Fund, Printing Fund, Science Fund, Computer Fund, Lab development Fund, Social activity Fund, Sweeping charges, Electricity/Telephone Fund and News Fund. And all this in brazen violation of the Provisions of the RTE Act. He sought the refund of all fee charged from students by govt as well as private schools for the last two years as per the mandate of RTE Act and also for the reason that there has been hardly any academic activity in the schools, said Mr. Singh. Alleging disregard for the RTE law which had been incorporated even as a Fundamental Right in Art 21-A of the Constitution of India, Mr. Singh called for civil as well as penal action against those defying the significant constitutional guarantees provided to the citizens of this UT.

Army organises Medical Camp at Latiyar

JJ NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, DEC 02: In an attempt to provide basic health facilities to people having limited access to medical services, the Indian Army organised a medical camp at village Latiyar of Panchari block in Udhampur District. The medical camp aimed to reach out to people having poor economic status and provide basic medical care and give medical advice to the most under-

privileged strata of society. In addition to basic health check up and providing medicines to those in need of specialist care were referred for the requisite treatments. Indian Army officials said more than 500 patients from underprivileged category were treated at the camp. Awareness program was also conducted on the sidelines of the medical camp to educate local populace about

prevalent diseases. The locals were also educated about importance of hygiene and sanitation and its role in prevention of various diseases. Appreciating the steps taken by the Indian Army to provide basic health facilities to underprivileged populace, the Aawaam requested that more such medical camps should be organised across the area on a regular basis.

Research colloquium held at MIER College



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: The Centre for Educational Research organized a research colloquium at the MIER College. The resource person for the research colloquium was Dr. Behazad Maqbool, Associate Professor, MIER College of Education. He dwelt on the topic 'Effect of Manipulative Play Training Package on the Development of Selective Adaptive Skills among Children with Intellectual Disabilities'.

The chief guest of the session was Dr. Renu Gupta, Chairperson MIER and the session was chaired by Prof. Adit

Gupta, Director and Principal MIER College. HoDs and Dy. HoDs of the PG and UG department along with the faculty and the students of PG Department attended the colloquium. Dr. Nishita Rana, Head Centre for Education Research welcomed the resource person and the guests on this occasion. Dr. Maqbool highlighted that academic achievement of children depends on their well-developed abilities in adaptive behaviour skills, which are equally important for children with disabilities. He said that manipulative play is a method that has

the potential to facilitate the development of adaptive skills such as functional math skills, daily life skills (play and leisure, fine motor skills, and receptive skills). Dr. Maqbool developed the tools and lesson plans to conduct this experimental study, which included 80 sessions of interventions. The findings showed that manipulative play-based training was effective in teaching functional math skills such as addition, subtraction, time concept, and money concept to students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. Dr. Maqbool elaborated on the implica-

tions of the study and further research. Prof. Adit Gupta, in his presidential remarks, congratulated Dr. Maqbool on conducting an experimental study on the use of manipulative play techniques for teaching adaptive skills to children with intellectual disabilities. He said we need to conduct such studies to implement evidence-based teaching strategies in special education. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Renu Gupta said for making changes in the teaching pedagogies of children with disabilities we do need more research in this area. She urged Dr. Maqbool to further his study by taking other disabilities into consideration. She also emphasized that research projects with students and other faculty members can be undertaken in this area. The colloquium ended with the formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Monika Bajaj, and the programme was ably conducted by Dr. Bindu Dua, members CER.

Army organises Skill Development Course at Buzla



JJ NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, DEC 02: Indian Army concluded the Skill Development Course on IT Literacy at remote village Buzla in Ramban District which had commenced on 01 November 2022. More than 64 local students including 20 girls attended this course. The IT Literacy cadre was initiated with an intent of empowering the local students with necessary skills of computers. The capsule was organised over a period of 30 days wherein basic computer education was imparted to student of remote areas who are hitherto fore unaware of IT education. The noble initiative was joined by local Government schools by the submission to IT classes. The IT Literacy programme is extension of Central Government flagship project of Saksharta Mission launched under 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav'.

This programme not

only facilitated modernising the education but also imparted basic literacy towards Government initiatives of transparent governance, said an Army official during the event. Army had provided desktop PC, laptops and All in One type PC for the cadre. During the closing address, the students were also informed about various courses and schemes promulgated by both state and Central Government

which could benefit them in utilizing the recently acquired skill set in future. The curriculum of cadre was mix of theory and practical which was biased towards latter to ensure maximum handling of IT assets. Dongle based internet connection was also provisioned during the cadre. This initiative was enthusiastically adopted by local villagers, which is an expression of willing par-

ticipative and inclusive attitude by villagers. With the rapid change in the socio-economic environment, this initiative facilitate the Awam of the region to face future challenges of unemployment as well as assist them in earning a respectable livelihood. The students as well as prominent members of civil society were appreciative of the unique initiative undertaken by the Indian Army.

Kesri slams LG Administration over unscheduled power cuts amidst harsh winter conditions

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02 Shiv Sena Hindustan, under the Chairmanship of J&K President Pandit Rajesh Kesri, held a press conference against the government, in which Kesri slammed the government over unscheduled power cuts in many areas including border areas Doda, Bhadarwah and Srinagar, where people are suffering badly on account of unscheduled power cuts in nail biting cold. There is a lot of anger among the people due to the cold, because earlier these people used to burn wood and sleep by keeping it inside at night, due to which they fall asleep and it was the Modi government that made these people stop



burning stoves and burning wood so that Forests could survive but on the other hand did not think that many deaths occur in the bitter cold at night, added Kesri. People are running short of solutions to face cold and the only option to burn kangri or other fire at night but due to the closure of the door there is suffoca-

tion inside the room may result in deaths. Kesri requested the government to stop these cuts as soon as possible. He further said that on the other hand, there is very little employment in Jammu and Kashmir because there are no factories here to engage needy persons and depends only on the passen-

gers coming from outside, who come here only for the party, but due to cold and temperature in minus tourism as well as private transport from where they earn gets halted. But in winter, people don't come to Jammu and Kashmir for picnics, due to which the employment comes to a standstill here. Kesri further demanded that the government should stop the power cut for these poor people and the electricity bill should be cut too. Subsidy should be like it is in other states of the country, he demanded. Prominent among those present on the occasion include State Vice President Balveer Kumar, Treasurer Praveen Kumar and Balveer Fauji.

Shiv Sena terms collection of toll as illegal, stop toll collection

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit today demanded no collection of toll on the Jammu - Pathankot National Highway till the construction and repair works of widening will be completed. Addressing media persons here today at the Party's state office, Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena said that after making Jammu and Kashmir a Union Territory, toll plazas are being imposed forcibly on the people of the state. He said that the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway is in a dilapidated condition for the last some time. After every two to five kilometers, construction and repair works are going on, due to which the condition of the road remains pathetic, he said, adding that the motorists and people living on the



roadside are facing a lot of problems. Sahni said that in exchange for the facilities of better roads, toll is collected from the public and still the roads are not improved, terming the collection of toll as illegal. He questioned the distance between Sarore and Ban Toll Plaza, saying a norm of minimum distance of 60

km between the two toll plazas has been violated deliberately in Jammu region. Sahni demanded the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and the National Highway Authority should reduce the number of toll plazas on the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway and

stop collection of toll at Lakhapur, Sarore and Ban toll plazas until the repair and expansion work continues. At the same time, he also said that toll should not be collected from the devotees from outside states coming to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi on religious pilgrimage.

Tribal people feel empowered, dignified under the Modi govt: Vibodh



JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: BJP J&K General Secretary and former MLC Vibodh Gupta on Friday visited Pargalia Tribal Basthi, largely inhabited by the Bakewell tribe along with BJP ST Morchha UT President Chowdhary Haroon Bakewell and senior BJP leader Ayodhya Gupta. His visit is being viewed as a part of a major tribal outreach program by the Bharatiya Janata Party while interacting with the Bakewell people Vibodh said that now the tribal communities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir have full faith in the Union government as benefits of the Centre and Local Administration welfare measures have started reaching them after the abrogation of Article 370. He asserted that the suc-

cessive NC-PDP governments placed special discrimination against tribal communities under the disguise of special status. However, they feel dignified and empowered under the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government, he added. Enumerating the welfare measures taken for the nomadic tribes of J&K after the abrogation of Article 370, he said that the salaries of 'Seasonal' teachers have been increased which are employed specially for tribal children. He further highlighted the implementation of forest rights, revocation of the ban on inter-district recruitment, political reservation and empowerment, and other measures taken for tribal welfare by the BJP-led central government.

BJP ST Morchha UT President Chowdhary Haroon Bakewell also expressed his gratitude towards the policies of the Central government and said that the policy of Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas has benefitted the downtrod-

den tribal communities the most. He also highlighted the benefits that the Bakewell community have received under the BJP government and told that the number of mobile schools has also increased for the education of children of nomadic tribes. Speaking on the occasion senior BJP leader Ayodhya Gupta said that earlier nomadic tribes in Jammu and Kashmir were exploited by successive governments led by PDP, National Conference, and Congress while Bhartiya Janta Party-led central government has acknowledged their miseries, and has vowed to resolve them ensuring their overall growth and development.

DE&CC Kulgam organises Job Fair/ Placement drive for job seekers

JJ NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, DEC 02: A job fair cum placement drive for the year 2022 was today organised by District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kulgam wherein 3 reputed private employers viz. JJO Reliance, LIC, Flakzone participated for on-spot placements. Around 40 job seekers were shortlisted by LIC, 32 by Flakzone and 160 by JJO Telecom. The Skill Development institution viz. IITi were also present in the event to provide skill development linkages to aspirants. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from young job seekers especially females owing to prior advertisement of Employment vacancy Notice via different media.

Atulaya Healthcare expands its operations in Doda

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: In line with its commitment of providing world-class diagnostic services and making Healthcare affordable to people across North India, Atulaya Healthcare - North India's No. 1 Diagnostic and Imaging Laboratory, announces the expansion of its operations in Doda in Jammu & Kashmir. The new facility at Doda is a fully integrated diagnostic center offering Lab and imaging services that cater to the rural areas of Jammu & Kashmir. With this, Atulaya launches its 16th center in North India. Atulaya with its state of the art diagnostic facility is committed to provide highest quality at affordable prices to our Doda residents. Sharing his thoughts on the launch, Mr. Anuj Gupta & Pankaj Gupta, Directors, Atulaya Healthcare said, "Expanding operations in Doda is a step towards its mission to serve 500 million Indians by 2027. This facility will also serve residents of Doda and other nearby towns and villages near Doda. Atulaya Healthcare aims to set up 70 new collection centres to serve the Doda Region. We are the market leaders in Upper North India and are looking forward to being leading as



the One Stop Solution and biggest Integrated Diagnostic Services Chain in the entire North India. Our aim is to provide high quality health services at affordable prices. This is a beginning of rural coverage drive" Atulaya Healthcare has Fully Automated Robotic and NABL Accredited National Reference Lab, Atulaya Healthcare Centers are well equipped with the latest MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasonography, Digital X Ray, Digital Mammography and CT Angiography facilities. Atulaya Healthcare group has the capacity to handle 40000 tests per day. The Labs provide all diagnostic test reports within a quick turnaround time of 8 to 12 hours post receiving the samples. Home collection services are also available for patients.

Atulaya Healthcare provides all kinds of health screening services with same-day test results having assurance of accuracy in all its reports. Atulaya also operates a Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) manufacturing cyclotron unit in Derabassi, Punjab.

Atulaya Healthcare presently has a state-of-the-art automated Central Reference Lab in Mohali which can process 40000 samples per day. Atulaya has 15 integrated diagnostic centers, 100+ collection points and above 1000 B2B clients.

Jan Abhiyaan activities by JMC in full swing

JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 02: Multifarious activities are being conducted by Jammu Municipal Corporation under the Jan Abhiyan Campaign. JMC is conducting these activities in the run up to Second Phase of My Town My Pride. Today continuing the trend a Nukkad Natak on Say no to plastic and a debate competition on Nasha Mukht JK was organised by JMC in the Government Girls Polytechnic College, Jammu. Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav, ACR JMC Manisha, Secretary JMC Parvinder kour, Principal of College Er Neeljana Manwati, staff members and a large number of students were present on the occasion. Commissioner JMC while speaking on the occasion stressed the need to restrict use of plastic for good with coordinated efforts.

Apni Party did path breaking work in J&K since its foundation: Mir



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: Apni Party Senior Vice President, Gulam Hassan Mir today said that the Apni Party's path-breaking work has opened up a new era of hope among the people of Jammu and Kashmir who were disappointed with the traditional political parties.

"Apni Party's two and half years role was path breaking because it took lead to resolve issues of the people of J&K including employment, protection to land, and other issues," said Gulam Hassan Mir addressing a provincial level meeting of Apni Party leaders and workers in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu District.

The meeting also reviewed organizational structure and present political scenario in J&K while discussing the Apni Party's role to shape up the future of the people who have developed a feeling of alienation with the LG administration, he said.

He said that the people want restoration of Statehood and holding of assembly elections in J&K as early as possible so that a popular Govt replaces the LG rule to end the suffering of the common masses.

Referring to other political parties, Mir said that "When these political parties were not ready to represent the people of J & K, we came out to highlight issues being confronted by the distressed people. We continued to work for the people and highlight their issues for early redressal when others were criticizing us."

"We raised concerns of the people regarding protection of land, employment for the locals etc and got it protected. However, other political parties too followed us and raised the same issues," he claimed.

"In fact, the other political parties tried to create disturbance in Jammu and Kashmir with a misinformation campaign with regard to the preparation of the electoral roll. However, the Apni Party again came forward and raised the issue with the Govt of India following which a clarification was issued that denied the false claims made by the other political parties," he said.

He said that the attempt to create problems in J&K was averted by the prompt response of the Govt when the Apni Party raised the issue so that the people could not be put on the wrong path again.

He further said that "When these political parties got exposed before of their misinformation campaign which was rebutted by the Govt of India, they followed Apni Party and started holding public outreach programmes after our Party did the same in every nook and corner of J&K."

"We were the driving force for other political parties to follow our footsteps and speak about public welfare instead of adopting the old tactics of divide and rule. The politics of division has no role in J&K and we will not allow it at any cost," he added.

He said that the Party wants to bring the people of two regions close to each other and promote unity and communal harmony.

"The time has proved that we were on the right track. Apni Party believes in politics of telling the truth to the people without exploiting them emotionally and indulging in hate politics. This is the reason that the people have come close to us, supporting our policies and pinned hope with the Party," he added explaining how the Party has planned to work for the welfare of the people.

He also said that the Party will enhance the widow pension up to Rs 5000, and four cooking gas cylinders per year under Ujjwala scheme.

Prominent among those who attended the meeting include State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, Provincial President Jammu, S. Manjit Singh, Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, Provincial Secretary / Jammu District Urban President, Dr Rohit Gupta, District President Kathua, Ex-MLA Prem Lal, President Trade Union J&K, Ajaz Kazmi, ST Wing State President, Saleem Alam, State Coordinator OBC Madan Lal Chalotra, State General Secretary Youth Wing, Abhay Bakaya, Provincial President Youth Wing, Vipul Bali, Provincial President Legal Cell, Vikram Rathore, Provincial President Apni Trade Union, Raj Sharma, District President Rural - B, Pushap Dev Uppal, District President Rural-B, Adv Harpreet Singh, ST Wing, Provincial President Jammu, Shabir Kohli, Joint Provincial Secretary, Kulwant Chib, District Vice President Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Mohd Asif, Deepak Bradu, Sheikh Abdul Latief, Shivam Choudhary, Prem Sagar, Pavnent Kour, Sandeep Vaid and others.

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Dy Mayor kick starts blacktopping work



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, Jammu visited Jeevan Nagar, Ward No 58, along with Corporator Tirath Kour and kick started the work of blacktopping at Jeevan Nagar in RS Pura-Jammu constituency. The work is part of the civic body's initiative to upgrade the infrastructure in the ward. The Deputy Mayor Jammu inspected the quality of the road construction material and instructed the concerned authorities to ensure that the work is done with utmost care and perfection. He also interacted with the local residents and assured them that the civic body will ensure that the work is completed on time and to the highest standards. The Deputy Mayor also emphasized the need for better maintenance of roads and drainage systems in the said ward and urged

the locals to cooperate with the authorities for the successful completion of the project.

Deputy Mayor Jammu is delighted to know that ward no. 58 is becoming a model for other wards in the Jammu city. The ward has been receiving special attention from the local government in terms of basic infrastructure and services.

The Deputy Mayor Jammu has been promoting awareness among the local residents to take care of the environment and to maintain the civic infrastructure in a better way.

The ward has benefited from the various developmental projects and initiatives taken up by the JMC. The Deputy Mayor is confident that with the continued support of the local people, the ward can achieve greater heights in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Jammu

said that the Jammu Municipal Corporation is committed to serve the public and is keen to ensure their welfare. He urged the public to come forward and work with the government to make the city of Jammu better and livable.

He further added that the central government is taking various initiatives to address the issues of infrastructure, transportation, and basic amenities. He also assured that the JMC is working towards creating employment opportunities for the people.

The Deputy Mayor, Jammu said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina, the J&K is leading towards development and progressing to the fullest. Their initiatives have enabled us to build a better and brighter future for Jammu. I am grateful for their vision and dedication to making Jammu a vibrant and prosperous city.

Tirath Kour Corporator, Jeevan Nagar, Ward No. 58, welcomed Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria for visiting her Ward and said that he is always ready to provide support to his BJP workers and general public.

She said that it was an old demand of the area that has been fulfilled now and people will get a lot of relief from this development work. She said that development work is going on in ward 58 and soon all the development work of the area will also be completed in a phased manner.

Later a facilitation ceremony was organised by Gautam Sharma Social Activists and the public of Green Avenue area in order to thank the Deputy Mayor and corporator for their efforts in improving the condition of the ward. He has worked diligently to ensure that the lanes and drains are kept clean, water supply is reliable, and that the sewage system is functioning properly. His efforts have resulted in a safe and healthy environment for the people of the area.

The people of the area expressed their gratitude to the Deputy Mayor for his hard work and dedication to the community. Former Corporator Paramjit Singh Pannu, Ashok Choudhary, Kulwant Singh, Shaktantala Devi, Sat Pal, Vishal Gupta and others were present.

Fast-track ongoing development works in entire Jammu district: DDC Chairman

Directs for carrying development works on priority basis



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: DDC Chairman, Bharat Bhushan Bodhi today exhorted upon officers to be proactive while dealing with public issues. He laid stress for cent-per-cent utilization of CAPEX budget in the current financial year.

Chairing a meeting of officers of PWD Division-3 here today, the DDC Chairman reviewed the present CAPEX plan of District Jammu and also discussed other plans including City and Town, NABARD, Bridges, UT

CAPEX Budget, Pot & Hole, etc. He also reviewed the ongoing and upcoming development works of Marh, Bhalwal Brahmana, Chowki Choura, Pargwal, Marh, Khour and Maira Mandriani Jammu which are falling under the jurisdiction of PWD Division-3. Vice Chairman DDC Jammu, Suraj Singh, Councillor Bharmana Bhushan Bral, Sarpanch Prem Singh Chib, Sarpanch Sham Lal Sharma and ex Sarpanch Dhanantar Singh and Tilak Raj Choudhary were present in the meeting.

Bharat Bhushan laid stress upon the officers present to carry development works on priority basis in the way that the aspirations of the people can be satisfied fully.

He also asked the officers to submit their further plans. He directed them to fast-track the ongoing development works in the entire Jammu District so that the same should be dedicated to people as soon as possible.

The DDC Chairman also expressed satisfaction over

the utilization of 80 per cent CAPEX Budget this year and asked the officers to make all possible efforts for utilization of hundred per cent CAPEX Budget in the current financial year to avoid fund lapses.

The DDC Chairman asserted that development of rural and far flung areas are the priority of the government and the picture of rural areas has dramatically changed during the last eight years. Yet much more needs to be done, he asserted.

Bharat Bhushan instructed to the officers present to adopt utmost transparency and sincerity while performing their duties.

He said that the government has no paucity of funds as the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government at the Centre is quite liberal in case of J&K therefore it is important that funds should be utilized judiciously and the works be completed on time.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar bestowed with 'The Emissary of Peace' award in the US

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: Indian Spiritual leader and global humanitarian Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was bestowed with the prestigious 'The Emissary of Peace' award by the National Civil Rights Museum in the US city of Memphis.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, 66, addressed by followers with honorifics such as Sri Sri and Gurudev, is the founder of the Art of Living, a volunteer-based, non-governmental organization that offers stress-elimination and self-development programs based on breathing techniques, meditation and yoga.

He arrived in Memphis on Monday as part of his 'I Stand for Peace' tour. "On behalf of the National Civil Rights Museum, it is our greatest pleasure and privilege to present to Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar 'The Emissary of Peace' award," said Shaila Karkera, Director of the Board, the National Civil Rights Museum on Wednesday.

She was joined by Herb Hilliard, Chairman of the board of NCRM in presen-



tation of the award. "As a global humanitarian, a peace ambassador, the founder of SKY programs and Healing breaths, you have touched millions of people in 180 countries and for you conflict resolution initiatives we are honored to present to you this special award," Karkera said.

The Indian spiritual leader was presented the award during his global 'I Stand for Peace' campaign which arrived in the Mid-South early this week, according to a press release issued by Arts of Living.

"I Stand for Peace" event in Memphis was attended by over thousands of people affirmed their commitment to inner and outer peace.

The Indian leader also met with local officials, including members of city council, the department of education, and the department of justice to discuss ways to reduce violence, especially among youth.

"Let us come together to spread the message of global peace," he said.

"Conflicts and wars not only destroy our environment but also harm the

physical and mental health of the individual. World peace is impossible without individual peace. We must achieve inner peace if we hope to achieve outer peace," he added.

Earlier this month, The Gandhi Foundation at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Centre for Nonviolent Social Change, in Atlanta honored him with the Gandhi Peace Pilgrim award, to recognize his commitment to the development of peace and non-violence

Sarpanch Surjit kick-starts development work worth Rs 4.5 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission

JJ NEWS SERVICE
R.S.PURA, DEC 2: State Convener of BJP Panchayati Raj Cell and Sarpanch of Flora Panchayat of Block Suchetgarh, Surjit Choudhary today kick-started development work of laying water pipes under Jal Jeevan Mission in the Panchayat.

On the occasion, Sarpanch Surjit Choudhary said that through a memorandum, the water committee of the village had demanded from the concerned department that a pipeline should be laid in the Panchayat for the purpose of providing clean water to the people, due to which this work was approved and today this work has been started.



The Sarpanch said that an amount of about Rs 4.5 crore would be spent on this work which was started under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme. He said that the aim of the

government, under which tubewells and pipes are being installed at the Panchayat level.

The senior BJP leader said that all the development works being done at the Panchayat and Block levels are the gift of the Modi Government at the Centre and the government is continuously providing funds for the development of the Panchayats. He assured the people of the Panchayat that in the coming days, the development works will be continued in the same way.

Naib Sarpanch Ashok Kumar, Panch Sardar Singh, Panch Chud Singh and other people were also present on this occasion.

"My Town My Pride 2.0"

Dheeraj Gupta launches e-Services for transfer of JDA assets, other services



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU DECEMBER 02: As part of "My Town My Pride 2.0" campaign, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) today launched e-Services for transfer of JDA assets, application for permission to mortgage and application for permission for execution of conveyance deed.

The e-Services, formally launched by Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department and Chairman, JDA, Dheeraj Gupta, was a sequel to J&K government's resolve of providing transparent and effective service delivery to the citizens at their doorsteps.

With roll out of these e-

services today, the allottees of various residential and commercial assets of JDA can avail the services from the comfort of their home, make related payments online and monitor status of their applications.

With a view to provide Ease of Doing Business, JDA is already providing online processing of building permissions, change in land use, allotment of plots, auction of commercial assets applications on its website www.jda.jk.gov.in apart from enabling the citizens to know their Master Plan Land use of any location in the Jammu Master Plan 2032 limits.

All the above online services can also be

accessed through a user friendly 'Jammu Development Authority' citizen mobile app which is available on android play store.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary appreciated various digital initiatives taken up by the Jammu Development Authority in recent past.

He asked the officers to work hard towards complete digital Land Management System and real time building activity monitoring and control system. He exhorted upon them to focus on business process reengineering so as to deliver the e-services more effectively with enhanced transparency.

Div Com Kashmir reviews development & management of Public Parks in Srinagar

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DEC 02: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole today convened a meeting to review the development & management of Public parks by Floriculture, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, SDA, Tourism, Traffic and other departments.

The meeting was attended by Director Tourism; VC, Srinagar Development Authority; RTO Kashmir; officers of the floriculture department, SMC, YSS, police and others. On the occasion, Div Com asked concerned departments to provide a list of public parks under their possession including major and small gardens.

He asked them to submit the physical and financial status of those parks for the financial year 2022-23.

Div Com also asked for holding the meeting of the committee already framed by the government under the Director Floriculture, Kashmir.

Principal Secretary chairs KVIC's UT level Monitoring Committee meet on PMEGP implementation in JK



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DEC 02: Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Jammu unit, convened a Union Territory level Monitoring Committee meeting regarding implementation of PMEGP scheme under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Prashant Goyal.

The meeting was attended by S P Khandelwal, State Director KVIC while Pawan Kumar, DGM SBI, Farrukh Qazi, CEO/Secretary KVIB, Rajesh Dubey, DGM J&K Bank, Suresh Chander Sharma, GM J&K Grameen Bank, G P Praveen, AGM

NABARD, Rifat Kamar, District Manager, JKWDC, Kuldeep Koul, Area Manager Elliquai Dehati Bank, Balbir Kumar, Chief Manager PNB, Sanwal Dogra, Branch Head SIDBI, Ghulam Qadir Khatana, GM J&K SC/ST and OBC Development Corporation, Anil Kumar Sharma, Assistant Director and Nodal Officer PMEGP, KVIC and Saloni Rai, Director Industries and Commerce Kashmir participated online.

Khandelwal informed that KVIC, DIC and KVIB have established the highest number of manufacturing and service units in J&K in the year 2021-22. He apprised that about

21,640 units have been established under flagship scheme PMEGP during this period thus creating the highest number of employment i.e. 1.73 lakh in comparison to all other states and UTs in India.

These units have been established with a total capital of Rs. 2101 crore and a total margin money of Rs. 467 crore has been disbursed which is the highest among all other states and UTs.

Principal Secretary applauded the KVIC, DIC and KVIB for their achievements towards industrial growth and employment boom in Jammu and Kashmir in 2021-22.

He informed that the Union Ministry of MSME has launched an initiative of distributing PMEGP awards to promote and award innovation and excellence of successful entrepreneurs of the scheme. In this regard, nominations have been invited online from successful entrepreneurs.

Principal Secretary directed the implementing agencies for motivating PMEGP entrepreneurs for maximum nominations for the said award.

Member NCSC chairs maiden review meeting at Kathua

Takes stock of facilities, welfare of SC community

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, DEC 02: Member, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Dr Anju Bala, today chaired maiden meeting regarding facilities being made available for welfare and development of SC community in the district.

Director, NCSC Sanjay Kumar Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey, SSP Kathua, R C Kotwal, CPO, ACD and district officers were present in the meeting.

The meeting was briefed about district profile with special reference to SC population in the district. It was informed that about 23% of the total population of Kathua district consists of SC population. Besides, details about the status of implementation of different schemes concerning SC population in the district were also shared.

Dr Anju Bala took sector wise review and discussed modalities being followed by different institutions to extend the benefits under different schemes to SC community. She had detailed deliberation on MGNREGA, School and Higher Education, PMAY, JSY, AB-PMJAY, Ujjwala Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, Scholarship Schemes, Adarsh Gram Yojana and related pro-



grammes.

Member NCSC highlighted various relevant issues like increasing dropout rate in schools, verification of existing Job card holders under MGNREGA, number of loan cases sanctioned, rejected, details of crimes, conviction rate against the SC population in the district.

She also mentioned about other welfare measures being taken up by the administration to safeguard the interest of SC population.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr Anju Bala emphasized the need of awareness generation and education as a tool to empower the marginal community. She said that youth has to be educated in such a way that instead of job seeker they could become job creator. She said that the PM's vision can only be realized through empowerment and awareness of such communities.

Member NCSC asked the district administration to submit the action taken report on issues discussed during the meeting within a period of fifteen days. He also urged upon the administration to organize regular meetings of District Vigilance Committee on safeguarding the rights and protecting the SC population against discrimination and exploitation.

Later, the member interacted with members of J&K postal circle wherein she reviewed implementation of reservation policy for SC category population.

DC Srinagar stresses on community participation to improve treatment outcomes for TB patients

Over 400 Ni-Kshay Mitras registered to eliminate TB from District

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR DECEMBER 02: In order to review the implementation of Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative launched under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan to provide additional patient support to improve treatment outcomes of TB patients a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar (DC) Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Zabooh Ahmad Mir, Superintendent Engineer R&B Mohammad Nayeem Khan, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, District TB Officer, Dr Tehjeena, District Health Officer, Dr Anjum, SITS HQ DTC, Musadiq Rafiq DPC DTC Muhammad Nayeem, PPMC, Amir Ashraf besides other Zonal and Sectoral Officers. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman District TB Control Society was given a detailed appraisal about the implementation of Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative in Srinagar District through a PowerPoint presentation. While highlighting the objectives of the initiative, the DC said this is a part of the Pradhan Mantri TB



Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan launched with the view to combat challenges of tuberculosis through multi-sectoral response. He said the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative has been envisioned to bring together all community stakeholders to support those on TB treatment and accelerate the progress towards TB elimination. The DC said though the efforts of the Administration are yielding significant results, the community and the corporate sector in the society can play a pivotal role in filling gaps and addressing social causes by adopting/handholding every TB patient in Srinagar District.

During the meeting it was given out that with the latest volunteers the number of registered Ni-Kshay Mitras shall touch 400 to provide additional support to the TB patients.

The DC stressed on speeding up the pace of registration under Ni-Kshay Mitra initiatives on mass scale and called for active involvement of stakeholders including individuals, Businessmen, NGOs, Private Health Institutions, Elected Public representatives and Serving Government Officers.

While discussing the operational plan for effective implementation of Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative, the DC was informed that in Srinagar District out of total 181 patients in Srinagar seeking TB care activities in different Medical Zones as many as 147 patients have consented for Community Support, while target of 2000 Ni-Kshay Mitras (patients Donors) have been set in the District.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned officers to work in mission mode for such noble cause and ensure registration of more Ni-Kshay Mitras in Srinagar District at the earliest.

My Town My Pride: ADDC Rajouri discusses city beautification plan

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DEC 02: Pawan Kumar, Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri today chaired a meeting here to discuss the city beautification plan ahead of the start of My Town My Pride program.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on works proposed under the city beautification plan including installation of street lights, laser lights, development of parking sites, river fronts, landscaping, Gym facilities etc.

The ADDC said that the beautification of a city means the improvement in its visual appearance. He said that keeping Rajouri

city beautiful and attractive was possible only with the cooperation of different departments and the general public.

The meeting sought suggestions from all the stakeholders as well as from the line departments to make Rajouri city more beautiful and clean.

The ADDC also asked to prepare the DPRs for the works under the city beautification plan and submit the same at the earliest. Among others the meeting was attended by President MC Rajouri, Mohd Arief; SE PWD(R&B), Kamal Kishore; PO IWMP, Sheraz Chohan; AD FCS&CA, Arief Lone; AD Planning, Mohd Rafi; EO MC Rajouri, Mohd Yaqoob and others.

19850 PMAY houses completed in Rajouri

DDC sets target of completing 5000 more by 31st Dec 2022

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, DEC 02: The progress under Pradhan Mantri Gram Awas Yojana and Awas Plus was today reviewed here in a meeting of the concerned officers chaired by the District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal.

Officers present in the meeting were Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar; AD



Planning, Bansi Lal and BDO Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat.

During the meeting, the DDC sought a detailed report from the concerned Block Development Officers about the progress achieved under the scheme in their respective blocks who in turn briefed about the same.

The meeting was apprised that against the target of constructing 30601 houses, as many as 19850 houses have been completed till date and effective measures are in place to achieve the set targets within the shortest possible time. He also informed that out of these 19850 houses, 10000 houses

have been constructed in this year till the end of November.

DDC set the target of constructing 5000 more houses under PMAY-G by 31st December this year. Under Awas Plus, the meeting was apprised that against the target of constructing 10245 houses, the work on 474 houses is complete in all respects. The DDC also reviewed the measures taken for the management of the solid waste in rural areas and asked the concerned officers to make dedicated efforts for the effective management of solid waste in rural areas.

DC Anantnag chairs DLAMC meeting

JJ NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, DEC 02: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today chaired the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee (DLAMC) meeting at DC Office, here.

The meeting was held to review the status of Aadhaar enrolment and updation in the district.

The attendees discussed Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biomet-

ric update of children and document update of residents who have not updated Aadhaar in last 10 years.

They also discussed requirement for additional enrolment and update centers and ensuring availability of enrolment centers in uncovered areas and implementation of Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR). Discussion was also held regarding saturation of Aadhaar details of beneficiaries in various govt schemes.



Monitoring of fraudulent activities related to Aadhaar and redressal of Aadhaar related grievances also came under discussion.

District Informatics Officer,

Jan Mubarak informed the chair that more than 97% of the population in the district across all age groups have an Aadhaar card.

He said 66 Aadhaar enrolment kits are presently functional in the district. He also said the focus is on enrolment of children in the 0-5 age group in Aadhaar and for this purpose Department of School Education (SSA), J&K is operationalizing 26 Aadhaar kits in District Anantnag. These kits are to be

made operational in schools and other prominent locations by Education Department using operators from outsourced manpower agency.

ICDS has 16 Aadhaar kits for the district which are to be deployed on roster basis for CDPO blocks; as of now 16 kits are operational.

These kits are to be made operational at CDPO offices using operators from outsourced manpower agency.

The DC said that there are

approximately 1.1 million Aadhaar holders in District Anantnag and many of them have not updated their Aadhaar in the last 10 years. These residents need to update their document details by visiting nearest Aadhaar Enrolment Center. He said that awareness programs to encourage the residents to update their Pol and PoA documents need to be organized in various parts of the district.

He said a plan should be formulated in this regard.