



MULTI-LEVEL PARKING FACILITY AT PANJTIRTHI, JAMMU

Improving the quality of life of every citizen is the prime objective of the administration: Lt Governor



JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated a Multi-Level Parking Facility at Panjtirthi, Jammu.
Dedicating the new parking facility to the people of Jammu, the Lt Governor said that the project under AMRUT-Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation is part of the smart parking initiative uning moders solutions to conusing modern solutions to con-siderably reduce parking on

roads and generate revenue for the city.

The Lt Governor said that it is high time for Urban Local Bodies to reinvent their economic base and fully utilize the assets to genand fully utilize the assets to gen-erate revenues and spur the local economy. Many under-utilised assets can generate employment, business opportunities with engagement of local community, he added. CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Armed Forces Flag Day observed at Raj Bhavan



JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today extende warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the armec forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Force Plag Day.

la a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Director Sainik Wel-la a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Director Sainik Wel-lare Department, Brig, Gurmeet Singh Shan (Rtd.) pinned the Armed Forces Flag on the jacket of the Li Governor and Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

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Security situation in J&K has improved signicantly: MHA in Rajya Sabha

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai on Wednesday said the gov-ernment has a policy of zero tolerance against militancy and that security situation has improved significantly in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir.

Rai, while informing the
Rajya Sabha as per the news
agency, said there has been
substantial decline in militant
incidents from 417 in 2018 to 229

in 2021.

"14 persons belonging to minorities including 3 Kashmirł Pandits have been killed in J&K since January, 2022 till 30th November, 2022; he said. He also said there were certain media reports of Kashmirl Pandit Sangharsh Samith highlighting their security concerns.

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"Various measures have been taken by the government to protect the lives of minorities which include group security in the form of static guards, day and night area domination, round the clock Nakas at strategic points, patrolling and speculative Cordon and Search Operations (CASOs), security arrangements through appropriate deployment," he said.

He added a robust security and intelligence grid is in place

and intelligence grid is in pla in J&K to thwart any attempt the hands of the militants. KN

'180 militants, 31 civilians as many SF personnel killed in J&K this year'

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SRINAGAR. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai
on Wednesday said 180 militants have been killed in Jammu and
Kashmir during encounters with security forces this year so far.
Nityanand Rai, while informing the Rajya Sabha as per the
news agency, said that that 62 security forces personnel including 31 civilian were also killed during the current year.
He said added 123 militancy-related incidents took place in
J&K during the current year with 31 security forces personnel
and 31 civilian being killed.
He also said 8 journalists working with Srinagar based local
newspapers received threat through "Kashmir Fight" blog and
Journalists belonging to the media house Rising Kashmir also
resigned.

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'3K govt jobs created for Kashmiri migrants in J&K under PM Package'

SRINAGAR: Union Minister of State for Home Nityamand Rai on Wednesday said that under Prime Minister's Development and Rednesday State of State for Home Nityamand Rai on Wednesday said that under Prime Minister's Development Pandits with 2,839 migrants appointed in the last 5 years including 841 in 2020-21, 1,296 in 2021-22 and 502 in 2022-22. As for the remaing 361, elsection for 198 posts at different stages of completion," Rai, as per the news agency, informed the Raiya Sabha.

He said out of the remaining 361, the selection process for 188 posts is at various stages of completion, 40 posts relate to cases, which are sub-judice and 123 posts are re-advertised.

He said the government has also approved construction of 6000 transit accommodations for Rashmiri migrant

Fields along LoC bloom with crop as peace prevails

In Jammu, border villagers happy, term it golden period

JAMMU: Farming in fields along Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri and Poonch districts was never so easy for villagers. But with ceasefire on borders, Sullagers are heaving a sigh of relief with no fear of going to their fields.

Locals said over one and a haff dozen villages and hamlets are located ahead of barbed wire frence in LoC in the twin districts while over 50 villages fall in in direct shelling range. They were affected during because of shelling.

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For the last nearly two years, things have changed towards a constructive atmosphere in the areas of LoC as ceasefire agreement between armies of India

areas of LoC as ceasefire agreement between armies of India and Pakistan stand.

Talking to news agency, farmers of LoC areas termed ceasefire agreement as a 'golden period' for their lives as not only their lives and property is safe from shelling but they are having

ample apportunities to do agri-culture works and are having a good yield from their fields a good yield from their fields burnen since one decade. Subash Chander Sharma, a farmer from Doongi Keri area of Rajouri who land is close to Loc said they were not able to do any agriculture work in the field due to threat of shelling. Similarly, another farmer Yousif Ahmed from Niaka vil-lage of Rajour said that situation has improved and they cultivat-ed maize on their land along Loc. 'Our land was almost turning

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barren and there was no yield
from if but now we are able to do
work in field and have had a good
yield of maize crop last sean.
Now we have sown wheat and
soya and are hopeful of good crop
this season as well, "said Ahmed.
A number of other Loc Villagers especially from Namb Kadali,
Sehar Makdi, Pukharni
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PM Modi addresses Rajya Sabha at the start of Winter Session of Parliament

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NEW DELHI: The Prime
Minister, Narendra Modi
addressed the Rajya Sabha at
the start of the Winter Session
of the Parliament and welcomed the Vice President to
the Upper House today.
The Prime Minister began
his address by congratulating
Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India & Chairman of
Rajya Sabha on behalf of all
members of the parliament as
well as all the citizens of the
country. Throwing light on the
prestigious position of the Vice
President of the country, the
Prime Minister remarked that
the seat in itself is a source of
inspiration for millions.
Addressing the Chairman of
Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister expressed delight that today
coincides with Armed Forces
Flag Day and saluted the armed
forces on behalf of all members of the house. Referring to
Junujnum which is the birth-

bers of the house. Referring to Jhunjhunu which is the birth-



place of the Vice President, the Prime Minister acknowledged the contributions of numerous families of Jhunjhunu that have played an advanced role towards the service of the nation. He highlighted the close association of the Vice President with Jawans and Kisans and said, "Our Vice President is a Kisan Putra and he studied at a Sainik school. Thus, he is closely associated with Jawans and Kisans."

The Prime Minister high-lighted that the esteemed upper house of the Parliament is welcoming the Vice Presi-dent at a time when India has witnessed two monumental events. Modi pointed out that India has externed into the witnessed two monumentai events. Mod jointed out that India has entered into the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal and also got the prestigious opportunity to host and preside over the G-20 Summit. He further added hat India will play a key role in determining the direction of the world in the days to come other than marking a new era of development for New India. "Our democracy, our Parliament and our parliamentary system will have a critical role in this journey", he added. Underlining that today marks the formal beginning of the Vice President's term as the Chairman of Rajya Sabha, the Prime Minister remarked that the responsibility

Study leaves being sanctioned in violation of leave rules: Government

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Wednesday said that the Administrative Departments either and content without sold provided or recommend cases to the General Administration Department without adhering to the other relevant parameters.

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As per a circular issued by the government under 49-KIGSRO-44 of 1979 along the size of the content of t of Leave Rules at their own level or recommend cases to the General Administration Department without adhering to the other relevant parameters.

The government also directed that the study leave shall not ordinarily be granted to a government servant who has rendered less than five years' service under the Government.

As per a circular issued by the government under 49-JKGAD) of 2022, dated 07-12-2022, the government has said that "In terms of J&K Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1979 (SRO-44 of 1979 dated 180.11-1979, issued by Finance Department), as amended from time to time, grant of study leave in respect of an employee of the Government is governed by some conditions, which, inter-alia include certifying exigencies of

at their own level, or recommend cases to the General CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

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CBK files challan against 3 accused for illegally extracting insurance money

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offence Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir produced a challan against three accused persons for producing a fake death certificate to extract insurance money fraudulently.

According to a statement

money fraudulently.
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Sued to the news agency,
challan was produced in
case FIR No. 15/2008 U/S 420,
467,468,471,201,120B RPC before
the court of Forest Magistrate
Srinagar against Taveen Hussain Shah, Late Gul Patima and
Late Sakhi Shah—all residents
of Kunwara.

sain Shah, Late Gul Patima and Late Sakhi Shah—all residents of Kupwara.

The statement reads the instant case had been registered upon a receipt of a written complaint from one Jatin-der Pal Singh, Area Manager, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, wherein it was alleged that Taveen Ahmad Shah had opted for life insurance policies twice with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and and Fraudulential Life Insurance and a fraudulential experience of the Insurance and a read and investigation into the matter was set in motion.

"During the course of Investigation, it has surfaced had a caused a breen Shah had accused breen Shah had accused breen Shah had accused the Insurance Shah had course of Investigation, it has surfaced had hatched or Insurance Shah had course of Investigation, it has surfaced had hatched or Insurance Shah had accused the Insurance Shah had course of Insurance Shah had

Progressing JK

Mission Youth, engaging, mobilizing young volunteers under Youth Clubs initiative

SRINAGAR: Mission Youth is focusing on encouraging, engaging and mobilizing young volunteers of J&K to support the government efforts of socio-economic transformation of Jammu ⁸ Facebruic

nomic transformation of Jammu & Kashmir.

Youth Clubs provide an opportunity for the young generation of J&K to contribute to society and achieve self-growth under Mission Youth initiative, an official said.

As energetic and vibrant part-

ners of Panchayats and district administration, these clubs are ensuring that governance effec-tively reaches to the grassroots ever.
The official added that through

The official added that through Youth Clubs, Government is not only generating awareness about various employment and self-employment schemes but also uniting young men and women of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir to pursue their dreams. Youth's commitment to social service, national integration provides the foundation of developed J&K, the official said. These Clubs are unique not only by virtue of their composition but also in providing leadership in different sectors and entrepreneurship commitment.

different sectors and entrepre-neurship commitment."
"More than 74,000 members have become a beacon of hope for thousands of others. Youth are now active partners in the process of building a peaceful



and prosperous J&K," he added.
It is pertinent to mention here
that more than 74,771 youths
from 20 districts have joined the final more than "A" youths from 20 districts have joined the Youth Clubs, which are playing a stignificant role in providing youth an opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change. A total or 4,522 Youth Clubs have been constituted across 20 districts with a maximum 9,000 youths enrolled in Poonch district. Young people in these clubs, who volunteer, regularly develop a civic identity, as leaders and change-makers and therefore become more socially active. They also learn new social skills

like collaboration and problem solving that are vital to succeed in academics, the workplace and their personal lives. Thus, Youth their personal lives. Thus, Youth Clubs are playing a pivotal role in creating lifelong change among youth and result in their overall personality develop-ment, which happens to be the core agenda of Mission Youth, which runs the Youth Clubs," it was stated.

was stated.
Pertinently, the initiative of Youth Club was approved by the governing body of Mission Youth, headed by the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha in its first meeting held on June 17, 2021.

BIP holds distinction of being only 'true Democratic Party': Ravinder Raina



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Party (BJP), Jammu & Kash-mir conducted a meeting of its newly nominated District Prabharis and District Presi-dents at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. J&K BJP President Ravin-der Raina accompanied by BJP General Secretary (Org.) AshoK Koul chaired the meet-ing, which was also addressed by J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, BJP Gen-eral Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and BJP General Sec-retary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, congratulating all for their new responsibilities as well as making them aware of their huge responsibilities and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state and the state of the state and the state of the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of the state of the state and the state of the state of

of democracy in the highest moral spirits. He congratulated all party leaders who have been endowed with the herculean responsibility of party's Prabharis and Presidents at District level. He asked them to put their all energy for the new assignment, as they have to withstand the pressure of organizational principles as well as the public issues, which will surely drain their energy for a better future of society and the Nation.

Ashok Koul, in his address, said that this whole process can be the party activist to prove mettle for the new energy so will be party activist to prove mettle for the new energy so will be party activist to prove mettle for the new energy so will be party activist to prove mettle for the new energy so will be party activist to prove mettle for the new energy so will be party activist to prove mettle for the new energy sit also gives new candidates who can meet the expectations of the party and the public.

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DGP sanctions welfare loan/relief of over Rs. 99 lakh in favour of 83 serving Police personnel

Police personnel

JAMMU: Continuing with an
aim to provide financial assistance to meet the urgent needs
of Police personnel, the Director General of Police, J&K Shri
Dibag Singh has sanctioned
over Rupees 99 lakh welfare
loan/relief in favour of 83 serving officers and personnel of
J&K Police vide PHQ Order No.
4087 of 2022.
Under this order, Welfare
loan of rupees 41 lakh has been
sanctioned in favour of 31 personnel to meet the expenses of
self-treatment or for the treatment of their dependents. The
amount sanctioned for the
medical treatment ranges from
rupees one lakh to rupees two
lakh. Besides, welfare relief of
rupees 1.90 lakh in favour of 12
Police personnel has also been
sanctioned.
Welfare loan ranging from

rolice personnel nas also been sanctioned.
Welfare loan ranging from rupees fifty thousand to rupees 1.50 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of 46 personnel for the purpose of their own marriage, or for marriage of their wards/relatives. Similarly, welfare loan of rupees 36 lakhs has been sanctioned in favour of 02 Police personnel for pursuing higher education of their wards and rupees 50 thousand has been sanctioned in favour one Police personal for circuncision of his ward.
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NRLM (UMEED) Shopian organizes 3 days **Orientation programme for FCRPs**

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SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 07: The National Rural Livelihoods Mission (UMEED) Shopian today organised an orientation programme for Farm Community Resource Persons (FCRPs) at Shopian.

The Programme was inaugurated by DDC Member, Raja Waheed in presence of Resource Persons from Animal Husbandry Department Dr Farhat, Dr Husbandry Department Dr Farhat, Dr Shafqat, District Managers of NRLM Shopian, Irfan and Uzma, Block Programme Managers of NRLM Shopian and Community Leaders Shopian and Community Leaders besides cluster Coordinators from Self Help Groups of the district. The 3 days programme shall focus on capacity building of already exist-ing FCRPs to get acquainted and well

ing FCRPs to get acquainted and well trained as Community Animal care Service Providers (CASP) in the form of A-Help which is governed by policy framework already set by the Mission

Directorate and Animal Husbandry Department.

The training will be a step towards last mile coverage of rural areas where clinical services for livestock are not available on time or expensive to

afford for rural poor.

On the occasion, Raja Waheed DDC member Shopian lauded the prospective efforts of the Administration in which departments are carrying con-vergence to have better and effective

vergence to have better and effective penetration of services at the doorsteps of rural populace particularly for women folk.

"A-HELP training programme is a new feature added in the curriculum of NRLM intervention under the efforts and guidance of the Mission Director, NRLM.

In due course of time further value addition in terms of trainings and capacity building, both theoretical as well as field based will be held to strengthen the programme at grass-roots level, said DPM Livelihoods NRLM Uzma Mehraj.

District Programme Manager FI, Irfan Basheer further shared that as per Irtan Basheer turther shared that as per governments outreach programme in rural areas, these CRPs will be given basic training related to animal husbandry so that when complaints of minor diseases of Livestock are received in the area of their operation, they can deal with them at their own level

The participants will also be provid-The participants will also be provided training related to dairy and care-taking of the livestock that will further lead to an increase in quality as well as quantity of milk in rural areas. It was intimated on the occasion that District Shopian has 31 farm CRPs across erstwhile Block Shopian, out of

which 7 has been identified as A-Help professionals and they will be further trained by SKUAST-K and NBDD.

DC B'la reviews Power Sector in the district

Mega Block Diwas: DC presides over

grievance redressal camp at Kulgam

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BARAMULLA, DECEMBER 07: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting of concerned officers at her office chamber here to review the Power Sector in review the Power Sector in the district. At the outset, the officers apprised DC about the power scenario in the district and gave detailed account of the physical and financial progress achieved under different schemes to augment power availability and distribution across the district. After reviewing the ogress, the DC direc e concerned officers

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KULGAM, DECEMBER 07: The District Administration

Kulgam today organized a Mega Block Diwas in three

blocks of the district viz

Devsar, Kulgam and D. H.Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

response from PRIs and general public who high-lighted issues and griev-ances confronting their areas for early redressal.

overwhelming

The programme nessed overwhe

adopt various strategies to ensure fair and smooth supply of power across ramulla. While considering that

power supply has been enhanced significantly in the district, Dr Sehrish said that a reasonable and fair curtailment schedule has to be properly framed and strictly adhered to. She further directed for maintenance of Buffer stock of damaged Transformers, transformer oil and poles besides keep-ing availability of Horticulture and Agriculture vehicles for transportation

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat remained avail-able at Kulgam where he lis-

able at Kulgam Where he isstened to grievances and issues of people for redressal. Officers from District Administration were also present during the block diwas. People from Pooniwah, Munadguffan,

Aadigatnoo, Aadoora, Daderkoot, Banimulla,

Chawalgam,

Fourth quarterly meeting of DDC Kulgam held

Dr Sehrish directed for implementing the power Amnesty scheme strictly in Amnesty scheme strictly in the district to achieve the set target within the shortest span of time. She called for disconnection of consumers with pending bills.

She further stressed for the scheme of the sent that the sent the sent that the sent the s

the constitution of teams of the constitution of teams of Revenue, RPDCL, CAPD and Police on seizure of crude electric appliances from markets and action against theft of power. She underlined the involvement of the PRIs and community members in

community members in stopping misuse of electrici-ty and discouraging use of crude gadgets like heaters

villages participated in this grievances redressal camp and apprised the DC about

Visiting delegations demanded installation of

transformers at Adoora, electric poles for Reshipora

Aadigatnoo, release of land compensation for Amnoo Kulgam road and develop-ment of playfield Adoora.

The DC after giving

patient hearing to the public

immediate nature of griev

addressed some of

delegations

besides in recovery of pend ing and overdue electricity bills

The DC also appealed to

The DC also appealed to the public to make judicious use of power and desist from illegal use of it. Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina, STE PDD. Executive Engineers KPDCL, besides other func of concerned the meeting, Additional hile as Deputy Commissioner Commissioner Sopore, Parvaiz Sajad, SDM Uri, Pattan and Gulmarg attend ed the meeting

ances on the spot.

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

Later a felicitation function was beld in which Wor

tion was held in which Veer

Naris were felicitated.

Meanwhile, grievances redressal camps were also held at Block D.K Marg and

Block Devsar where ADDC

and SDM listened to issues

and grievances of people for

eration from all officers with

the council and urged all to

Awareness Camp under PM-FME scheme held at Block Kund of KulgamFelicitates Veer Naris

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, DECEMBER 07: The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Kulgam today organized an awareness camp on Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme at Block Kund here in collaboration with the Planning and Marketing department. Marketing department.

Local progressive farmers, self help group members, unemployed youth and representatives from different vil-lages of Block Kund attended the

lages of Block Kund attended the awareness camp.
Officers from Agriculture and allied departments including District Agriculture Officer, Area Marketing Officer, Lead Bank Manager Kulgam, Agriculture Extension Officer and Horticulture Development Officer par-ticipated in the programme.

Sartaj Ahmad Shah, Chief Agriculture Officer while addressing the participants deliberated upon the benefits of the scheme and appealed to youth to come forward and establish food processing units to generate employment for themselves and for

support provided to the interested applicants and the various trainings rovided to help and guide them at

vood Ahmad Shad, District Dawood Ahmad Shad, District Agriculture Officer spoke about the importance of registering food pro-cessing enterprises, branding and mar-keting aspects to enhance the salability of the food products. He encouraged entrepreneurs to take benefit of the PM-FME scheme by availing facilities like 35% subsidy maximum up to 10 lakh and Easy Bank loan up to 90% of cost of Machinery

and Jechnical Civil Works.
Officers from Agriculture and allied
departments briefed about different
components of the scheme viz. financial assistance, ODOP, Capacity
Building, marketing and branding of
processed/value added food products as an important intervention for sus tainable development of the food

industry.

At the end of the progra youth of the area showed their interest to establish micro food processing units and were registered under the PM-FME scheme on spot.

and Technical Civil Works. food processing units to employment for themselves and for others in the food processing sector to sustain their livelihood. He also informed the participants about the assistance and hand-holding moved wavided to the interested

Dist Admin Kupwara conducts Block Diwas events at Nagri Wari, Ringpath

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 07: The District Administration Kupwara today organized weekly Block Diwas events at Nagri Wari in Kupwara block and Ringpath in Qaziabad block.

and Kıngpath in Qaziabad block. The main function was held at Nagri in block Kupwara which was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan. DDC Member Natnussa, Zahoor Ahmad, BDC Chairperson, CEO Kupwara, AD Eisberies, AD Planning.

Kupwara, AD Fisheries, AD Planning, LDM Kupwara, Executive Engir PDD AD Food Tehsildar Representatives from line departments, besides, PRIs and people in

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BANDIPORA, DECEMBER
07: A one-day Legal
Awareness programme on
Maintenance and Welfare of
Parents and Senior Citizens
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Act 2007 (MWPSC Act 2007)

for Judicial Functionaries to

The programme was

ganized by National stitute of Social Defense,

Bandipora

Addressing the function, the ADDC said that the District Administration is committed to address all developmental issues of the people relating to power, water, health, education and road connectivity.

He said that the doors of district administration are always open for the people to hear their developmental

Regarding employment generation, the ADDC urged upon the unem-ployed educated youth to take benefit under PMEGP and other schemes for establishing their self income generat-ing units. Earlier, DDC Members and

Awareness programme on MWPSC Act 2007 held at Sumbal

large number attended the block diwas process of the function.

PRIs spoke and raised the issues of the area. The ADDC heard their issues Addressing the function the ADDC. PRIS 97... area. The ADDC nears and directed the officers to ensure that all genuine issues of the people are resolved in a time bound manner.

"bile, officers and representations are the properties."

tives from line departments gave thorough awareness to the people regard ing schemes of their respective depart-

ments.

Block diwas was also held at
Ringpath in block Qaziabad which
was chaired by BDC Chairperson
Qaziabad, Bashir Ahmad Mir.
Tehsildar, BDO, officers/representatives from line departments, besides PRIs and people attended the block

Development Council Kulgam (Additional District RUIGAM, DECEMBER 07: The Fourth quarterly meeting of District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam was held today under the chairmanship of Chairperson, Nugam (Additional District D e v e l o p m e n t Commissioner); DDC and BDC Members of the district, and others concerned. At the outset, the DDC

Chairperson sought District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, M. details of ongoing develop-Afzal Parrey at his office at mental works and reviewed the financial and physical Kulgam.

The meeting was attended by DDC Vice Chairperson, Shazia Jan; Chief Executive Officer with District

ress achieved to date He said that the Council is

viable on viable District Employment plan, District Drinking Water plan, District Sports Activity plan, District Health plan, and District Road Development plans as per the needs of the people. Parrey further asked the DDC and BDC members to personally supervise and monitor the pace and quality of ongoing works in their respective areas.

the council and urged all to work in a cohesive manner in order to accelerate the development works in the district.

The Council members also raised a few issues for which ADDC assured full support from the district admini nd said is

DC Ganderbal tours Shallabugh wetlands

Directs concerned to prepare holistic plan for its conservation

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 07: The

GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 07: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today took an extensive tour of Shallabugh wetlands to have firsthand appraisal about the condition and water level of the wetland. On the occasion, the DC took a short visit inside the wetland in a shikara along with DDC Vice-Chairperson, ADDC, ADC and other officials to have firsthand appraisal about the water level inside the wetland and to assess the necessary works

to be taken for restoring its pristine glory. It was informed that the water level in the wetland has risen to the satisfactory level due to the partial diverisfactory level due to the partial diversion of the fish canal originating from Anchar Lake. He hoped that in this season, wetland shall remain in bloom by different migratory birds.

The DC was briefed about the works to be taken for its preservation including dredging and de-weeding.

On the occasion the DC gave necessary instructions to the concerned for preparing a holistic plan including

dredging and de-weeding adding that concrete steps need to be taken to preserve the wetland properly which is a habitat for thousands of migratory habitat for thousands of migratory birds and to maintain ecological bal-ance. During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Vice-Chairperson, DDC Ganderbal, Bilal Ahmad, Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, Tabelidar Tillawulls RDO and other Tehsildar Tullamulla, BDO and other

Armed Forces Flag Day celebrated at Town Hall Kupwara

DC Kupwara assures support for the welfare of widows, ex-servicemen

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KUPWARA, DECEMBER 07: The
District Administration Kupwara
today organised an impressive function at Town Hall Kupwara to commemorate Armed Forces Flag Day.
Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray presided over the function. Brigadier, TK Panth, CO 41 RR, Naval Gatti; Town Commander Lt. Col. Amit Manie; besides, Sanik Welfare Officer,

Ex servicemen, Widows of veterans and other concerned were pre the occasion. Addressing the function the DC said that Armed Forces Flas Day is celebrated to extend our grati-tude towards the supreme sacrifice of brave soldiers and pledge support for the welfare of our Brave-hearts and their families. He assured all possible support from the district administration for the welfare of the ex-servicemen and their wards.

Brigadier, CO and other speakers

Brigadier, CO and other speakers also spoke and highlighted the importance of Armed Forces Flag Day.

The Brigadier also highlighted various welfare schemes including health care and other initiatives of the Army for the welfare of the ex-servicemen, wildows of networks and their shill also. widows of veterans and their children.

Armed Forces Flag Day was also observed at various other locations of the district to commemorate the

DC Gbl conducts Surprise Inspection of various Govt. Offices

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 07: To
ensure punctuality of the employees in Govt. offices, the Deputy
Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal,
Shyambir today conducted a surprise inspection of various offices

functioning from Mini Secretariat
Complex Ganderbal.
The offices that were inspected
include Fund Office, Khad Village
(Labour Office, Education, Sheep
husbandry besides other offices.

all officials is done through Biometric. On the occasion, the DC also inspected the functioning of

During inspection, the DC these offices and gave necessary checked the attendances of these offices and gave strict directions to the DDOs to ensure attendance of offices. The DC said that the drive attendance of the desired of the will be held on a routine basis so that the punctuality of government employees is ensured

Institute of Social Defense, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India and Anugraha Regional Resource Training Center on Ageing, Delhi (RRTC Anugraha) in collab-oration with J&K Legal Services Authority and Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)

The programme was conducted in presence of Chairperson, DLSA (Pr. District & Session Judge) Bandipora, Amit Sharma and supervision of Secretary, DLSA Bandipora, Nusrat Ali Hakak.

The programme was inaugurated by Amit inaugurated by Sharma, Chairperson DLSA (Pr. District & Session Judge) Bandipora, along with Secretary, DLSA. Chairman, TLSC

(Munsiff) Sumbal, Bazila Bashir; SDM Sumbal, Bashir Ahmad Lone; SDPO Sumbal, Tehsildar Sumbal, SHO Sumbal, President Bar Association, Sumbal along with Bar Members and other Officers were also

present on the occasion. Chief Guest, Amit Sharma (Pr. District & Sharma (Pr. District & Sessions Judge) Bandipora delivered the inaugural address and said that the key objective of this program is to create awareness and sensitivity about various issues of senior citizens. issues of senior citizens

He said that senior citizens are increasingly facing zens are increasingly facing a variety of hardships in day to day life with respect to their basic life requirements including food, shelter, clothes, health problems, financial problems etc., mostly due to negligence and ill treatment of their

He advised the Judicial Parents and Senior Citizens Officers, Advocates and PLVs to address the basic PLVs to address the basic issues of elderly population including parents and senior citizens along with remedial measures within the mandate of this Act.

Earlier, Secretary DLSA delivered a welcome Earlier, Secretary DLSA delivered a welcome address and highlighted the importance of the programme. She said that the programme is aimed to create awareness about various issues of senior citizens and to propose the propose of the

to promote Intergenerational bonding and ageing with dignity.

and ageing with dignity.
She also made the gathering aware about the rights and facilities that are available to the Parents & Senior Citizens under this Act. She said such programmes would definitely change our perception of how we all

would definitely change our perception of how we all deal with this important sec-tion of our society. The programme was divided into four sessions. In the first session Adv. Aabid Hussain Malla acted as resource person and delivered a lecture on Maintenance and Welfare of

In the second session Adv. Nazia Parveen acted Citizens.

In the third and fourth

sessions, Adv. Irshad Ahmad laid emphasis on Ahmad laid emphasis on Inter-Generational Bonding and Ageing with Dignity and Adv. Tasleema Jan delivered a lecture on Awareness regarding Elder Abuse and how to stop it.

Vote of thanks was deliv ered by Chairperson, TLSC (Munsiff/JMIC), Sumbal.

The programme was attended by Panel Lawyers, Staff members of DLSA Bandipora and TLSC Sumbal, PLVs and other

IIM Jammu Management development programme for Chartered Accountants off to a positive start

JI NEWS SERVICE
07th Dec 2022 Jammu: Indian
Institute of Management (IIM)
Jammu in association with the
Institute of Chartered Accountants
of India (ICAI) organized a threeday management development resisdential program from 07th-09th Dec
2022 for the Chartered Accountants
of India at its Srinagar Off-Campus.
The main objective of this residential
management development programme is to help them acquire the
requisite knowledge of other functional areas to ensure their effectiveness in their managerial roles. 35
members of ICAI working across
various domains and in practice
from all over India are participating
in the three-day residential programme. The programme was formally inaugurated by CA (Dr). Raj
Chawla, Vice-Chairman, CMI&B,
ICAI Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM
Jammu said, "The programme
intends to hone the management,
leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills of Chartered
Accountants. The modules within
the programme are structured to
offer a good understanding of the
newest, and most relevant techniques and approaches in management that help in the development
of managerial and leadership skills
of these young professionals."

Speaking on the occasion, CA (Dr)
Raj Chavla, Vice-chairman, CMI&B ICAI said, "In a fast-changing world,
chartered accountants are increasingly assuming managerial responsibilities which demand enhanced
understanding of other business
functions including leadership &
effective interpersonal and communication skills, skills in domains of
marketing, strategy, change and cri-



sis management and ability to analyze business eco-system, the MDP will help to address and enhance the existing skillsets of the chartered accountants. I am confident that, the participants will not only become much more effective in their managerial roles by acquiring cross-functional perspectives."

The three-day management development residential programme sessions will feature interesting sessions by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics and other faculty of IIM Jammu. The programme Directors of this programme are Dr. Baljeet Singh, Assistant Professor, and CA Rajat Jain, FACAO, IIM Jammu. The programme commenced with the welcome address and introduction of the participants by Dr. Baljeet Singh and the introduction of the participants by CA Paramjeet Singh Bakshi, Finance and Accounts Officer, IIM Jammu. This was followed by a brief introduction of IIM Jammu by Dr. Muqbil Burhan,

Chairperson, Srinagar Off-Campus.
The programme will use extensive interactive experiential learning methods to meet its objectives. The programme highlights are classic approaches to leadership, self-management and leadership, developing organizational excellence, design thinking for sustainable growth, creating high-performance teams, crisis management, digital transformation using Al and emerging technologies, understanding business environment and competitive strategies, developing excellence through interpersonal communication and training, embracing transformational changes that technology and digitization will bring.
The various tools used to enhance learning shall include role-plays, case studies, individual and group exercises, theme-based discussions, and experience sharing. The programme will also include practitioner assisted to the participants at the end of the programme.

NEWS

Weekly Block Diwas held at 4 places in Doda district

DC, SSP assess services delivery at Tehsil office Bhella, PP Karara

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DODA, DECEMBER 07: Public
Outreach Programme was held
today at four places across District
Doda to listen to the issues and
grievances of the people under the veekly Block Diwas

The grievances redressal camps were held at Panchayat Chilli Bala, were held at Panchayat Chilli Bala, Sub Division Gandoh; Panchayat Ghar Ganotha, Sub Division Assar; Near Park Panchayat Trown, Block Bhalla, Sub District Bhaderwah; and Higher Secondary School Bhella, Sub Division Thathri.

Sub Division Thathri.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh
Paul Mahajan along with SSP, Abdul
Qayoom, BDC Chairperson Chiralla,
ACD, Dy Director Employment,
CMO, CEO and other District and
sectoral officers listened to the public grievances at Government Higher
Secondary School Bhella.
Earlier, the DC and SSP inspected

Earlier, the DC and SSP inspected Tehsil Office Bhella and Police Post Karara. They interacted with the staff and assessed the online and

staff and assessed the online and offline services delivery mechanism in the Tehsil Office and Police Post. They also visited Government Higher Secondary School Bhella and interacted with students and staff of the school.

Several public delegations, individuals besides PRI members pro

viduals besides PRI members pro-jected the local demands and prob-lems being faced by the public. The locals demanded early con-struction of Bhella to Panchai road; Widening and upgradation of Karara -Bhella road; Release of com-pensation in favour of land owners

of Thalela- Jagota Road; Receiving of Thalela- Jagota Road; Receiving Station for the area; Meeting out the shortage of Doctors and staff at PHC Bhella; Establishment of ATM and Bank branch in the area; Augmentation and repair of water supply schemes; Additional infrastructure for Government High School Chagoso and other schools; Augmentation of Transformer; Checking unscheduled power cuts. Augmentation of Transformer, Checking unscheduled power cuts and other related issues. The con-cerned officers were directed to address the genuine public griev-ances raised in the Block Diwas program today at an earliest.

The DC said that Block Diwas was The DC said that Block Diwas was aimed at getting first hand appraisal of the problems and developmental aspirations of the people. He informed that the District Administration has started a unique initiative 'Apka Tehsildar Apkey Gaon Mai' in which Tehsildars would visit one village on every Saturday to provide peessary serve. Saturday to provide necessary serv-ices and awareness to the public at

ices and awareness to the public at their doorsteps.

He called upon the field func-tionaries of different departments to work in close coordination to ensure prompt delivery of essential services especially during winter months. The DC encouraged the People to learn to avail Online Services for

efficient, transparent and corruption free governance.

free governance.

The DC assured people that their demands will be redressed on priority by mobilizing all available resources Hee also made public aware of special initiatives of

District Administration like Swach Gaon Sunder Gaon, Innovation Challenge, Know your Real Heroes, Talent haunt, School Prabhari scheme, Aap Ka Tehsildar Apkey Gaon Mai etc. At panchayat Trown, the camp was presided over by ADC

was presided over by ADC Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dil Mir. All bnaderwan Chowdnary Jil Mir. Ail
the sectoral officers of Sub District
Bhaderwah were present in the
camp where a large number of public and PRIs presented their
demands and issues which were disposed off giving directions to the
concerned authorities for the time
bound redressal bound redressal.

At Panchayat Chilli Bala, SDM At Panchayat Chilli Bala, SDM Arun Kumar Badyal interacted with the PRIs and the general public while at Panchayat Ganohta Tehsildar Assar addressed the gen-uine demands of the Public. At all designated locations, the daylong Block Diwas proceedings were wit nessed. Public and PRIs put forth a range of issues/ demands.

range of issues/ demands.

They demanded augmentation of water supply and electricity, macadamization of roads, meeting dearth of staff in schools and hospitals, upgradation of schools, banking facilities in rural areas, release of pending wages under MGNREGA etc.

The Presiding officers of the Block Diwas gave patient hearing to the issues and demands and directed the concerned officers to prepare a list of issues/grievances raised pertaining to their departments and resolve the same at an earliest.

ASCOMS holds 1st Dr. Ritu Gupta lecture in ASCOMS



JI NEWS SERVICE ASCOMS & Hospital and Dr. Ritu Gupta Ritu Foundation organized FIRST Dr. Ritu Gupta Lecture which was attend-

ed by a large number of faculty, staff and students. The Chief Guest on the The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Govt. of UT of J&K, Dr. Saleem-Ur-Rehman, Director Health Services, Jammu and Sh. D.K. Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS were the Guest of Honour. The other dis of Honour. The other dig-nitaries who attended the function were, Mr. Manik Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS, Mr. Bhisham Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS & Hospital, Dr. Ghanshyam Saini, Officiating Principal, GMC, Jammu, Dr. A. S. Bhatis, Principal Sami, Officiating Frincipal, GMC, Jammu, Dr. A.S.Bhatia, Principal, GMC, Rajouri, Dr. Noor Ali, Principal, GMC, Doda, Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Principal, IGDC, Jammu, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Prof &

Gupta, Father-in-Law of Late Dr. Ritu Gupta. The function started with the opening address

HOD, Ophthalmology,

GMC, Jammu, Dr. Abhishek Mahajan, IPS,

SSP, Samba, Sh. Babu Ram

of Dr. Geetika Gupta, Prof. & Head Physiology, ASCOMS & Hospital who said that Dr. Ritu Gupta was her teacher in GMC, Jammu. She was an epito-me of humbleness and

eagues. r. Pavan Malhotra

passionate medical teacher who was always prepared to help her students at any time. She said that the vac time. She said that the vac-uum created with her demise can never be filled but she will remain in the hearts of all students she taught and the friends and colleagues.

Dr. Pavan Malhotra while addressing the gath-ering said that this Lecture of series was conceived when Dr. Ritu Gupta passed away to keep her memories alive in medical academia of Jammu & Kashmir as she was dedi-cated, and, committed cated and committed teacher who would not leave any stone unturned for the progress in Physiology subject. He said that she left us on 7th said that she left us on 7th of September, 2022 and the Management of our Institution under the guid-ance of Mr. D.K.Batra, Secretary and Dr. Ritu Gupta Foundation decid-date legal by appropriate ed to keep her name alive and with this objective we have started the ongoing Lecture Series and this is the first one in sequence. He also threw light on the personal bonding which

he had with Dr. Ritu for a

Speaking on the occa-sion, Dr. A.S.Bhatia, Principal, GMC, Rajouri also expressed his association with Late Dr. Ritu Gupta when he was serv-Gupta when he was serv-ing in GMC, Jammu as Prof & HOD, Biochemistry where he always found her working very hard, smartly and with a smile on her face. He quoted "Kuch Zindagi Ko Aise Asaan Karliya, Kisise Mang Li Mafi Aur Kissi Ko Mosi Ken Disu", Iku Ko Maaf Kar Diva". He Ko Maaf Kar Diya". He also said that he is grateful to Dr. Pavan Malhotra for arranging this Lecture Series. He also appreciated the courage of Dr. Ravinder K Gupta for facing this grim situation very bravely and accepted this challenging situation. Dr. Urvi Daughter of Gupta, r. Ritu of Dr.

Daughter of Dr. Řítu Gupta also conveyed her feelings for her departed mother in the form of a wonderful and heart touching documentary which brought tears in the eyes everyone. Mr. Suresh Jandiyal, Brother-in-Law of Dr. Řítu Gunta also in of Dr. Ritu Gupta also in address thanked ASCOMS Management, Director Principal and the faculty members of ASCOMS for arranging

this Lecture in the loving memory of Late Dr. Ritu

memory of Late Dr. Ritu Gupta. Dr. Ashok Sharma, Prof & Head, Department of Ophthalmology, GMC, Jammu also expressed his feelings about the sad and unfortunate demise of Dr Ritu Gupta which left everyone in shock. He informed the audience that informed the audience that before her death, she had donated her both eyes which has brought light in the life two needy persons who happen to visit his department for the check Dr. Sharma gave a detail presentation/lecture on cornea transplant, need on cornea transplant, need for having an eye bank and proper handling of the donated eyes which was quite educative and encourage the masses for pledging to donate ayes. Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal in his

Director Principal in his Director Principal in his address thanked Sh. Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education for accepting the invitation. He paid his gratitude to him on behalf of family of Dr. Ritu Gupta. Dr. Malhotra also explained at length also explained at length about the 'Expiry of Drugs: A Myth or Fact" in his resentation which was presentation which was patiently heard by each and everyone present there. He also said that the idea on this presentation and selecting the topic of "Expiry of Drugs" came long back in his mind when a question was asked by Dr. Ritu Gupta, that what is expiry of drugs? and on what nd it is determi

He gave a brief account of Expiry of drugs and concluded with the concluded with the remarks that expired drugs do not become poi-

MANDIR GALA ROAD MISHAP

DC Rajouri meets injured at GMC&AH; Assures every possible support to victims

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, DECEMBER 07: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, visited Government Medical College in late hours to inquire about the con-dition of the persons injured in a bus accident at Mandir Gala of tehsil

Superintendent Dsitrict Hospital and other officers also accompanied the DC

during the visit.

The Station House Officer Kandi informed that an Eco vehicle bearing number IK 11D 4443 turned turtle near Mandir Gala resulting in injuries to

"Total 9 passengers were travelling in the ill fated vehicle," he added Medical Superintendent GMC Rajouri said that out of total nine patients referred to GMC Rajouri, one



was declared dead on arrival, one has been referred to GMC Jammu, and seven are undergoing treatment and are out of danger

with the injured, the

medical team to provide best possible treatment for their early recovery. Furthermore, he promised that the dis trict administration would provide all necessary assistance to the injured and the families of the deceased during

Development is the top priority of BJP: Vinay, Rekha

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, Dec 07: Bharatiya Janata Party (BIP) Senior leader and Seh-Prabhari BJP District North Jammu North Vinay Gupta along with Rekha Mahajan President BJP District Jammu South, Bharat Bhushan Vice Chairman Cantonment Board and Mandal President Gandhi Nagar kick-started the tile work kick-started the tile work in Cantonnent ward no.1 at Narwal pain Airport Road Jammu, this was the long pending demand of inhabitants of the area has been fulfilled.

While addressing the gathering, Vinay Gupta

gathering, Vinay Gupta said that the Central team led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is commit-Narendra Modi is commit-ted to the overall develop-ment of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir by giving equal stress on both rural as well as urban areas. Vinay as urban areas. Vinay expressed that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas' Sabka Paryas' as a result of which the party has been progressing by leaps and bounds with each passing day. He said that it is the



ground performance of the ground performance of the party and its Modi-led Govt at the Centre that speaks itself of the unprecedented pace of developmental works going on across the nation, especially in Jammu. While speaking on the occasion, Rekha Mahajan occasion, Rekha Mahajan said, that such developmental works shall be undertaken in each Ward of the Corporation so that there can be equal development of all the Wards. Rekha further appealed to the general public that JMC is trying its best to provide basic amenities to

the residents of Jammu the residents of Jammu city but for undertaking developmental works and maintaining better sanita-tion facilities, the residents have to come forward and join hands with JMC. Rekha asserted that several projects are underway al projects are underway to provide all basic amenities including better connectivity, safe drinking
water, and better sanitation to the people.
The residents of the
Ward present on the occasion appreciated the
efforts of BJP leaders and
assured them that they

assured them that they will extend their helping maintaining proper sanita-tion facilities and also while undertaking any kind of develor works in the Ward

Works in the Ward.

Vinay and Rekha also interacted with the locals and listened to the area's developmental issues. They asked locals to identify the developmental needs of their area so that the works can be enlisted the works can be enlisted for execution by the con-cerned departments on priority. They said that regular monitoring is also being done to ensure no lapses. Vinay and Rekha also stressed upon locals to avail of benefits under varavail of benefits under var-ious flagship welfare schemes and programs launched by the central Governments. Prominent Governments. Prominent
among others Sr.Hardev
Singh ex-Vice Chairman
Cantonment Board,
Narinder Koki, Vinod
Sharma, Shanti Swaroop
Bakshi, Ramesh Gupta, Mohit Raina, Pawan Raina, Naresh Kumar, Meetu Sharma, Ashwani Kumar, Dev Raj and othe

Jal Shakti Deptt invites people to avail online services

JAMMU, DECEMBER 07: Jal Shakti a host of services on the Single Window System Portal for all the Urban and Rural areas of the Jammu

The public can avails service of Obtaining Water Connection (Domestic); Obtaining Water Connection (Commercial) and NOC for extraction of Ground Water be accessed through the link

All the applications for these services will only be received in the online

https://singlewindow.jk.gov.in/infor mation wizard.

Sorry State of Education in Kmr: 5 out of 10 CEO positions vacant; several key positions headless

'12 positions of ZEOs also vacant in Valley'

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SRINAGAR: The School Education Department (SED) is grappling with problem of filling key vacant posts in Kashmir that includes five out of 10 positions of Chief Education Officer (CEO) continue to remain vacant which is affecting the academic and administrative functioning in the districts.

Official figures available with the news agency, suggest that there are around five out of 10 positions of CEOs, five out of 10 positions of Principal District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) are lying vacant in Eashmir division.

"Some vacant positions are manned by other equivalent rank officers while in some districts the department is completely headless," an official said.

As per the official figures the post of CEO Baramulla, Bandipora, Anantnag, Pulwama and Srinagar are lying vacant in Kashmir.

Also the post of DIET Principal in Sopore (Baramulla), Bandipora, Ganderbal, Kupwara and Kulgam district is lying vacant as well.

"The CEO Baramulla who retired in November ending was holding four positions at a time. Besides CEO Baramulla he was given additional charge of CEO Bandipora, DIET Principal Baramulla and Bandipora as well," an official said, adding that CEO Ganderbal is manning the post of CEO Srinagar as his additional assignment.

The official figures also reveal that around 12 posi-

assignment. The official figures also reveal that around 12 posi-tions of Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs) are also lying vacant in Kashmir.

acant in Kashmir.
The vacant positions at district and zonal level has addy hit the routine functioning of the department hile the department has not taken any step to fill between the contraction.

while the department has not taken any steep to authe vacancies.

"The government recently shifted the academic session from November to March and several decisions are to be taken at district and zonal level for smooth implementation of the government order. But 50 percent districts are without heads," the official said.

Notably, the government has kept the post of Chairman JK Board of School Education (BOSE) and Director SCERT vacant as well.

A top official in the administrative department said they were collecting vigilance clearance of the candidates for their appointment as CEOs.

"The CEO positions will be filled after getting vigilance clearance of these candidates," he said, adding that the government is also working on appointment of Chairman JKBOSE and Director SCERT as well. KNO

Man-Animal Conflict: 241 people die, around 3000 injured since 2006 in Valley

'7 die, 42 injured this year'

Y die, 42 in jureu t SRINAGAR: Kashmir's human-wildlife conflict has become extremely ghastly and gruesome with Himalayan black bears and leopards increasingly prey-ing on young children and elderly especially in North-ern districts.

elderly especially in North-ern districts.

The man-animal conflict has seen a steep rise with more cases being reported from across the valley with each passing day and sever-al persons, mainly children have lost their lives in this conflict

Asper the official data available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), from 2006 fill ending July 2022, 241 persons have died and 2,946 persons have been injured in man-animal conflict. Officials believe that the reasons behind the rise in the incident of the conflict are increase in the human

were reported. and Kashmir is working
"In 2014-15, 11 deaths and
189 injuries were reported. and Kashmir is working
to ensure minimum mananimal conflict incident,

population, habitation degradation, rise in stray dogs and LoC fencing.

The data reveals that in 2006-07, 18 persons have died and 134 persons have den injured in humananimal conflict in Kashmir Valley, "In 2007-08, 15 persons lost their lives and 141 were injured. In 2008-09, 22 persons died and 123 persons died and 183 persons died and 183 persons were injured and in 2010-11, 24 persons lost their lives and 306 were injured in human-mind and 1501-11, an

protection of endangered species besides hunting of birds. "The department is

"The department of the facing several challenges in J&K but the main challenge is man-animal conflict as bear and leopards are moving to residential areas in Kashmir, while snakes are found in houses in Jammu due to urbaniza-tion," said a wildlife offition," said a wildlife offi-cial. He said that poaching incidents have decreased but as migratory birds arrive in Kashmir mostly in winter people start hunt-ing.

in winter people start nunting.

"We have devised a strategy with the help of police and forest protection force to stop such incidents," he said. The official said that education and training activities at different levels have been initiated like schools and colleges so as to create awareness. KNO

Encounter breaks out in South Kashmir's Shopian

SHOPIAN: After a gap of around seventeen days, gunfight has started in South Kashmir's Shopian district.

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An encounter broke out between security forces and militants at Wathoo, Shirmal village of south Kashmir's Shopian district on Wednesday evening

An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a joint of team of police, Army and CRPF after receiving information about the presence of militants launched search operation in the area.

He said that as the joint team of forces intensified searches towards the suspected spot, hiding militants fired upon the party, which was retaliated, triggering an encounter. The official said that operation is going on while two militants are believed to be trapped. The officials said that uperation has been put on halt for the night while all cordon layers are inteat and lights teat and installed. Pertinently, there was no encounter in South Kashmir in last 17 days.

in last 17 days.
On 20 November, a hybrid militant Sajad Tantray of
Shirpora Frisal Kulgam who was taken for identification of
hideout as per police got killed in militant firing in Check I
Dadoo area of Marhama area of Anantnag district.
On November 11, a non-local militant identified as
Kamran Bhai alias Anees of JeM was killed in Kaprin
area of Shoplan. KNO

Kulgam student predicts accurate weather; earns huge followers on social media

KULGAM: An 18-year-old boy from Kulgam has emerged as an independent weatherman, predicting accurate weather forecast in Jammu and Kashmir.

Adil Mir from Ashmuji area of Kulgam who is pursuing Bachelor of science (B.Sc) degree at a Srinagar college aspires to become an independent weatherman.

Speaking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that he said that since 2018, he started using social media and started forecasting on basis of different weather models.

"I was student of class 10th when I met Director MeT
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Sonam Lotus which ignited a passion of becoming weatherman and he suggested me that how to read different weather
models and forecast," he said.
"My family has been very supportive and I have kept all
equipment including jatopu, phone and other things so as
to forecast the weather," he said.
"I am monitoring international weather models like

equipment incuding laptop, prione and other things so as to forecast the weather," he said.

"I am monitoring international weather models like Global Forecast System, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, Icosahedral Nonhydrostatic) and Global Environmental Multiscale Model also some satellites, local weather apps," he said claiming that his weather forecasting has around 70-90 percent accuracy. His accurate forecasting has earned him huge followers on social media such as Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp, "During free time in college I am updating the forecast, it gives me happiness to inform people about weather," he skd. "I believe youth must follow their passion in letter and spirit and I am sure they will reach their goal if they are hardworking and dedicated," he said. KNO

Minor girl drowns to death in Jhelum in Bandipora village

JIII. HAJIN: A Vyear-old gird drowned to death in the River Jhelum in Banyari village of north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Wednesday. An official told the news agency, that the girl identified as Zehrish Tariq daughter of Tariq Ahmad Dar of Jadalpora Banyari drowned in the River Jhelum. He said after completing medico-legal formalities, the body was handed over to her family for last rites. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident. KNO

Unidentified body recovered near Srinagar's Budshah bridge

SRINAGAR: An unidentified body was recovered on the banks of river Jhelum near Budshah bridge in Lalchowk area of Srinagar last evening, reports said here in Wednes-

area of Srinagar last evening, reports said here in Wednes-day.

Reports reaching the news agency said that locals spotted the unidentified semi-decomposed body lying on the banks of river Jhelum near Budshah bridge.

They said the locals subsequently informed the local police and the body was later recovered.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident. KNO

Police attaches property falling within ambit of proceedings against militancy in Awantipora

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashnir Police on Wednesday claimed to have attached the property at Danak Mohala Khrew area of Awantipora falling within the ambit of proceedings against militancy.

A police spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that on 19-20 August 2021, Police in Awantipora received an information through reliable sources regarding presence of a group of militants in the 30-30 cm. Admad Najar son of Gh Moha through reliable sources regarding presence of a group of militants in the 30-30 cm. Admad Najar son of Gh Moha to carry out of 10-30 cm. Accordingly, a joint cordon and search operation when the cordon was being laid, the hiding militants fired indiscriminately upon the operational party with the intent to kill the Police/Security forces. The fire was effectively retaliated leading to an encounter, police said.

"During the gun battle, the militants by taking advantage of darkness managed to shift into the house of Ghulam Nail Najar son of Gh Mohd Najar resident of Danak Mohalla Khrew, which is located adjacent to the initial target house. Subsequently the militants were zeroed down and again the fire fight crupted between the Police/SFs and hiding militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants." From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter, 02 dead bodies of slain militants, which led successful elimination of 02 militants. From the site of encounter

5 years on, Indoor Sports Stadium Shopian awaits completion

SHOPIAN: Even after elapsing around five years, the indoor sports stadium at Arhama area of South Kashmir's Shopian is awaiting completion due to which sports players feel dejected.

dejected.
Players from different
villages of the area said that
they were very much hopeful that by enhancing the
sports infrastructure in the sports infrastructure in the area, youth will get engaged in different sports activities and will remain away from drugs, however, after completion of around five years, the project seems nowhere near completion.

They said since the begin-

ning, the construction work is going at snail's pace due to which whole sports lovers besides players are discouraged. The project was given a deadline of 2 years, however, five years have now passed but the project is yet to get completed, Rout Ahmad, a local resident said. He said that if the stadium is completed it will prove beneficial for budding talented players besides helping in keeping youth away from drug addiction.

Asif Ahmad, a social

addiction.

Asif Ahmad, a social activist of the area said that our valley is facing the nuisance of drug addic-

tion which is due to lack of recreational opportunities given to our youth and such projects are very important to keep them away from drugs.

He said that indoor sports lovers are facing problems

times but so far nothing has changed on ground. They once again request-ed authorities to complete

ed authorities to complete this project at an earliest so that youth can get involved in sports activities and won't fall prey to drugs. Pertinently the project is being executed by JKPCC with an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore.

Meanwhile, officials said that 99 percent of the work

He said that indoor sports lovers are facing problems as authorities have failed to complete the stadium in the area. In winters, such an infrastructure can prove very beneficial for the youth of Shopian where addiction rate is high, he said Sports lovers said that they have brought this issue to the notice of concerned authorities hundreds of

FROM THE FRONT PAGE..

Improving the quality...

Terming Community involvement key to revitalize and rejuvenate the cities, the Lt Governor said, with the help of people we can create healthy cities, create incentives for Swachh Abhiyan, protect natural assets and strengthen transportation, water and utility infrastructure.

The Lt Governor shared the vision of the government for urban rejuvenation and the efforts being made to achieve three goals- Sustainability, Efficiency and creation of a Vibrant Society. To realize these goals, community must come together along with development in different sphere such as mobility, economy, environment and governance in an integrated manner, he added.

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We have to add value to the potential of Jammu city, its tradition, heritage, culture, uniqueness and how it can grow economically, he added.

Improving the quality of life of every citizen is the prime objective of the administration. We have to increase capacity of Jammu City to serve the citizens, preserve environment, make public services efficient, boost local economy, create opportunities for public-private partnership and add value to City's growth potential, its tradition, heritage, culture and uniqueness, said the Lt Governor.

Underscoring the significance of public participation in development process, the Lt Governor said, the power of Jan Bhagidari will shape the future of our socio-economic growth. At the same time there should be a balance of rights and duties of citizens to spur overall development with basic facilities, employment opportunities and maintenance of resources, he added.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the unprecedented work being done in Jammu and Kashmir in the last three contric googn people sentic googn people contric googn people contricts on any in Jammu. This financial year's hudget of frictic capex quity in Jammu. This financial year's hudget of

Last year, record 3506 projects were completed in district capes only in Jammu. This financial year's budget of Jammu district capes has been increased to Rs 1442 crore as compared to Rs 700 crore in the last financial year, it was informed.

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The Lt Governor also reiterated the government's commitment to fulfil the resolution of making Jammu and Kashmir fear-free, corruption-free society.

The elevation of the main building has been kept depicting "Dogra Heritage & Culture" in blend with the architecture of the surrounding Heritage buildings. The facility will provide parking space for nearly 400 vehicles, significantly decongesting traffic in the adjoining area of Jammu city by the control parking space for a narking.

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Sh Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, on the occasion appreciated the completion of Multi-Level Parking and observed that the facility shall ease the traffic situation in the area. He further said that JMC is now focussing on soild waste management in addition to sanitation and enforcement activities.

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Forces and their families, the Lt Governor said the Flag Day is an opportunity for all of us to express gratitude and solidarity with brave armed forces personnel.

I salute the courage and dedication of our soldiers and acknowledge with gratitude their valour and service to our country, said the Lt Governor

On the occasion, the Lt Governor appealed to all citizens to contribute generously to Armed Forces Flag Day fund and serve the noble cause of welfare of soldiers, the exservicemen and their families.

Later, Director Sainik Welfare Department briefed the Lt Governor on the endeavours made and initiatives taken up by the Department for the welfare of Veterans, Veer Naris, their dependents and serving Armed Forces personnel.

Col JS Randhawa(Rtd.); Col BS Sambyal(Rtd.); Col JS Jamwal(Rtd.); Col MS Bhau(Rtd.); Col SA Sasla(Rtd.); Sh Tarsem Chand; Smt Rajni; Smt Jyoti Magotra; Smt Nisha; Ms Alpi Mahajan were present on the occasion.

'180 militants...

"In this regard a case has been registered in Shergari Police Station, Srinagar," he added. He futher said the government has taken several steps to protect the lives of people including media persons from threats and attacks as under proactive security arrange-ments security grid which includes Police, Army, CAPF and intelligence agencies remain deployed across J&K to and intelligence agencies remain deployed across J&K to thwart any threat or attempt at the hands of militants or their handlers—(KNO)

'3K govt jobs...

employees engaged or being engaged in different depart-

"Out of 6000 transit accommodations, construction of 1025 units have been completed or substantially completed," he

He added the Government has reimbursed monthly cash relief to the Kashmiri migrants at Rs 3250 per person subject to a ceiling of Rs 13000 per family.

"No fresh migrant has been registered in the last five years, the enhancement of cash relief to Kashmiri migrants is considered from time to time on the recommendation of the government of Union Territory," he added—(KNO)

Fields along...

villages of Rajouri district and Balakote forward, Dhrati, Baruti villages of Poonch district too narrated the same story—(KNO)

PM Modi addresses...

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Parmed Forces Flag...

Paying tributes to the Bravehearts of Armed Forces and saluting the bravery and selfless service of the Defence

democratic values. The Prime Minister also recalled the 75% vote share that the Vice President had gathered in the Vice Presidential Elections which was proof of everyone's affinity towards him. The Prime Minister remarked, "Taking the lead is the real definition of leadership and it becomes more important in the context of Raiya Sabha because the House has the responsibility of taking forward democratic decisions in a more refined manner."

Referring to the responsibilities enshrined upon its members to uphold and enhance the dignity of this House, the Prime Minister said that the house has been a conductor of the country's great democratic heritage and has also been its strength. He further highlighted that many former Prime Ministers ever dea Raiya Sabha members at some point in time. The Prime Minister assured the members that under the guidance of the Vice President, this House will lack forward its legacy and dignity. "Serious democratic discussions in the House will give more strength to our pride as the mother of democracy", he added.

In concluding the address, the Prime Minister recalled the last session where the phraseology and rhymes of the former Vice President and former Chairman were a source of happiness and laughter for the members. "I am sure that former Vice President and former Chairman were a source of happiness and laughter for the members." I am sure that wour quick-witted nature will never let that shortcoming slip away and you will continue to give that benefit to the House", the Prime Minister reconcluded.(CNS)

Study leaves being...

Administration Department without adhering to the other relevant parameters. Burther, it has been observed that the provision related to maintenance of leave reserve quota is also being violated from time to time. The matter has been viewed seriously by the authorities," the circular said. Accordingly, it is impressed upon all Administrative Secretaries/ Heads of the Department/Managing Directors of all PSUS/Corporations to strictly adhere to the rules/

retaries/ Heads of the Department/Managing Directors of all PSUS/Corporations to strictly adhere to the rules/conditions prescribed for sanctioning study leaves and recommend only such cases to the General Administration Department which are within the leave reserve adjusted for vacancies in their Department(s). Any violation in this regard shall be dealt strictly under rules/norms—(KNO)

CBK files challan...

in league with his mother and father and misrepresented the actual facts before the ICICI insurance Company and illegally and fraudulently extracted an amount of Rs 4.27 lacs as insurance claim of one of his policies by producing his fake death certificate, "it reads.

It further reads after receiving one insurance claim, the accused executed another two policies for Rs. 52 Lacs and produced another death certificate of Road Traffic Accident in Boxibia!

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"During the course of investigation, it was established that the accused had not died in the road accident anywhere and has managed fake death certificates to avail the insurance amount and has shown him as dead twice, but the fact is that the accused Taveen Hussain Shah is still allue," it

It reads the offences were proved against him and the challan was produced in the court of law—(KNO)

DGP sanctions...

The welfare loan sanctioned to the Police personnel is refundable and is recovered in monthly installments from their salaries without any interest, however welfare relief sanctioned is non-refundable. The welfare loan/relief has been sanctioned out of the Central Police Welfare Fund.
Police Headquarters under different welfare schemes is providing financial assistance to all the ranks serving/retired of Jammu and Kashmir Police and to serving SPOs. Financial support to the families & wards of Martyr Police personnel and wards of martyr SPOs is also taken care of by the Police Headquarters.

Dulloo reviews status of Farmers' Produce Organizations of Kashmir division

'CBBOs and FPOs have to play their role in doubling farmers' income

II NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DECEMBER 07: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review the progress of Famers Produce Organizations (FPOs) of Kashmir

Secretary in APD, representatives of MD NCDC, MD Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium, MD Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India, New Delhi, Director General india, New Deini, Director General Planning (APD), Director Finance (APD), representatives of NABARD), Director Sheep Husbandry Kashmir, MD, JK Agro Industries Development Corporation, Director Horticulture Kashmir, Director Foriculture Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Fisheries (BK, Chief Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Fisheries J&K, Chief Executives of FPOs and other con-cerned attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

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During the meeting, the heads of several FPOs from the Kashmir division presented an overview of their respective organizations viz product, membership, shareholders, trainings, preparation of business plans etc.



They also informed the meeting about the farmers registered with their FPOs, turnover, funding, and imple-mentation etc of the FPOs.

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The meeting held a threadbare discussion of all the aspects of FPOs and their functioning while the ACS also received several inputs from the FPOs, schemes implementation and future

While taking the review of Cluster While taking the review of Cluster-Based Business Organizations wise (CBBOs), Dulloo asked the CBBOs and IAs (Implementing Agencies) to lend their support to FPOs while also moti-vating farmers to contribute the equity. He asked the officers to also focus on

the wool sector and milk sector as there is a lot more need to be done in these fields and FPOs should be guided with these sectors having im

cerned to keep monitoring this pro-gramme and review the progress of FPOs and facilitate these FPOs in the best possible way to get desired results

He added that CBBOs and FPOs have to play their role in doubling farmers' income for which there is a need for CBBOs to mobilize small and marginal farmers to join the FPC

NIT Srinagar wins finals of All India Inter-NIT **Faculty, Staff Cricket Tournament**

Director, Registrar NIT Srinagar extends greetings to entire team

Srinagar, Dec 07: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Wednesday defeated NIT Uttarakhand by 26 runs in the finals of All India Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff Cricket Tournament at Visvesvarya National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagpur

The tournament was hosted by VNIT Nagpur and 20 NITs from across India participated in the mega event.

Earlier after winning the toss, NIT Uttarakhand decided to field first. On a tough surface, NIT Srinagar started well and scored 125/8 in 20 allotted

While chasing the target, shaky start and lost their 5 wickets quickly during the Powerplay and Powerplay and were even-tually bundled out for 99 in

18.2 overs.
For NIT Srinagar, Captain Faisal Irshad (Dy Registrar Administration) played a vital knock of 36 and was the top scorer from the side. While Sohail Baba scored 22 runs and Dr. Majid contributed with a quickfire 17 off 9 balls in end.

In the bowling depart-ment, Mustafa Zargar took 3 wickets in his 4 Overs conceding only 13 runs. Mohsin Shabir and Dr. Shakeel Waseem also chipped in with 2 wickets



Registrar Administration was declared the best bats man of the tournament and Dr. Shakeel Waseem was declared best bowler of the

tournament.

Director NIT Srinagar,
Prof. (Dr) Rakesh Sehgal
congratulated the entire
cricket team for achieving
the extraordinary feat of
winning the prestigious one extraordinary feat of winning the prestigious tournament. He said NIT Srinagar dominated the tournament by remaining unbeaten throughout and reaching the finals, where it showcased top-class sporting spirit against strong opposition.

ing spirit agains and opposition. Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari extended his greetings to NIT Srinagar's cricket team for winning the final of the Inter-NIT Faculty and Staff Cricket Tournament. "NIT Srinagar team played exceptional cricket and they made our institute proud.



r the match. Captain Faisal Irshad (Dv

Our team bounced back from tough situations dur-ing the entire and won the finals. Congrats to the entire team," he said. Zargar was declared man of the match.

entire team, 'he said.

Team manager Dr. Abdul
Liman congratulated the
whole team and thanked
Prof M A Tantray for supporting and sponsoring the
team kits. Captain Faisal
Irshad (Dy Registrar
Administration) expressed
his grafitude to Director
NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr)
Rakesh Sehgal, and
Registrar Prof. Syed Kaiser
Bukhari for their consistent
support and motivation
during the entire tournament.

nent. "We are thankful to each We are thankful to each and every faculty member, non-faculty members, staff members, Department of Physical Education, Electrical Division, Security and sanitation wings for supporting the team," he said.

Prof. MA Tantray for spon-soring the uniform kits for the NIT Srinagar team and

Team manager Prof. Abdul Liman for his consistent ce during the mega

"NIT Nagpur had organ-ized the event beautifully and we thank them for hosting this mega event. During the matches every NIT was supporting each other to make the event a

other to make the event a grand success," he said. The NIT Srinagar Cricket team was led by Captain Faisal Irshad (Dy Registrar A d ministration), Dr.Tanveer Rasool, Dr. Pankai Kumar. Sobail Dr.Tanveer Rasool, Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Sohail Ahmad Baba, Aqib Ahmad (Jr. Asst), Mohammad Hazik (Asst. Registrar Legal and PIO), Tanveer Hussain, Mohammad Asif, Dr. Shakeel Waseem, Dr Maiid Hussain, Dr Majid Hussain, Li. Mohsin, Mustafa Zargar, Mushtaq Ahmad Shabir Mustafa.

while as Prof. Abdul Liman, Dean and Students Welfare (Manager), and Abdul Hamid Dar /S---Technical

Police Notice To Suspended BJP MLA Raia **Singh For Objectionable Online Post**

Hyderabad (Telangana): The Mangalhat police in Hyderabad has Mangalhat police in Hyderabad has issued a show cause notice to suspended Bhartiya Janata Party MLA, T Raja Singh, for violating court-set norms after the BJP leader was found making provocative remarks against other sel other religions despite a warning. The Telangana High Court and the

Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, had ordered invocation of the Preventive Detention Act against the suspended lawmaker for habitually suspended lawmaker for habitually delivering provocative and inflammatory speeches, as per the notice issued by the Police Department on Tuesday. It has been alleged that Raja Singh on November 25, posted in Hindi on social media that loosely translates to, "Akbar had Anarkali walled un because there was no walled up because there was no fridge at that time. Even after years only their method has changed, not their mindset". Raja Singh was referring to the Delhi case in which Aaftaab Poonawala murdered and butchered his live-in partner Shraddha Walker into 35 pieces.

According to the Mangalhat police

show cause notice, "You have posted the photo under an objectionable caption targeting a particular com-munity, which is a violation mentioned in the condition imposed by the High Court'

The order also mentions anothe The order also mentions another post by Singh on December 6, which translated from Hindi, said: "Tribute to the martyrs' Ram Kothari and Sharad Kothari, and people who sacrificed their lives in Karseva on the day of bravery! Millions of salutes to all those Karsevaks on whose foundation of sacrifice, the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya is

taking shape with full grandeur". While disposing of a writ petition

involving Raja Singh, the high court in its order had stated, "In future, thes ower now stated, 'In tuture, the detaince shall not make any provocative speeches against any religion or post any derogatory or offensive posts on any social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, "Hence, you are hereby instructed to give your reply within two dave

to give your reply within two days from the receipt of this notice that why action can't be initiated against why action can't be initiated against you for violating the conditions imposed by the Hon'ble High Court". "Failure to comply with the terms of this notice can render you liable for taking legal action", the

notice further reads.

Speaking on behalf of MLA Raja Singh, Advocate K Karunasagar while talking to the media stated, "Two notices have been issued to MLA Raja Singh by Mangalhat

Awareness programme on MWPSC ACT held for police functionaries at Raiouri

RAIOURI, DECEMBER 07: A one and Senior Citizens Act (MWPSC Act) for police functionaries was organised today by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in Rajouri, in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Justice and the Institute of Social Justice and the Anugraha Regional Resource and Training Centre on Ageing.

Sub-Judge and Secretary DLSA Rajouri, Wajahat Hussain Kazmi, was the chief guest at the program. The programme was divided into four sessions. In the first session, Advances, Eshert All, and served as a contract of the cont

Advocate Shoket Ali acted as a resource person and delivered a lec-ire on the features and significance the MWPSC Act.

In the second session of the pro-gram, a social activist, Pariksha

and laid emphasis on different contours of the act.

In the third session of the program, Advocate Tarun Vasson delivered a lecture and highlighted the impor-tance of the MWPSC Act. Similarly, in the 4th and final session, Advocate Shivangi Kant acted as a resource person and delivered a lecture on the salient features of the Act.

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While addressing the event, the
Sub Judge Secretary, DLSA Rajouri,
gave an overview of the MWPSC Act
and advised the police officers to help
the senior citizens in their respective areas within the mandate of the said Act. Highlighting the salient features of the act, he said that the MWPSC Act was enacted to ensure that par-ents and senior citizens are given basic amenities so that they don't face any inconveniences. He further said

visions for the maintenance and wel-fare of parents and senior citizens. The Sub Judge (Secretary DLSA) said that with increasing age, older persons become dependent. In addition to the health issues,

they are also subjected to different forms of abuse, like emotional, physiological, financial, and verbal

He also maintained that the Act He also maintained that the Act makes it mandatory for children or legal heirs to provide the basic ameni-ties to their parents or grandparents (or senior citizens), and maintenance tribunals have been established to ensure the implementation of the law

The Secretary of DLSA also highlighted a number of measures being ignited a number of measures being taken by the government for the wel-fare of the elderly and urged the par-ticipants to educate the general public about various provisions of the act.

Central Zone JKNC delegation meets Dr Faroog Abdullah

JAMMU, DEC 07: A gation of Central Zone. mmu Kashmir National e under the lead. ership of Zonal President Babu Rampaul met Dr Farooq Abdullah, who was President, at his residence.
The delegation members congratulated Dr. Farooq Abdullah on his re-election Dr Abdullah asked the

Central Zone office bearers to get ready to face the forthcoming Assembly elec-tions. He asked them to

reach out to the masses at all levels and garner support for the party. He further asked them to strengthen the communal harme the continuital narmony in the society and defeat the divisive forces. Provincial President Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta was also present

who were part of the delegation included Dr Vikas Sharma, Sham Lal Mehra, S. Surjeet Singh Sasan, Raia

Maharashtra has never been so embarrassed: Sanjay Raut calls border row 'Delhi's conspiracy'

MUMBAI: Amid the escalating border issue between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Sania Raut on Wednesday alleged Centre's hand behind the attack on Maharashtra vehicled in Belagavi and said the attack is not possible with-out New Delhi's support. Questioning the silence of those who joined Eknath those who joined Eknath Shinde to topple the Uddhav-led government, Raut said indeed a 'revolu-tion' took place three months ago – the game of months ago - the game of ending Marathi self-esteem by breaking the

backbone "Without Delhi's support, Maharashtra vehicle Maharashtra vehicles and people cannot be attacked in Belgaum. The attacks are part of the same conspiracy. Get up Marathis!" he tweeted.

On Tuesday, trucks from

Maharashtra were stopped and attacked in



Belagavi on the border of the two states following which the Maharashtra which the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation suspended its bus services to Karnataka. "A call to resume services will be taken after a clear-ance from police about the safety and security of the passengers and the buses," a government official said. a broadside against the attack in Belagavi, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) workers claimed to have painted four Karnataka buses in with Maharashtra'

Maharashtra'. The escalation prompted Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai to speak to Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis. It has been

agreed that both states would maintain peace but no state has changed their stance regarding the claim on the border the claim on the border villages which are at the centre of the dispute. Bommai recently sought a merger of "Kannada-speaking" areas in Maharashtra's Akkalkot and Solapur and had

also said some villages in Jat taluka in Sangli district wanted to join the southern state. "Since there is a harm nious relationship between the people of both the states, however, there is no change in our stand as far as the Karnataka border is concerned. And the legal battle will be pursued in Supreme court," tweeted

Devendra Fadnavis urged Maharashtra peo-ple to not react and said he will speak with Union home minister Amit Shah.

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1. Replacement of CI pipe 150 mm dia from 2.00 lac gallons OHT Gangyal to welding workshop by M.Spipe 150 mm dia Gravity main feeding to Deshmesh Nagar and adjoining area under UT Capex.

- 2. Improvement of water supply of Masjid Mohalla near Police line at Channi Rama under UT Capex
- 3. Improvement/ Construction of Manifold at Mahant Manjeet Singh under UT Capex
- 4. Improvement and Extension of water supply of Shanker Nagar near the House of Mantoo CE including near K.C Hundai at Channi Rama under UT Capex.
- 5. Improvement of water supply of Lane near House No 111 Sector C Sainik Colony under UT cape 6. Improvement/ providing water supply to the houses 23,24 and others Sector E Sainik Colony under WSS Sainik
- Colony under UT Capex. 7. Laying of GI pipe line for providing water supply to Haji Sadiq Ali and others at Madina market Mohalla Karyani
- Narwal Baba under UT Cape 8. Improvement/providing water supply to the Houses 388-389 and others Sector C Sainik Colony under WSS Sainik
- 9. Providing water supply 1.00 lac gallons GSR Nowabad along nallah side Palli Hall in Bathindi under UT Capex.
- 10. Replacement of water supply to Sector 2 Model Town by way of laying of pipes from Model Town Tube well to Sector 2 in H.S.Bali lane and Jarnail Singh Lane in Model Town under UT Capex. 11. Laying of pipe from providing drinking water supply to the Envorinment Park Reika under MH 5425 Capital
- Outlay on other scientific research

Ref: - This office E NIT No 74 of 2022-23

CORRIGENDUM

Due to poor response this office E-NIT NO PHEC/II/74 of 2022-23 is hereby extended upto 09.12.2022 at 4.00 PM and tender shall be opened on 10.12,2022 at 3 PM. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged NO: PHEC/II/ 4860-75

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

JINDRAH MAGES

Maintain a close tab on progress of infra projects

ecently, it came to fore that 27 mega projects of the central government worth Rs 150 crore and above each have recorded over 72 percent cost overrun while jumping their respective deadlines up to 20 years in Jammu and Kashmir. It sounds quite surprising as well as shocking that infrastructural development has remained a casualty in the Union Territory because of law and order problems and administrative red tape. In conflict-ridden Jammu and Kashmir where terror and gun culture overshadow all development activities, seldom a project has been completed within the stipulated timeframe. The report on central sector projects reveals that 27 projects having original cost of Rs 47,696.67 crore had been facing cost overrun of 72 percent as they are now expected to be completed with an anticipated cost of Rs 82,076.18 crore. Out of these projects, nine projects with original execution cost Rs 16,439.47 crore have been facing time overrun ranging from eight months to 247 months (more than 20 years) and the anticipated execution is now Rs 50,951.73 crore. At-least 13 projects with original cost of Rs 1,000 crore and above each had been witnessing a cost overrun of 82.31 percent. These projects were expected to be completed with an original cost of Rs 41,767.84 crore which has now been revised to Rs 76.147.35 crore. Four such projects have missed deadlines by 4 years to 20 years. To the utter dismay of an ordinary citizen of Jammu and Kashmir, authorities have never bothered to fix the accountability and responsibility for the failure of executing agencies for inordinate delay in execution of these projects. They have not been penalized for jumping deadlines, one after another, while cost escalation went up by several times. There was a need to fix responsibility for all lapses that led to delay in timely completion of these projects. For instance, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link, one of the biggest projects in the construction of a mountain railway since independence, has been delayed by more than 20 years, resulting in cost overrun of over Rs 34,500 crore. The original cost of the project was just Rs 2,500 when it was approved in March 1995 but the cost of the project has escalated to Rs 37,061.06 crore with expected date of commissioning in April 2023. In this particular case, successive regimes, including recent dispensation, have not taken any action against any officials for a delay of 20 years. Similar is the case of the establishment of AIIMS at Awantipora in Kashmir. The project was approved with an estimated cost of Rs 1828 crore in March 2019 but the executing agency has spent just Rs 303 crore till date. Had the government kept a close tab on the progress of these projects, cost as well as time overrun could have been avoided. A well-devised mechanism should be put in place to ensure that a constant watch is maintained on all major projects to ensure that they are completed within stipulated time. It will not only help in building infrastructure on time but also reinforce the faith of common people in the efficiency of

Dragon throws its weight around in the sea

Did India ever provoke China or the USA in the Indian Ocean? Never. It's always been the other way around. India has never expressed any wish to make the Indian Ocean her 'backyard'. In contrast, the CPC-PLA duo claims monopoly and irreversible ownership of the choppy South China Sea.

Abhijit Bhattacharyya

To Too long ago, when the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the People's Liberation Army (PLA) thundered that "the Indian Ocean isn't India's backyard", the West maintained a stoic silence. Again, when the USA followed suit and said that "the Indian Ocean isn't India's Ocean", the West and its spearhead, the USA, have woken up to realise their folly as China is spreading its wings simultaneously in the Indian Ocean Region and the Indo-Pacific waterfront, from Dijbouti to Cambodia, thereby signalling the helplessness and Indo-Facitic waterfront, from Djibouti to Cambodia, thereby signalling the helplessness and decline of the US-led West in the sea. China is determined to extract its geostrategic pound of flesh from all through the sea. Did India ever provoke China or the USA in the Indian Ocean? Never. It's always been the other way around. From 1971 to the present times. First came the western naval bulk; the flest which

came the western naval bully, the fleet which chased and chastised distraught Delhi even as

chased and chastised distraught Delhi even as America's own Vietnam War had not yet ceased. And today, virtually every South Asian shoreline is dotted with Chinese-made warships as Beijing's men, machines, management and money are caus-ing a stir in India's neighbourhood. The initial attrustic fear-day of defense and a man

The initial altruistic façade of defence and devel opment didn't take long to drop off and turn into a debt trap, sounding the death knell for territorial debt trap, sounding the death knell for territorial sovereighty. India has never expressed any wish to make the Indian Ocean her 'backyard'. In contrast, the CPC-PLA duo claims monopoly and irreversible ownership of the choppy South China Sea where 'nine points' have been earmarked, as if those are nine sentry posts, dug deep into a land border. In the Dragon's dream, the high seas can be 'fenced'!

Thus, the explicit Indo-phobic utterance Thus, the explicit Indo-phobic utterances of China and America notwithstanding, Delhi deserved appreciation for its remarkable foresight to establish the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) with the participation and membership of 23 states in 1997. It was a well-intentioned plan of action for the forum: maritime security, trade investment and facilitation, fisheries' management disaster risk reduction, academic and scientific cooperation, tourism promotion and cultural exchanges. The Indian initiative had a positive

impact.

The IORA looked impressive as member countries genuinely brought together the Indian Ocean states for common cause and linking them to the vast waterfront. All 23 states were sea states, and none was remote or unconnected from or to the sea. Apart from the bigger Indian Ocean littoral states important island states of Comoros, Sevchelles, the important island states of Comoros, Seychelles, the Maldives and Mauritius made the quorum lively. Sea bound were the participants' common interests, where none was a bully. Thus, what India thought of doing 25 years ago to make the Indian Ocean a zone of peace and eco-

nomic development for the littoral states, the USA came up with the Pacific Ocean-specific military Quad in the second decade of the 21st century and thereafter, arrived in 2018 the CPC-PLA-master

some Indian traders who seem beholden to China for allowing them to make money. As if India's development and prosperity solely depended on the shoulders of a few traders, even at the cost of territorial integrity, sovereignty and self-respect. Can't India at least try to de-couple when the entire West (at last) is desperate to do so? Fifty years ago, West (at last) is desperate to do so? Hity years ago, the Nixon-Kissinger duo preposterously led their prosperous and industrial country down the garden path; and now, multinational corporations of both the USA and Europe (especially Germany) are constantly challenging the authority of their governments. No wonder the CPC-PLA cracked down their borner may multiplicate and corporations! on their home-grown multinational corporations' billionaire bosses who could very well challenge

billionaire bosses who could very well challenge the Chinese government, too, through sheer might and weight of money bags.

In future, the very concept of nation-state can surely be further weakened because of the way the so-called globalisation bubble is bursting. The present all-round global turnoil, from commodities to commerce, proves that despite everybody being linked to everybody through various multilateral least the superspect to worked and the latestice acceptate the state of the sta treaties, agreements, protocols and the supreme benches from Brussels to Geneva, New York to

Paris, for the majority of the people, prosperity is

Coming back to Beijing, note the name of the Chinese entity: China International Development Chrises entity: China international Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), it doesn't have words like 'sea' or 'ocean'. Why? Because the CIDCA is a 'foreign aid agency' of the home state, a former wing of the Ministry of Commerce, now reporting direct to the CPC State Council. Obviously, Beijing's aim is self-development through all means, as can be seen from Xinjiang to Xizone (Tibet). Taiwan, to trade, terzor, aid to through all means, as can be seen from Xinjiang to Xizang (Tibet); Taiwan to trade; terror aid to Pakistan to usurping India's territory. Owning ports of the West to the out-of-area fishing zones of South America, to the coast of Africa, all are under severe strain. Even Ratnagrir on India's Konkan coast is under the scanner of the CPC-PLA fishing fleat with powerful indializance preparation. fleet with powerful intelligence penetration devices. The CIDCA, therefore, unlike India's IORA, is a muscle-flexing forum of unequal mem-IORA, is a musch-elexing forum of unequal mem-bers consisting of perceived or potential client states whose ports and economies could be tapped for possession. One instance would suffice. According to the 2022 report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), "China delivered major arms to 48 states in 2017. 2021, but 47% of its arms exports went to just one state, Pakistan," which is a CIDCA member. Of the 10 Spatising of the property 19 'participating' member states, two (the Maldives 19 participating member states, two (the Maldives and Australia) flatly denied their CIDCA 'participation'. Incidentally, the CIDCA consists of two remote landlocked states amidst the Indian Ocean member-states. Why? Because they're potential targets for Han subjugation and also for countering the IORA. "South China Sea can be China's Sea", but "Indian Ocean is not India's Ocean" – the negatious intertion is to force the Indian Navy. In nefarious intention is to force the Indian Navy to move out to operate anywhere except the waters along the 4,104-nautical mile coastline.



Protests compel China to soften its Covid policy

YOGESH GUPTA

ARELY a week after returning ARELY a week after returning to be lighing following his highprofile diplomacy at the G20
and APEC summits, Chinese President
Xi Jinping was rattled by widespread
protests at home against his zerocovid-19 policy. While Xi tried to
underplay these as the handiwork of
"mainly shudents who were frustrated" 'mainly students who were frustrated after three years of the pandemic", the after three years of the pandemic', the reality was that the protests erupted simultaneously in several major cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, Nanjing, Chengdu, Wuhan, Urumqi, Guangdong and Zhengzhou with the participation of students, migrants, workers and other citizens around a single cause. single cause

The protests spread after 10 people The protests spread after 10 people were killed in a fire mishap in Urumqi city of western China, with the protesters believing that the zero-Covid measures had prevented the victims from escaping from their blocked apartments and the firefighters from saving lives — allegations which the Xi regime has denied. The protesters in the other cities feared that the traumatic incident at Urumqi could occur again as the authorities were putting the zero-Covid policy ahead of human

opinion that the zero-Covid policy had become unscientific and irrelevant and

was being foisted upon the country due to Xi's ideological obsession. Watching the World Cup soccer matches on television, people in China were wondering why they were being kept in quarantine when people in other countries were mindling freak. other countries were mingling freely

The protests were as much against Xi's faulty governance as the XI's faulty governance as the zero-Covid policy. As per media reports, several hundred students gathered at XI's alma mater, Tsinghua University, on November 27, seeking "democracy, the rule of law and freedom of expres-sion." Peking University students, demonstrating on November 26, had aninted slozans on building walls. saypainted slogans on building walls, say-ing, "We want freedom, not lockdowns, dynamic zero-Covid policy is a downs, dynamic zero-Covid policy is a lie." Similarly, the protesters at Guangdong, Zhengzhou and Lhasa were asking for an end to prolonged lockdowns and frequent Covid tests. Some protesters were holding blank sheets of paper to complain against heavy censorship and were asking for constitutional reform and regime

The signs of public impatience with the zero-Covid policy had been build-ing up for months. In May and June,



protests had erupted in Beijing against the Covid restrictions. At the same time, 20 university professors across China had criticised the "Covid excess-es" of the Shanghai government where the residents of a multi-storeyed building were sent into central quarantine due to just one positive case. Even the Director General of WHO, Tedros Director General of WHO, Tedros Ghebreyesus, had warned on May 10 that China's zero-tolerance Covid poli-cy was unsustainable, considering the new facts about the behaviour of the Covid virus.

The Xi regime was, however,

adamant about its zero-Covid policy, arguing that its withdrawal would lead to millions of infections and a large number of deaths as the virus had not been allowed to spread earlier due to control measures; a large number of allowing measures; a large number of allowing measures; and with a bad law. ber of elderly population (who had low faith in China's domestic vaccines) had not been vaccinated (vaccination rate not been vaccinated (vaccination rate among people over 80 years was bare-ly 40 per cent by November); and the country's health infrastructure would not be able to cope with the mass infec-tions. While the rest of the world pre-pared to cope with Covid by expand-

The protests by Chinese people against the zero-Covid policy show that even a docile population under the most repressive control would rise against the

government's unscientific and irrational policies when these hurt their lives. In today's interconnected world, people can't be suppressed by information fire-

walls, surveillance tools, prison terms and other measures. Also, the Xi regime has remained indifferent to the miseries of its people.

ing healthcare facilities, giving triple vaccination to its people and localised quarantine measures, China spent the three years in perfecting virus control measures (building quarantine facili-ties, codes for the detection of infected people and manufacturing supplies for people and manufacturing supplies for Covid tests) instead of preparing to live with the virus. Not to give the impression that China trails the West impression that China trails the West in science and technology, the Xi regime did not allow the more effica-cious foreign m-RNA vaccines to be used in China; in fact, it linked the entry of foreigners into China to those vaccinated with the Chinese vaccines

vaccinated with the Chinese vaccines. Xf's zero-Covid policy has damaged China's economy, forcing millions into quarantine camps and, thus, unable to work, a large number of industries get-ting closed, hurting the government finances and a spike in the number of unemployed youth. Unfazed by these hardships, the Xi regime continued its zero-Covid policy, only fine-tuning certain aspects till the protests hit it hard. The demonstrations have comhard. The demonstrations have compelled the Xi regime to relax its zero-Covid policy. Vice-Premier Sun Chunlan, who is in charge of policy formulation, now says, "China has

entered a new phase, faces new tasks in the fight against Covid-19 as the Omicron virus has become less patho-genic." Some provincial and local gov-ernments are now asking people to take rapid antigen tests, to quarantine at home, use public transport and enter public buildings without a negative test result. The government is trying to test result. The government is trying to step up the vaccination of the elderly people and expand health infrastruc-ture. The expectation is that the zero-Covid policy will be relaxed in a grad-ual manner without the regime admit-ting its mistake. The ministers in charges of instillances and public servers. charge of intelligence and public security are taking strong measures to "crack down on hostile forces."

Track down on hostile forces. The protests show that even a docile population under the most repressive control would rise against the government's unscientific and irrational policies when these hurt their lives. In today's interconnected world, people with the processed by the process of can't be suppressed by information firewalls, surveillance tools, prison terms and other draconian m The Xi regime has been indifferent to the miseries of its people for long and has been formulating policies cut off from the ground realities.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Bollywood: 'I'd earn 10% of my male co-actor's salary'

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Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas tells BBC 100 Women that she received equal pay to her male co-actor for the first time in her 22year career for her role in a forthyear career for her role in a forth-coming US spy series, Citadel. She is a hugely successful star in India and has acted in more than 60 Bollywood movies. About a decade ago she made a foray into Hollywood and is now one of the few Indian actors to make a mark for themselves in the US enter. for themselves in the US entertainment industry

"I've never had pay parity in Bollywood. I would get paid about 10% of the salary of my male co-actor", said Ms Chopra

"It [the pay gap] is large, substantially large. And so many women still deal with that. I'm sure I will too if I worked with a male co-actor now in Bollywood, she added.

"My generation of female actors have definitely asked [for equal pay]. We've asked, but e've not got it.

Speaking after having been Speaking after having been named on the BBC 100 Women list for 2022, Ms Chopra Jonas recounted how as a young actor in the Indian film industry she accepted deep rooted patriarchy as "normal".

"I thought it was absolutely OK to sit for hours and hours on set.

to sit for hours and hours on set, while my male co-actor just took his own time, and decided whenever he wanted to show up on set is when we would shoot," she

When she started out in Bollywood, she recalls facing body shaming because of her

"I was called 'black cat', 'dusky' mean in a country where we are



though I thought I was probably a little bit more talented than my fellow actors who were lighter skinned. But I thought that was right because it was so nor-malised," she said.

"Of course, that comes from our "Ot course, that comes from our colonial past, it's not even been 100 years since we shed the British Raj, so we still hold on to it, I think. But it is up to our generation to be able to cut those ties and change it so that the next generation doesn't inhear the equity. eration doesn't inherit the equity placed on light skin."

When asked how different Hollywood is regarding pay pari-ty, Chopra Jonas said, "Well, the

first time it's happened to me, it has happened in Hollywood. So I don't know going forward. Because this was my first show with a male actor as a co-lead,

with a maie actor as a co-lead, referring to her upcoming role in action-packed spy series Citadel. Despite being known and adored by millions in South Asia, the actress had to struggle for a decade to carve a niche for herself

overseas.
"I would go into meetings by myself, introduce myself and take my show reel. I worked with acting coaches and dialect coaches. I did auditions, got rejected, cried, then went back for another one. I did the hustle that I needed to do to make it in any new industry. It was a humbling experience," she

In 2015, Ms Chopra Jonas became the first South Asian to be the lead in a network television the lead in a network television programme in the US, with thriller series Quantico. She has also been the first Indian on the cover of multiple prestigious fashion magazines. But she says it's still difficult to

get mainstream work in Hollywood for people of her eth-nicity, despite a greater aware-ness to be more inclusive and

tain amount of credibility, and so I'm doing interesting work. We'll see if that's accepted or not. It's really hard to be South Asian and

really hard to be South Asian and Indian in Hollywood. There's still a long way to go," she said. As an international celebrity who is often vocal about global events, Ms Chopra Jonas has faced criticism in India for not commenting on domestic issues. Her publicist intervened to stop her responding to a question her responding to a question about that criticism.

about that criticism.

When replying to an earlier question about receiving positive and negative attention on social media, she said: "There will always be people that will say.

always be people that will say, You didn't say something about something,' You should have said something about something! And it's just like, you can never please everyone." Ms Chopra Jonas spoke to BBC 100 Women in Lucknow, in northern India, where in her role as Global Unicef Goodwill Ambassador, she visited health centres and schools, meeting young female students. voung female students.

young remale students.
She's been associated with
Unicef for 15 years and in addition to India, has travelled to
Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Jordan and
Bangladesh, among other countries, meeting children affected by
conflict and natural disasters.
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conflict and natural disasters.

"When you're a public person, people are interested in seeing where I am, where I'm going, So I feel like that's where I find my purpose, if I can use the platform that I have to talk about the initiatives and the problems children face, and how they have oversee them, maybe, the oversee them. The problems continued to th come them... maybe the people who consume me will also con-

who consume me will also cor sume their message," she said. "So I amplify the voices of pec ple, especially of children, whos voices don't travel. This is th greatest job of my life."

Jenna Ortega Draws Flak **After Revealing She Filmed** 'Wednesday' Dance Scene While Having Covid

A Ortega is facing backlash after she confessed that she filmed the dance scene on the hit Netflix series
'Wednesday' while testing
positive for Covid.
The 20-year-old actress

made the confession dur-ing an interview with NME. During the candid chat, she revealed that her chat, she revealed that her infamous dance scene was filmed during her 'first day with COVID so it was awful to film,' reports aceshowbiz.com. "I woke up and it's weird, I never get sick and when I do it's not very bad.

I had the body aches," Jenna further described the symptoms. "I felt like I'd been hit by a car and that a little goblin had been let loose in my throat and was scratching the walls of my

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Alia Bhatt Opens Up On Embracing Motherhood, Working With Saniay Leela Bhansali on 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' Ranbir Kapoor in April and welcomed her

Ranbir Kapoor in April and welcomed her first child in November.

While she says she has not yet figured out how motherhood will be reflected in her film choices, she is excited to see how her "journey pans out."

On embracing motherhood, Alia told Variety, "Motherhood has changed me so much in the span of — I mean, it's, as I give this interview, it's barely been a month, just over three weeks, but I don't know about how it's going to change the way I pick my roles yet because I haven't gotten to thinking about that." ing about that."
"But it's changed the way I look at every-

I just think my heart is a little bit more open than it was before, I don't know what change that is going to bring about. But we'll see. I'm excited to see how that journey pans out," she added.

She went on to address the buzz around

campaigns for 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', and

campagis for Ganguon Ratinawd, and revealed that she had wanted to work with Bhansali ever since she was a little girl. She maintained, "I always knew I was going to work with Sir [Bhansali] — there was no way in hell that I would land up saying 'No, I can't do this.'

It was just a matter of convincing myself that I can do it. And then it just was all

that I can do it. And then it just was all taken away by the sheer desire of like, "Listen, this is the biggest opportunity that you've waited for for such a long time."

"And I keep saying this to Sir that I feel like he's totally spoiled me, it's gonna be very difficult for me to up this experience. But I don't think of it too seriously. I just want to less myself to a certain world, not want to lose myself to a certain world, not just a character I like.

I like going for worlds, every character, every aspect of that film. And that experience should be just a little sweet bubble-ish world, which I just get lost in," she added.

Vicky Kaushal says Katrina Kaif 'begs me not to put such videos' as he grooves to Kva Baat Hai

ricky Kaushal has shared a candid video of him grooving to his new song Kyaa Baat Haii and mentioned that his wife Katrina Kaif doesn't like

Mentioned that his wife Katrina Kaif doesn't like him posting such videos. The actor shows some dance steps without getting up from his chair. The song is from his upcoming film Govinda Naam Mera and features him and Kiara Advani on the dance floor.

Sharing the video, Vicky wrote on Instagram, "My wife begs me not to put up such videos, but I can't help it. Hopefully one day she'll say... "KYAA BAAT HAII!!"

His fans loved the video. A fan commented, "Oh I live for these videos!!" Another said, "Your wife is wrong... we LOVE these videos!!" A mother said, "Your wife is matter pls don't listen to your wife." A comment also read: "Even Katrina Mam should join too." Many also wrote, "kya baat hai" as their reaction to the video.

There were however a few who said "You should listen to your wife sir" Many also expressed their desire to get Katrina's reaction to the song.

Katrina's reaction to the song.

Kyaa Baat Haii 2.0 is the third song from Govinda Naam Kyaa Baat Haii 2.0 is the third song from Govinda Naam Mera. It released on Tuesday. It is a recreated version of Harrdy Sandhu and B Praak's hit Punjabi song by Tanishk Bagchi. Two other songs have also been released from the film that also stars Bhumi Pednekar. Kiara and Vicky are seen in a romantic setting in the song Bana Sharabhi and dance to desi beats in Bijli. The film has been directed by Shashank Khaitan and will relase on Disney+ Hotstar on December 16. Vicky often shares videos of him grooving to December 16. Vicky often shares videos of him grooving to Punjabi songs in his car or in other places. He tied the knot with Katrina last year.

'Bigg Boss 16': Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia Breaks **Down Over Being Called** 'Weak Contestant'



n the upcoming episode of 'Bigg Boss 16', contest-ant Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia will be seen having a

ant Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia will be seen having a breakdown and crying inconsolably after being called a "weak contestant" in the reality show.

In the last episode amid the nomination task, Sumbul Touqeer, Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, MC Stan, Tina Datta got nominated. After coming out of the activity area, where the task was held, Priyanka, Archana celebrated that finally they could nominate Nimrit as she was getting saved since past few weeks. They even called her weak

weak.

A promo shared by the channel Colors on Instagram,
Nimrit can be seen having an emotional breakdown in
front of Shiv Thakare, Abdu Rozik, Mc Stan and Sajid

Khan.
She is also seen complaining to Sajid Khan for not being their and giving his support when she needed the most. In the video, a tearful Nimrit says, "I'm sick and tired of being called a weak contestant, fu** you all, I am most I am irritated " not, I am irritated.

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Sajid calls her "depression ki murat". She says: "Sir, I am feeling low, and in the house I am close to Shiv and you and if I don't share my problems with you guys then what's the point. There are so many people in the house who come and comment 50 differ-ent things but I let go them. "I have a complain with you that you don't have enough time for me. Aaj main shayad pehli baar aap ko haq se bol rahi hoon, jab mujhe zarurat thi aap kahan the."

Paras Arora To Play Lead Role In Family Drama 'Dil Diyaan Gallaan'

Udaan' actor Paras Arora has been roped in for the upcoming show 'Dil Diyaan Gallaan' in which he will be portraying a character full of positivi-

ty.

Talking about the show, he said it is a story of a man

in upper as his son went abroad.

Talking about the show, he said it is a story of a man in Punjab who is upset as his son went abroad. However, the son who is abroad is also not happy. Sharing his experience of being part of the show, Paras said: "It's a surreal feeling. I look forward to a remarkable experience through my show 'Dil Diyaan Gallaan'. It feels like a homecoming, as an artist, I could-n't have asked for anything better. I am fortunate to have bagged this opportunity as it's definitely something very different from my previous characters." He said: "When I was told about my character and the storyline that would follow, I was surprised and very excited. This is one special opportunity where a show allows me to perform a character that is so rare, loving, and believes in the goodness of people."

"I can't wait to watch the episodes on television as this show beautifully narrates the story of a family which is parted due to migration. We are putting in our best efforts as a team, and I hope it all reflects on the screen well.

Fingers crossed," he concluded.

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Paras is known for his role as Chhatrapati Shivaji in the historical show 'Veer Shivaji', Karan in 'Laal Ishq', Vikrant Raheja in 'Dil Hi Toh Hai', Dr Pramod Chautala in 'Kaatelal & Sons' among others.

"Dil Diyaan Gallaan' is all set to start on December 12 on Sony SAB.



lia Bhatt had a great 2022. She

BABIL KHAN'S PERFORMANCE IN **'OALA' IMPRESSES KANGANA** RANAUT: TERRIFIC AS DEBUTANT

angana Ranaut is a fan of Babil Khan after watch-ing his debut film, Netflix original Qala. She also praiseddirector Anvita Dutt and lead actorTripti Dimri for showing

actor Tripti Dimri for showing such a great story. Kangana wrote in a series of Instagram Stories that she posted Wednesday morning, "#Qala is a great film, it's not your usual three-act structure neither is it a literal story of the physical literal story of the physical world, it's a metaphorical representation of creative consciousness...watch it with an open mind sit back to let it flow, n

Qala @anvita_dee is one of the greatest creative forces right greatest creative forces right now. I had the privilege of working with her in my film Queen (@anvita_dee worte Queen) After a smashing directorial debut #bulbul in her second film as a director. She penetrates into the dreadful depths of the human psyche. And does the human psyche. And does the unthinkable dances with the demons of desire, hate jealousy, and insecurities." and insecurities."

"All departments are great!!! ention for all p

ances....@babil.i.k as a debutant is terrific...@tripti_dimri as a fel-low Himachali pahadi girl makes me so proud. I just can't take my eyes off her," she added. The film also features Swastika The film also features Swastika Mukherjee, Amit Said, Girija Oak, Abhishek Bannerjee, and Swanand Kirkire. Qala traces the story of Indian playback singer Qala Manjushree in the 1930s and 40s. Produced by Karnesh Ssharma through his banner Clean Slate Filmz, the film also features his sister actor Anushka

features his sister, actor Anushka Sharma in a special appearance. Kangana is currently working

on her new film Chandramukhi 2 - a sequel to Rajinikanth's 2005 Tamil movie Chandramukhi. Tamil actor-director Raghava Lawrence will star opposite Kangana in the film. She has been sharing pictures and updates about the film on her Instagram. Apart from Chadramukhi, Kangana Ranaut also has three other films in the pipeline including Tejas in which she plays the role of an Air Force Pilot.

Her other anticipated projects include political drama Emergency in which she plays Indira Gandhi and a biopic on Bengali theatre legend Binodini Dasi.

Is a Vegan Diet Safe For Children? **A Pediatrician Weighs In**



espite vegan and plant-based diets soaring in popularity in recent years soaring in popularity in recent years unong parents who are also subjecting their children to these dietary choices, some pediatricians are critical of the practice of a vegan diet for children. Their biggest concerns with the vegan diet have to do with nutritional inadequacy since they believe a plant-based diet without dairy or meat does not provide enough vitamins and minerals children need for growth

children need for growth.

The latest research shows that individuals of any age following a vegan diet are at risk for deficiencies in vitamin D, calcium, iron, any age Informing a vegan tiet at a first toil deficiencies in vitamin D, calcium, iron, Omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamin B12 since these are the key nutrients from a whole-food, plant-based diet and require you to eat a range of foods to get all of your nutrients daily. New research out of France suggests that a vegan diet can be safe for kids as long as children are getting all of those nutrients either through food or supplementation.

This Day In History
That study said specifically: "Regular dietary monitoring is essential, for make sure the growing child is gettingly vitamin B12 and vitamin D. The study also said that supplementation is often necessary since kids need iron, calcium, [omega-3] fatty acid, and zinc. So parents interested in keeping their children

on a plant-based diet should be monitoring them for deficiencies and these micronutrients may need to be helped along with supple-

may need to be helped along with supplements on a case-by-case basis.

A 2018 study published in Nutrients recommends healthcare providers to encourage a vegan diet and emphasize the consumption of nutritional supplements, which can be fortified as needed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has deemed the vegan diet safe for children and infants. Research has shown a plant-based diet can be a healthy one for children and adoles can be a healthy one for children and adoles-cents, establishing lifelong healthy eating pat-terns with lots of fruits and vegetables. A 2018 study published in Nutrition Reviews found that a plant-based diet during childhood reduces the risk for cardiovascular disease in dulthead preparative locarity. reduces the risk for cardiovascular disease in adulthood, promoting longevity and good

To learn more about the plant-based diet and the safety of children, we spoke to Dr. Jackie Busse, MD, FAAP, a board-certified Jackie Busse, MI), FAAI^r, a board-certified physician with expertise in evidence-based lifestyle and preventative medicine. On her platform @plantbasedpediatrician, she seeks to educate others on the power of plant-based nutrition for children while sharing delicious recipes and moments of her own young ones.

Dr. Busse weighs in on the safety of a plant-Dr. Busse weighs in on the safety of a plant-based diet for children, advice for parents on getting their kiddos to transition to a vegan diet, and her recommendations for nutrient-dense vegan foods. She leads by example and shows that a whole-food, plant-based diet is not only safe for kids but it gives them the best foundation for lifelong health. Let her advice empower you to hearten your body with fruits and veggies and share with your young ones tool

The Beet: How has living a plant-based lifestyle influenced your role as a physician? Dr. Busse: My husband and I transitioned to a plant-based diet 9 years ago, about a year after I finished my pediatric residency training. It completely changed how I practice medicine, shifting my focus to the power of diet and lifetime to the power of the process. diet and lifestyle to prevent and reverse dis-ease. I have seen multiple diabetic patients come completely off their medications, chroncome completely off their medications, chronic in hypertension cured, chronic joint pains resolved, migraines, acne, allergies, and asthma significantly improved and constipation cured. Patients experience increased energy, better sleep and less anxiety and depressive symptoms. These patients are not anomalies. I've seen this over and over again in the years 'I've been leaching plant-based nutrition. It I've been teaching plant-based nutrition. It never ceases to amaze me how much good it

I've since gone through two plant-based I've since gone through two plant-based pregnancies and have two healthy and thriving plant-based kids, now 4 and 6 years old. A whole-food, plant-based diet should be the cornerstone of healthy lifestyle changes for children and adults. It is the most powerful change we can make.

TB. What do pediatricians have to say about the safety of a plant-based diet for children?

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JB: Pediatricians all want what's best for the children they take care of but many lack familchildren they take care of but many lack familiarity and training to properly advise families about vegan and vegetarian diets. The most common concerns I hear from colleagues are regarding calcium, vitamin D, protein, and fat. These nutrient needs can all be easily met with plant-based foods.

The secret to youthful skin unlocked

Beauty might only be skin deep, but for those wondering how to keep that skin young, scientists may have found an answer in the form of a protein that encourages cell competi-

The prosaically named COL17A1 might not sound like a fountain of youth, but the new study suggests it does the heavy lifting when it comes to keeping skin intact and unimpaired. impaired.

The protein works by encouraging cell competi encouraging cell competi-tion, a key process to maintain tissue fitness. That effectively "drives out" weaker cells, while encouraging replication of

stronger ones.
"Damaged or stressed stem cells can be selectively eliminated by intact stem cells every day in our stem cells every day in our skin," said Emi Nishimura, a professor at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University's Stem Cell Biology department, who led the research. But ageing results in a depletion of COL17A1, as do familiar enemies of

do familiar enemies of youthful skin, like UV radiation and other stress radiation and other stress factors. And when that happens, weaker cells replicate, leaving the skin thinner, more prone to damage and slower to heal

The research published recently in the journal Nature is based on investigations using mice tails, which share many of the same characteristics as human skin.



After confirming the importance of COL17A1, the team decided to investigate what a strength of the configuration o tigate whether they could stimulate the protein once it was depleted, effectively looking for compounds that could kickstart the anti-ageing process skin.

They isolated two chemical compounds - Y27632 and apocynin, and tested both on skin cells, with

positive results.

"Application of these drugs to full-thickness "Application or unesedrugs to full-thickness skin wounds significantly promoted wound repair," the study said. The two compounds point to ways of "facilitating skin regen-eration and reducing skin eration and reducing skin ageing," the study added. In a review of the study

In a review of the study commissioned by Nature, two professors from the University of Colorado said cell competition had previously only been studied extensively in fruit flies. The research "provides evidence that healthy cells in mammals can also efficiently renous. can also efficiently repopulate adult tissues, replac-ing unfit or damaged cells," wrote professors Ganna Bilousova and And they said the research offered "proof-of-principle" that the two chemical compounds could combat ageing "Future studies are needed to determine the mech ed to determine the mech-anisms of cell competition in other tissues, and to identify compounds capa-

ble of reversing ageing in other organs," they said. Nishimura told AFP that the work could eventually lead to products like creams or tablets that like creams or tablets that could stop skin deteriora-tion and promote repair. "We are going to collabo-rate with pharmaceutical or cosmetic companies for the clinical use of the chemicals," she said.

She said additional research would investi-gate whether the same gate whether the same process might also be at work in other parts of the body that have so-called epithelial cells like skin does.

"We are working on other epithelial organs as well to find out (whether) similar competition may be a supported to the competition may be a supported by the competition of the competit

similar competition may underlie long-term tissue maintenance as well as

Workout styles Librans prefer to do in order to stay healthy and fit

ibra is one of the most balanced zodiac signs of all. They are the worshippers of beauty and are attracted to elegance and class. This air sign doesn't like intense workout styles that require a lot of physical efforts and strength. They like to do light things that so the size of are calming, relaxing and rejuvenating.
Libra season is from September 22 to
October 22. Also, this sign is a social but-

October 22. Also, this sign is a social but-terfly, so going to the gym or Zumba class is more like socialising for them. They find it more interesting than doing any individual exercises.

These are the workout classes that libra people like to do regularly:

Zumba is one of the most popular forms of workout that is the first choice of Librans. This exercising style with dance moves is fun and helps them to

Pilates can improve your strength and posture and it also has body-sculpting moves. Librans are always very con-scious of their moves. So, they may opt



ning just for the results of it. They will do it regularly with concentration to get the best out of it

HILIT

This high-intensity, low-impact training (HILIT) exercise easily catches their attention. Since it is in trend, Librans will follow it. As people of this zodiac sign love any workout style with less-intense efforts,

workout style with ress-intense elorits, so they will find yoga to be highly soothing and relaxing. They will never skip their yoga sessions to keep themselves fit and healthy. They also prefer aerial yoga as this completely is in trend and Librans like trendy things a lot.

Depression can't be predicted by a few genes: Study

A team of US scientists claim that no can predict the risk of depression, and efforts to treat the mental disorder by targeting a few genetic culprits' is bound to fail. The researchers, who assessed genetic and survey data from 620,000 individuals, found that the 18 most highly-studied candidate genes for depression are actually no more associated with it than randomly chosen genes.

Over the past quarter Over the past quarter-century, researchers have published hundreds of studies suggesting a small set of particular genes or gene-variants plays a sub-stantial role in boosting susceptibility to depres-sion.

sion. sarch fuelled hopes that clinicians could soon use genetic testing to simply identify those at risk, and drug companies could develop medications to counteract a few genetically-driven culprits, researchers said in a statement.



from the University of Colorado Boulder in the US, previous studies were incorrect—or "false positives"—and the scientific community should abandon what are known as "candidate gene hypotheses", study confirms that efforts to find a single gene or handful of genes which determine depression are

What we are saving is What we are saying is that depression is influenced by many variants, and individually each of those has a miniscule effect," said Matthew

study, published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, researchers looked at 18 genes which have appeared at least 10 times in depression-focused studies.

Among them was a gene called SLC6A4, involved in the transport of the neurochemical serotonin. Research dating back 20 years suggests that people with a certain "short" ver-

sion of the gene are at significantly greater risk of depression, particularly when exposed to early life trauma. The researchers also looked at genes involved in the production of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) a protein involved in nerve formation, and the neurotransmitter dopamine.

Using genetic and survey data gathered from individuals via the UK Biobank, 23 and the, and the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium, they set out to see if any of the genes, or gene variants, were

to see if any of the genes, or gene variants, were associated with depression either alone or when combined with an environmental factor like childhood trauma or socioeconomic diversity.

"We found that, as a set these candidate genes are no more related to depres sion than any random gene out there," said Keller. Keller said that in the

field of genetics, scientists have known for years that candidate-gene hypothe

Addressing the mental health needs of homeless persons

a many as 66.1% of those worst affected in India during the Spanish Flu belonged to oppressed classes and suffered the consequences of multidimensional poverty. Similar trends persist today. The inabili-Similar trends persist today. The inabili-ty to adhere to public health protocols that prescribe distancing and use of hygienic products, the absence of private toilets and basic amenities, and the lack of adequate nutrition are all realities in lower- and middle-income countries. Amongst those most affected are home-less persons and the ultra-poor, many of whom are employed in the informal sec-tor. They are exposed to greater adversi. tor. They are exposed to greater adversi ty against the backdrop of intergenera-tional social disadvantage and lack of social security

Health shocks could precipitate a downward spiral into a state of not just homelessness, but also hopelessness. Globally, unpreparedness to handle the pandemic and near collapse of the health systems denudedour ability to focus on health. Many countries have attempted to make amends for the

attempted to make amends for the unjustifiable perpetuation of structural barriers and inequities. However, are we awakened to the needs of our poor only during a disas-ter? The pandemic has made a sound case for increased investments in the health and social sectors. States must also re-evamine the role of

States must also re-examine the role of social determinants of health in perpetuating unjust structures that normalise

Tracking nutrition and health status of Indians

s for milk and milk products, only 8.7% in rural and 14.3% of the popu-lation in urban areas consumed as per the recommended intakes.

per the recommended intakes.

City-based Indian Council of Medical
Research-National Institute of Nutrition
(ICMR-NIN) has initiated 'Mapping of nutrition and health status - A national level participatory real-time data generation programme' to develop a mobile-based device
to be used by nutrition researchers at district
level nationwide during this ongoing
COVID-19 pandemic COVID-19 pandemic

The mapping will be done region-wise simultaneously in collaboration with the Nutrition Society of India (NSI) and this platform will be used to collect data in future periodically too. "This will help us develop food-based strategies through inter-ministerial convergences for ensuring food and



nutrition security. It includes data generation through crowdsourcing using ICMR-NIN web portal as a platform," said NIN director R. Hemalatha.

She was speaking at the release of 'Nutrient Requirements for Indians' and 'What India Eats' report by Union Minister

for Health & Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan in the presence of ICMR chief Balram Bhargava in Delhi on Monday. 'What India Eats' had revealed a majority

'What India Eats' had revealed a majority of the population consumed lower than rec-ommended levels of pulses, legumes, milk, nuts and vegetables while consumption of cereals and millets was higher than recom-mended levels.

mended levels.
TRACKING NUTRITION AND
HEALTH STATUS OF INDIANS
Dietary data analysis of adults in urban
and rural India on macroutrient intakes
based on household 24-hour dietary recall based on household 24-hour dietary recall showed an average urban adult consumed 1943 Kcal/day, 289 g carbohydrates, 51.6 g fat and 55.4 g protein. In rural region, an average adult consumed 2081 kcal/day, 368 g of carbohydrates, 36 g of fat and 69 g of protein.

NEWS

SMVDU Students Visit Microsoft Office, Gurugram



JAMMU, DEC 7: Microsoft, rugram hosted a techni-University.The event was

conducted by Sarthak Jain, Head of Community Rekill, and Microsoft Employees which provided sixty stu-

experience. employees provided students an in-depth understanding of the industry, the

The students were also

ees. The students gained industry knowledge and explored the possibilities of explored the possibilities of internships and job oppor-tunities. They were also pro-vided with the \$100 Credits of Microsoft Azure and Goodies each. The trip was organized by Dr. Manish Sabraj (Head, SoECE), coor-dinated by Mr. Saniay dinated by Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma (Assistant Professor, SoCSE). Also, student coordinators: Jatin Sharma, SudeepKumar, vAman Raj, Aman Kumar, Ritik Sharma, Nischay, and RithikKasera helped make this event a success

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Govt only giving false hopes to KP employees serving in Valley: Rajesh Kesri

Expresses serious concern over suspected blast near Sidhra Bridge checking point

JI NEWS SERVICE

IAMMU, DEC 7: Shiv Sena JAMMU, DEC 7: Shiv Sena Hindustan today expressed serious concern over threats to Kashmiri Pandit employ-ees. Addressing media per-sons in a press conference, Hindustan J&K Pt Rajesh Kesri alleged that adminis tration has failed in protect-ing them and that over the years they have been only given false hopes and prom-ises while seeking immedi-ate relocation to safer places.

He said that they were feeling dismayed and are living a life full of threats and humiliation. PM packand onwards, are still living as deportees, unsettled, unsecured; now almost 13 years in a row," Kesri said. Kesri also expressed serious concern over suspected blast near the Sidhra bridge checking point in Jammu on Tuesday evening few meters away from Lt Governor House.He



ough search and high level estigation whosoever is involved in this Kesri further said that PM package employment policy has completely failed policy has completely failed as a policy at all levels and has only multiplied their woes and vulnerabilities. They are doing their job at the cost of their lives even as we recently witnessed the killing of PM package employees," he said.He employees," he said.He demanded repealing of the "unconstitutional bond" which, he said, were forced to sign at the time of joining their services for the survival apart from relection. vival apart from relocation to the safest, terror-free

He said that he believes i a complete failure of administration which has resulted in the toll on the lives of the innocent PM package employees. He appealed to the J&K Lieutenant Governor to prioritize the security of Kashmir Pandits over their service location and relocate them to Jammu division until the situation beco until the situation becomes normal.The killings have shown that security breach is a reality and thus accept-ing this reality, KP employ-ees need to be relocated to Jammu," he said. "With a lot

ice that these package employees received from employees received from every government, politi-cian and administrators for last 13 years, they are now highly disappointed and engulfed with uncertainties and continuous life threats," Kesri said. They will not be able to work in the present able to work in the present circumstances and Government should take necessary steps regarding our safety.He said KP employees feeling vulnerable and are not sure about their safety. "Who knows who will end up killing them; it is just not safe here," he said.

He said KP employees feel trapped rather than in a job due to wrong and inhu-mane policies of the nent where, he said, there is no special flexibility in norms so to give it a humanitarian touch and thought which in turn could render some relief to hap-less PM package employees who saw 33 year-long gloom full life post-migra-

Department of Botany, GDC Udhampur organises quiz competition on Microbiology

II NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, DEC 7: In the Continuous pro-grammes under Azadi ka Amrut Kaal Celebrations, and to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. J.C. Bose, a renowned biologist, physicist and early writer of ience -fiction science -fiction, the
Department of Botany of the
College organised a quiz
contest on Microbiology to
pay JC Bose a tribute, under
the stewardship of Principal Dr. Romesh kumar Gupta

The quiz was organised in 5 rounds of 30 questions

after the famous biologist viz team Leevenhock, team Robert Kotch,Team louis Pasteur, team Edward Jenner, Team Alexander Flemming. The team Louis Pasteur

emerged to be the winners while the team Flemming had to satisfy as Runner-



winner and runner-up team, as the winning mar-gin was just 0.5 marks. The certificates of merit and participation were dis-tributed amongst the con-

testants. Prof. Asma Javaid was the Quiz master, while Dr. Swarn Singh was time-keeper and Prof Shivani Sharma was the score-keep-

The Valedictory function started with the welcome address of HOD Botany,

Kanpur was the Chief guest, while Dr Romesh Kumar Kumar Gupta principal GDC Udhampur was the guest of Honour.

The chief guest Prof. Shalable appreciated the

Shalabh appreciated the Department of Botany and participants for their and involvement of efforts and involvement of the students in competitive activities as a great initiative to infuse excellence. He added that these competi-tions are the milestones in

the journey of success. rof Romesh Kumar Atri. The Patron and worthy Prof Shalabh from IIT Principal encouraged the

students for maximum parstudents for maximum par-ticipation in such competi-tions and lauded the Department of Botany for organising such kinds of relevant academic events.

The session was attended by Prof. Rozy Bamba, Prof. Iawaid Sarver and Mr. Raineesh Mahajan, lab a

tant of the department.

The session was compeered by Prof. Shivani

Around fifty students of the Department of Botany

Shivsena protested, seek peoples to wake up not to pay property tax without basic amenities

People suffering from inflation, Govt remains busy in recovery: Sahni



II NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 07: The purpose of repealing Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir has proved to be Kashmir has proved to be arbitrariness, loot and indifference to public issues, the government remains busy in filling its coffers, after handing over water bills to the people, wildly increasing power tariff, has now completed preparations to collect property tax Get un, wake property tax. Get up, wake up, hit the streets for your rights, can't tolerate tax colwithout facilities

Manish Sahni, President J&K Shiv Sena while lead-ing a protest against gov-ernment over its planning to introduce property tax in Jammu. Shiv Sena leaders, under the chairmanship of Manish Sahni, today assembled at channi cros-

assembled at channi cros-ing near party centre office and staged protest against the government. Talking to reporters, Sahni said that preparations have been completed to put the burden of property tax on the people who are suffering from the eco-nomic crisis and unbridled inflation that started due to demonetisation, GST and

Corona epidemic.

"After the removal of Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, the tax burden on the people of the state is continuously being increased. Plans have been increased. Plans have been made to hand over water bills to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, rich in immense water resources, increase in electricity bills, installation of compat maters and now compared.

smart meters and now completely break the back of the public through proper-ty tax," he added.

Sahni said that these days the area of every

house and shop is being measured, it is clear that preparations have been made to collect huge propmade to collect huge prop-erty tax from the public. At the same time, nothing is being done in the name of facilities. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is being flouted at various places, collection is being done to collect garbage from the houses, west of the localities have nost of the localities have streets and Chowks, he added.

added.

Sahni warned that Shiv
Sena will not allow the
imposition of property tax
under any circumstances.
He appealed to the public to come on the streets and gear up to teach a lesson to the ruling party and coop-erate and support Shiv

Among those who joined the protest include General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, GI Singh, Senior Vice President Harsh Kumar Gupta, President Kamgar Gupta, President Kamgar Wing Raj Singh, Secretary Youth Wing Rajesh Handa, Vice President Shashipal, Sanjeev Sudan, Suman, Meenakshi were present.

Full Court Reference held on superannuation of Chief Justice, Ali Mohammad Magrey

DC Kupwara participates in valedictory functions at MC Handwara, MC Langate

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DECEMBER 07: A Full Court Reference was held today in the Jammu wing of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, to bid farewell to Chief Justice, Ali Mohammad Magrey, upon his super-

annuation. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohan Lal, Moh Akram Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri were present on the occasion. Advocate General, D C Raina and

President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, M K Bhardwaj delivered the farewell address which was subsequently responded by the Chief Justice.

Advocate General in his farewell address described Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey a gentleman par excellence and lauded the role of Justice Magrey for his dedication and

Mohammad Magrey has endeared one and all in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh by his conduct and behaviour

Advocate General emphasized that Advocate General emphasized that with the superannuation of Justice Magrey, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh would lose a brilliant and illus President J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, in his address, described Justice Magrey a kind heart-adverse, having great caulities of described Justice Magrey a kind heart-ed person having great qualities of head and heart. He expressed his grat-itude to Justice Magrey for a full heart-ed support to the various initiatives taken by the High Court for the institu-tional upliffment. Bhardwaj further said that Justice Magrey was very pop-ular amongst the lawyers of entire two UTs of J&K and Ladakh for his amiable and intellectual surva and intellectual aura.

and interiectual aura. Justice Magrey thanked everyone including Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh, officers of Registry and Judicial Officers for their undaunted professional commitment and the sup-port extended to him during his tenure. During his address, he recounted the unbrineine and good

his parents, teachers and family in making Ali Mohammad Magrey as Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey. He Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey. He also made special mention of his personal staff in successful discharge of his duties as Judge and as Chief Justice of the High Court. He emphasised upon the young lawyers to display patience and work hard to ensure success in the profession.

The dignitaries who were present the operation included. A true Kunger

the occasion included Arun Kumar the occasion included Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Dilbag Singh, DGP, Sr. Advocates, Achal Sethi, Secretary Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Deputy Solicitor Generals, Government of India, Sr. Additional Advocate Generals, Principal District Advocate Generals, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Officers and sessions Judge Jammu, Othcers and staff of the Registry of the High Court. The proceedings of the Reference were conducted by Shahzad Azeem, Director J&K Judicial Academy and the event was live tele-

Doda admin launches pan district initiative -Ap Ke Gaon Mein Aap Ka Tehsildar

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DODA, DECEMBER 07:
Government of UT of Jammu &
Kashmir has accorded top priority
to provide different services to the
citizens at their door steps.
The recently concluded Back to

The recently concluded back to Village – 4 (B2V4), and second phase of My Town My Pride (MTMP) were chiefly organized to reach out to the public by saturating various schemes being implemented by the Government. Further, as per the directions of higher authorities, almost all the revenue services are almost all the revenue services are being provided in online mode. Besides, to ensure timely disposal, included under the Public Services

lost their homes due to devastating fire that gutted their residential hous-

es in Panchayat Barota. In a statement issued here to the

authority is bound to-act. The public authority is bound to-act. The public has to be made aware of various initiatives of the Government like Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani, Land passbooks distribution, Jhan-Bhagidari, SVAMITVA and other programmes. Moving a step further, District Administration Doda has launched as partial statistics (hoperanea. "An acceptal sitiatives/programmes."

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a special initiative/programme "Ap Ke Gaon Mein Aap Ka Tehsildar". The initiative envisages that on every Sautrday of the week is noti-fied as the Visiting day for Tehsildar to a Village of the Tehsil. The public of the said village shall be intimated at least five days prior to the visit is no that the service seek.

to the visit, so that the service seek ers may apply in advance. The Tehsildars shall ensure presence of concerned VLEs/CSCs prior to the Visiting Day (Saturday) for providing help to the citizens in applying

ing help to the citizens in applying for various revenue e-services. The Tehsildars shall issue a monthly calendar of villages to be visited on every Saturday, which shall be publicized through electronic/ print and social media to attract maximum number of citizens to avail the benefit of efficient and avail the benefit of efficient and timely service delivery. Special camps for attestation of mutations, pending demarcations, petty rev-enue court cases and any other mis-cellaneous revenue matters shall be resolved/dealt on the spot. All the Sub Divisional heads shall supervise and monitor the said pro-

supervise and monitor the said pro gramme and submit use each Teshildars to the nme and submit the report of n Teshildars to the Deputy

Azad visits Ex DGP Vaid's family to offer condolences Yasar demands financial assistance for families

II NEWS SERVICE



Democratic Azad Party Chief on Tuesday visited the residence of for-mer DGP S.P.Vaid at Bakshi Nagar

Jammu to offer his condolences. He expressed his sympathies with the Vaid family over the demise of Mulk Raj Vaid, uncle of SP Vaid. He said he

Raj Vaid, uncle of SP Vaid. He said he stand by the bereaved family at this hour of grief though the loss is irre-placeable for the Vaid family. Party's senior leaders including R.S. Chib, General Secretary DAP. Corporator Gourav Chorpa, DAP lead-ers Anil Kohli, Vishal Chopra, Ashwani Handa, Anoop Khajuria & others were accompanied Mr Azad.

who lost their three houses in blaze ess. Yasar said that the residential civil administration has not taken JI NEWS SERVICE
BANI, DEC 07: Apni Party Kandi
President (Bani-Basohli), Yasar
Choudhary today appealed to the
administration to provide financial
assistance to three families who have press, Yasar said that the residential houses of Mohammed Farooq, and Mohammed Shabir, both sons of Mohammed Sultan Batt, Sarpanch Barmota, have gutted in a devastating fire incident.

He said that the authorities have recommended any kind of relief one of the said that the said th

not provided any kind of relief comsation to rebuild the three houses pensation to rebuild the three houses as the victims are very poor and the

care of the matter.

"These people have to move from pillar to post as the administration has not responded positively to their demand for any kind of financial assistance to rebuild their houses," he said. He demanded the intervention of LG so that the victims can be given

Block Diwas: DC Rajouri presides over public outreach camp at Moughla

People hail government for quality; time bound redress of public issues through weekly programs



RAJOURI, DECEMBER 07: People are reaping the benefits of Block Diwas also called 'Youm-e-Block' initiative which is organized by the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in every district

once in a week.

Block Diwas is a part of the ambitious 'Jan Abhiyan' program during which Deputy Commissioners and which Deputy Commissioners and other officers assess the progress of developmental works being executed and listen to public issues, grievances and demands. It also provides the Administration an opportunity to interact directly with people, obtain feedback from them and do on-the-spot Grievance Redressal.

"We are reaging the benefits of

"We are reaping the benefits of Block Diwas being organized in the district", said one of the Panchayat Raj district", said one of the Panchayat Raj Institute Members during the public outreach program held at Moughla block. He also highlighted that the issue of lack of doctors at PHC Moughla has been redressed, and the same was raised by the public during Block Diwas at Treru block.

Block Diwas at Treru block.

Shri Kasturi Lal also appreciated
the efforts of the District
Administration in removing the bottlenecks for Development which have
been raised in the previous block
diwas at Treru.

Continuing the mega public our
cach initiative of the Government of
UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a Public Outreach Camp here at Moughla and listened to the issues and development aspirations of public representatives as well as the locals.

Among the issues projected on the ccasion were GDC for Moughla, blacktopping of RDD roads, adequate manpower for the education sector shortage of technical assistants and

Kendriya Vidyalaya for

Moughla etc.
Other issues were provision of 108
Ambulance service for PHC Mougla,
buildings for schools and Health institutions, provision of electricity poles revenue entries of playfields, one community toilet and one hand pump for Dakbunglow at Moughla etc. Officers of different departments also replied to the queries raised by the public and their representatives dur-

ing the event.

They also highlighted a number of schemes and programs being implemented in the district and motivated the public to avail the benefits of the

same.
While highlighting the schemes of the Social Welfare Department, the DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt said that 70000 beneficiaries were getting pension under old guidelines.

He also informed that the guide lines of the pension schemes have been revised and urged the beneficiar-

been revised and urged the beneficiar-ies and PRIs to ensure registration of beneficiaries through online portals. The DSWO also imparted aware-ness among the masses about Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and urged the public to work in coordination with the District Administration to eradi-ciated dru. mease from the society. cate drug menace from the society

The DDC gave a patient hearing to all the issues projected by the public during the event and assured them that the demands raised shall be ful-

filled in a time bound manne

Addressing the event, the DC said that the Block Diwas ensures doorstep public service delivery and redressal of the genuine grievances of the common man. . He also listed public initiativ

the District Administration and said "We are working on a multi pronged strategy for the holistic development strategy for the houstic development of all the areas of the district and every sector is being pushed to achieve the desired results on the ground." He called for coordination among the departments and PRIs to achieve desired development objectives basilest timely interpution and tives besides timely intervention and action to mitigate the sufferings of the people. He also urged the public and their representatives to work shoulder to shoulder with administration to take the district to new heights of

While responding to the public issues, the DDC said that timely and

issues, the DDC said that timely and quality disposal of the issues of the general public is the top priority of the district administration. Highlighting the progress of the power sector, he informed that 08 new creations and 09 Augmentation proj-ects are being executed in Moughla Block under power sector.

Block under power sector.

While informing about the status of schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission, the schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission, the DC said that 26 villages of the block are being covered under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He also said that the protection work worth Rs 35 lacs is being constructed along the Mougha Nallah. He further informed that 7500 specially abled persons of the area have been facilitated in getting the

UDIDs.

DC also distributed Age Proof
Certificates among beneficiaries for
old age pension scheme of Social
Welfare Department.
While responding to the demand of
construction of a bus stop for Terayth,

the DC directed the concerned officer to identify suitable land for the same.

The DC also directed tehsildar to

Dr Raghav Langer visits Salamabad Uri; reviews development projects

Lays foundation stone for construction of Tehsil Office

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, DECEMBER 07:
Secretary Planning Development and
Monitoring Department, Dr Raghav
Langer, who is on 3 day tour to
Baramulla district, today visited
Salamabad Uri to review development Salamabad Uri to review development projects besides assessing public griev-ances. Secretary was accompanied by SDM Uri, Jatin Kishore, Joint Director Planning, M Yousuf Rather, DSO, Ishtiyaq Ahmad Khan and other conprojects besides as cerned officers

Secretary laid foundation stone for construction of Tehsil Office at Uri

construction of Tensil Office at Uri under Samridhi Seema Yojana. He also held a Gram Sabha at Salamabad Panchayat wherein Sarpanchs, Panchs, officials of line departments besides a huge gathering



Panchayat Raj, PRIs, frontline workers and local youth discussed various issues of public importance including cleanliness, sanitation, augmentation of water supply, enhanced health facil-ities, better education and other devel-

needs of people of the village. Raghav Langer documented all the grievances projected during the Gram Sabha and assured them of an early redressal of their issues.

DAP demands probe in leakage of threat list, security to KPs

There is no security, no rehabilitation and only politics over this community: Nizami

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, DEC 7: The SRINAGAR, DEC 7: The Democratic Azad Party strongly condemns the threats by terrorist organi-zation TRF against Kashmiri Pandits posted in Kashmiri under Prime Minister Employment Package. In a statement issued here, DAP's senior leader Salman DAP's senior leader Salman Nizami said that the threats to the minority community employees shall be viewed seriously and all such employees named in the list released by TRF must be provided adequate protec-



"The government co

government can't ignore the threats issued by ignore the threats issued by terrorist organization to the employees of PMEP. All the employees mentioned in the threat list must be provided proper security," he said in

a statement. Nizami said that the government must also probe the matter to find out how the list of these out how the list of these employees has been leaked to TRF. "It is a serious secu-rity breach that has put innocent lives in danger. Probe must be done and we strongly condemn this breach," he added.

The DAP leader criticized the government for failing to protect the innocent civil-ians and especially minority community members in

Kashmir. He said that when Mr

Ghulam Nabi Azad was the chief minister of Jami Kashmir, not only Pandits were properly reha-bilitated but their security was ensured.

"Mr Azad built separate

colonies for the Pandits and provided them relief. Every single Pandit was protected under his rule.

But what we see now is nplete failure on part of

the government.

There is no security, no rehabilitation and only politics over this community, he added

Alok Kumar unveils Manzilein 2.0 Career Guidance Portal for 9th to 12th classes

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 7: Principal Secretary, Education Department, Alok Kumar, today launched presti-gious Jammu and Kashmir career

gious Jammu and Kashmir career guidance portal Manzilein 2.0 at a cer-emony held at Jammu. The career portal, titled 'Manzilein' has been developed in collaboration with UNICEF India to provide career guidance to the students of classes 9 to 12 in government schools

12 in government schools.

The www.jkcareerportal.org is accessible to all the students of government schools from class 9th to 12th through unique Aadhaarshila IDs in Jammu division and LMS IDs in Kashmir division. This portal will help Kashmir division. This portal will help students in exploring over more than 555 careers, 21000 colleges, 262,000 programs in 16 countries and also 1130 entrance exams, vocational courses and 1120 scholarships. Alok Kumar, while speaking on the occasion, expressed grafitude towards UNICEF India for developing this por-tal for the benefit of students. He

tal for the benefit of students. He added that this portal will help stu-dents to access different career courses and can choose their career path

and can choose their career path
matching with their aspirations, interest, inclination and aptitude.

Principal Secretary called upon the
teacher counsellors to help students
navigate through the portal to derive its benefits

Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, du opening remarks, said that NEP 2020 also stresses on timely career guidance



plement the efforts of the Directorate of School education Jammu to provide career guidance to students to fulfill career gudance to students to fulfill their aspirations by setting up realistic goals. With this portal, students can discover their prospective career from the comfort of their home, he added. Danish Aziz, UNICEF Education

Specialist, gave orientation on Manzilein Career Portal 2.0. to counselling task force members present on the occasion. He enlightened the stuthe occasion. He enlightened the stu-dents about the navigation of this por-tal. Dr. Romesh Kumar IC Counselling Cell DSEJ presented a brief note on counselling initiatives undertaken by Directorate of school education Jammu during recent past and interacted with counselling task force regarding implementing career guidance programmes in schools.

Students and teachers shared their valuable feedback regarding coun-selling initiatives in the schools.

On this occasion, Counselling Coordinators Zonal Counsellors Coordinators, Tele counsellors, Faculty Counsellor, members Counselling Cell DSEJ were felicitated for their valuable contribution in coun-

for their valuable contribution in counseling initiatives.
Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Sudershan Kumar Director Skill Development Department, Dr. Sajad Parvez Head IEEDC, NIT Srinagar, Subah Mehta, Joint Director (JSK), Monika Bhandari, Labas Pabras Chief of Field Services, Joint Director (JSK), Monika Bhandari, Jalpa Ratna, Chief of Field Services, UNICEF India, Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Polytechnic college, Chief Accounts Officer DSEJ, Suraj Singh Rathore, Chief Education Officer Jammu.

The event was organised by Counselling Cell, Directorate of School Education Jammu in collaboration with Move Beyond a start up of IIEDC
NIT Srinagar and coordinated by Dr.

BJP works for people, not just to win elections: Sat Sharma

Sat Sharma, others listen to the public grievances at BJP headquarter



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 07: BJP works for people, not just to win elections, stated Sat Sharma, former J&K BJP President & former Cabinet Minister.

Sat Sharma (CA), accompanied by Ashwani Sharma, former MLA and Sanjay Baru, Convenor,

Urban Local Body Cell, J&K BJP was attending to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta

The BJP leaders listened erous individuals and deputations from different parts of Jammu & Kashmir who visited the party office to represent the issues of their respective areas as well as their individual concerns. Main issues presented in the camp related to the

water, electricity, lanes, drains, roads, health, revenue departments, Ration issue etc. A deputation issue etc. A deputation requested for the construc-tion of road from main road Suhagpur to Goushala. A deputation presented issue of incomplete bridge at No. 2 Seer.

plete bridge at No. 2 Seer. Sat Sharma, Ashwani Sharma and Sanjay Baru immediately discussed their issues with the con-cerned officers after which they assured them that their issues would be addressed soon. Speaking on the occasion. Sat on the occasion, Sat Sharma stressed that BJP is serving the people on a mission mode.

mission mode.

He said that a BJP activist serves the people continuously for the betterment of the society, while safeguarding the interests of the Nation as well BJP and its activists well. BJP and its activists work for the people, not just to win elections, he

Mandeep Kaur reviews Local Climate Action Plan for Palli Panchayat, Samba

II NEWS SERVICE

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 7: Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development
Department and Panchayati Raj,
Mandeep Kaur, today reviewed the
Local Climate Action Plan for Palli
Panchayat of Samba district. The meetattended by S M Sahni from ing was attended by S M Sahni from INTACH, CEO JAKEDA, ACD Samba, representatives from IIT Jammu, SKUAST Jammu, Forest Department and Agriculture Department. It is per-tinent to mention that on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day 2022, Palli was declared first carbon neutral panchayat but Perime Minister. A panchayat by the Prime Minister. A 500Kw solar power plant had been

installed in the panchayat by Rural Development Department in collabo-ration with Central Electronics Limited, Government of India. Government of India supported the efforts to universalise the concept under Gram Urja scheme and Unnat Bharat Abhivan III Lampus along with Bharat Abhiyan. IIT Jammu along with participating institutes conducted the base survey on the energy consump-tion and emissions of CO2 in Palli tion and emissions or CO2 in Paili which became the foundation for for-mulation of a mitigation plan referred as Local Climate Action Plan, formu-lated in collaboration with SKUAST Jammu, Forest, Health, Agriculture, Finance, Animal Husbandry, Sheep

installed in the panchayat by Rural Husbandry, Education, IAKEDA and riussandry, Education, JAKEIJA and other departments. A committee under Deputy Commissioner Samba converted the plan on the basis of findings of the survey into an implementation framework to be funded out of the running schemes of different departments.

On the occasion, Madden Kaut On the occasion, Mandeep Kaur reviewed the status of implementation of the plan and ways to universalise it across JK. She further stated that Palli across JK. She further stated that Palli Panchayat is the first panchayat which is on its way to become Carbon Neutral Panchayat and is serving as a precedent not only for Jammu and Kashmir but for other Panchayats

Awareness Program on PMFME ODOP conducted at Chasana- Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, DECEMBER 07: An awarene REASI, DECEMBER OT: An awareness programme on 'Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME Scheme) for promotion of One District One Product' was conducted here at Panchayat Ghar Chasana. More than 50 farmers including unemployed youth participated in the Awareness programme.

Awareness programme.
Chief Agriculture Officer and
District Nodal Officer PMFME,
Harbans Singh inaugurated the aware-

ness programme in presence of District Agriculture Officer Extension Rajesh Verma, Agriculture Extension officers Dara Singh, Sanjay Sharma and JAEO Karan Dev Singh & other officials of Agriculture Department & Sarpanches Shergarhi and Chasote. The District Shergarhi and Chasote. The District nodal officer gave a detailed presenta-tion on the scheme and enjoined upon the youth to set up micro food process-ing units of Mustard Chutney, Chilly powder packing & marketing, spices grinding, Garlic paste etc. The District Agriculture Officer elaborated the eli-

gibility and terms of subsidy, interest and other related details of scheme. District Resource Person, Layaqat Hadri explained the process of online application. Bank Manager JK Bank ssana also addressed the farmers and elaborated the role of the Bank in

and elaborated the role of the Bank in implementation of the scheme by encouraging the youth of this inacces-sible and far flung area of the District. Officials from allied departments also participated in the programme. Vote of thanks was presented by Sarpanch Shergarhi Mohd Hanief.

Deputy Mayor inaugurates Women Skill Development Training center

Demands restoration of Statehood, holding of Assembly Polls in J&K



JI NEWS SERVICE

IAMMU, DEC 7: Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurat-ed a Women's Skill Development Training center at Ward 55, ed a Women's Skill Development Training center at Ward 55, Kunjwani in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. The center was estab-lished in collaboration with Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust (Regd.) and Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra, who provided sewing machines for the center. The inauguration ceremony center. The inauguration ceremony was attended by several dignitaries and the president of Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust Rajiv Sharma, Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra president Veena Bakshi.

ter will be a great source of empow erment for the women of the area, as it will not only provide them with a skill to make a living, but also give them a sense of confidence and selfthem a sense of confidence and self-esteem. He also appreciated the efforts of Dogra Sewa Sambhal Trust and Jagriti Mahila Udyog Kendra in providing the necessary resources for the center. He said that the center will be a great step towards the socio-economic development of the

The center will provide trainin men in the an and resources to women in the area in order to help them become self-sufficient and secure a better future. It will also provide free sewing machines to empower the women of

the said area.

Deputy Mayor, Jammu said that the Trust will provide the training at no cost. He said that the trained women can start their own business or get employed with the help of the Trust. He also said that the Trust will provide financial help to the n who wish to start their own women who wish to start their own business. Deputy Mayor, Jammu said as Deputy Mayor of Jammu, I am committed to empowering the women of Jammu. We are taking various initiatives to ensure that the women of Jammu have access to the same opportunities and resources as the men in our city. We are focusing on providing beta-

We are focusing on providing better education and employment opportunities to women, and also opportunities to women, and also providing them with better access to health care and other essential services. Additionally, we are also working to create a more inclusive society for the women of Jammu, providing them with better representation in all sepacts of life. in all aspects of life.

Finally, we are also taking steps to nsure that the women of Jammu ensure that the women of Jammu are ensured of their safety and security, and that their voices are heard in decision-making processes. Bjp Kunjwani Mandal president Ranjit Singh, Inderjeet Kour, Vikram Singh, Neenu Mehra were present.

Interactive session with Commanding Officer 4 J&K NCC Battalion held at DGC



JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, DEC 7: The Commanding Officer of 4 J&K NCC Battalion paid visit to Dogra Group of Colleges (Dogra Degree College & Dogra Law College). The visit was planned for a formal interaction of Col. R M Sharma, CO, 4 J&K NCC Battalion Sharma, CO, 4 J&K NCC Battalion and his team with the newly inducted batch of NCC Cadets of Dogra Law College & Dogra Degree College. Cadets from Rich Harvest School, Bari Brahmana, accompanied by their CTO NCC Mr. Mohit

Sharma were also a part of the inter active session. The event formally active session. The event formall began with a sapling presentation to the visiting Commanding Officer fol lowed by a welcome address. During his address Col. R M Sharma enlightened the Cadets about the benefits of ened the Cadets about the benefits of joining NCC, as through this they can join the armed forces. He enthusiasti-cally encouraged the students to fol-low the noble values of discipline and unity in their everyday lives and contribute towards Nation building. He also lauded the noble efforts of the College management for opening NCC wing and providing the students with an opportunity to join NCC. He explained about the different aspects of NCC to the students. A question - answer session was also held and Col R M Sharma very convincingly answered all the queries of

the students.

ANO Dogra Law College made a power point presentation wherein he shared all the activities undertaken by the NCC Cadets of Dogra Degree College & Dogra Law College. The efforts of the NCC Unit were lauded by all.

The event saw the presence of Dr. Darshana Sharma, Director, DGC & Darshana Sharma, Director, DGC & CD, Prof. V P Mangotra. Principal, Dogra Law College, Mrs. Bela Thakur, Principal, Dogra Degree College & Mr. Sachin Prabhakar, Assistant Registrar, Dogra Educational Trust. The event was hosted by Junior Under Officer Abhishek Sharma, DLC. Mr. Rishabh Ralebi, Cf. Dr. Co. Dorre Degree Bakshi, CTO NCC Dogra Degree College presented the vote of thanks The event finally winded up with the

Biggest threat to Jammu is from opportunist leaders: Harsh Dev



JAMMU, DEC 07: "While mu region continues and to suffer despite the incessant chest thumping of the saffron regime, the people of dogra land need to give a dogra land need to give a serious thought for find-ing a viable alternative to the deceptive politicians. It is sad that the opposi-tion leaders of Jammu region are abandoning their respective parties their respective parties one by one and falling in the lap of either BJP or Kashmir centric parties. And these were the very leaders who would swear by the cause of Jammu accusing the BJP of having betrayed the sentiment of the Dogras for vested interests and fulfilment of

depicted the BJP and PDP as anti-Jammu parties and their leaders as power hungry politicians, they opted to embrace them at the first available opportu-nity and to acknowledge nity and to acknowledge them as their leaders. While some of these prodigal sons of Jammu were opting for BJP, the others had chosen JKAP as their mentor and saviour". This was stated by Mr. Harsh Dev Singh, Former Minister and senior AAP leader who was addressing public meetings in Satyalta and Malal in Chenani constituency

Urging upon the people to beware of opportunist politicians, Mr. Singh said that Jammu region has often been cheated by its overt support to the new own leaders. "In 2014, the Dogra land gave massive mandate to the saffron are granted audience by

party and ensured victory of its 25 Assembly candi-dates with both MP seats also falling in its kitty. But what did it do? It conceded the CM's chair for full term accepting the leader-ship of PDP whom they had vowed to decimate during the said elections. Those who were projected as monsters by BJP were embraced by it as part-ners. And subsequently ed the CM's chair for full also after the collapse of PDP-BJP coalition, it made PDP-BJP coalition, it made a desperate though unsuccessful attempt to hand over the reins of power to Sajad Lone of PC which had only two MLAs from Kashmir. And now again, it's the saffron party which is reportedly pro-

viding tacit as well

top leadership of the country without any hassles and have easy access to the corridors of power in New Delhi. The said parties have also been allotted Estates Bungalows at Gandhi Nagar for their political office only adja-cent to the residential 'A accommodation type' presently held by the State BJP President. And of course, all this with a design.

A new alliance in the offing. A new experiment to capture power. The media is being fully exploited to create hype in our of the new outfits and the new entrants in the BJP. The defections as such are being glorified and glamorized.

And then all efforts made to justify such defec-tions, floor crossings and change of loyalties. Such opportunism of the political leadership has been responsible for incarceraresponsible for incarcera-tion of Jammu and caused immense damage to the cause of this deprived region. It is high time therefore that Jammu rec-ognizes the true face of political opportunists behind their decentive facades and supports those who have stood firm in the face of gravest of provocations and inspite of all odds, pulls and pres-

Tarun Uppa calls on Anna Hazare, discuses issues of farmers

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, DEC 7: Tarun Uppal, social activist and Chairperson Nirbhay Bharat Foundation today Bharat Foundation today met Anna Hazare, 85-year-old anti-graft activist in Ralegaon Siddhi and dis-cussed various issues relat-ed to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir. Tarun Uppal requested

Tarun Uppal requested Anna to visit Jammu and Kashmir and make the farmers of the Union Territory aware about the rming techniques being

adopted by him in making the Ralegaon Siddhi a sus-tainable village model for the country. He said Ralegan Siddhi is in a drought-prome and rain-shadowed area of Maharashtra. In 1975, this Maharashtra. In 1975, this was a place of poverty and hopelessness. The abuse of their natural resources coupled with water runoff and soil degradation meant that this village of about 2,500 people, mostly farmers, was un-farmable. Wells ran dry which made it difficult for

people to find drinking water during part of the year. As a result of which people started leaving Ralegan Siddhi in search for work and a livelihood else-

work and a livelihood else-where, an understandable choice considering the situ-ation they were facing. Tarun Uppal said it was hectic efforts of Anna ji which has made the Ralegaon Siddhi a sustain-able village model for the able village model for the country. He urged Anna ji to must pay a visit to J&K and make farmers aware

the advanced techniques of farming without using fertilizers, rain water harvest ing.

water shed develop ment, Nasha Mukt so that ment, Nasha Mukt so that the villages of Jammu and Kashmir can also bring at par with model villages of the country. Anna Hazare appreciated the thought of Taun Uppal and assured to visit Jammu very shortly to make farmer

very shortly to make farmer familiarize with advance technique of farm

Contribute generously towards cause of **Armed Forces: Col Mahan**

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, DEC 7:

Mahan Singh Mahan Singh has appealed to the general public to contribute gener-ously towards the cause of the Armed Forces. He said Indian Armed Forces are one of the best forces in the world as each and every soldier of Indian is committed to Boundaries and ready to sacrifice for the sovereign-

Zila Sainik Welfare Officer Col Chahal and his Officer Col Chahal and his team today started a cam-paign for distribution of Armed Forces Flag Day coupons/stickers. The First such sticker was pinned up to Col pinned up to Col (Retd.)Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua

ty of our motherland

Chairman Kathua.

Notably, on December 7
every year, people of India
celebrate Armed Forces
Flag Day and honour the
soldiers who safeguard the country. On this day, coupons, stickers and vehicle flags are distrib-uted in dark blue, light blue and red colours, rep-



forces and their families. The contributions to the AFFDF can also be made made by
Cheque/Demand Draft
drawn in favour of Armed
Forces Flag Day Fund
payable at New Delhi,
India.

Paying tributes to the bravehearts of armed forces, the DDC Chairman said that the Flag Day is an opportunity for the coun-trymen to express their gratitude and show soli-

forces personnel. He thanked the Armed Forces personnel, whose valour & sacrifice, has safeguard-& sacrifice, has safeguard-ed the sovereignty and integrity of the country. He said, it is a collective responsibility of the nation to help the soldiers and their families. The DDC Chairman asserted that "the welfare of soldiers, who ensure

national security, should not be the respon sibility of only the go ment, but it should be the duty of all". He empha-

sised that industries and businesses can never flourish in a country flourish in a country where national security is not strong.

Reiterating the Modi Government's commit-Government's commit-ment towards the welfare of the country's brave-hearts, Col Mahan Singh said that a number of ini-tiatives have been taken in this direction. The initia-tives include 'Bharat Ke Veer' portal, 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' website for contribution to the Armed Forces Battle Cas Welfare Fund

JMC Corporator Amit Gupta inuagrates Deep Drain Works

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 7: Jammu JAMMU, DIC 7: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Corporator Amit Gupta, inuagrated Deep drain work At Chand Nagar in Ward-19 at the cost of Rs 5 lakhs which are in dilapidated condi-tion since long

tion since long. The Deep Drain work are in dilapidated condiare in dilapidated condi-tion since long and the res-idents especially old per-sons were facing lot of problems while passing through these busy lanes. Corporator Amit Gupta while addressing the media appealed the gener-al public to come forward and cooperate with

cooperate with Jammu Municipal Corporation in various development works undertaken by the depart-ment with in the Jammu



city,. He urged upon the residents to avoid using single used plastics, polythenes in their routine work, don't throw debris, garbage filth etc in the

kindly to adopt the habit of segregation of dry and wet garbage at their own

made neat, clean, green and beautiful city.

Local residents including and other were present on the occasion

BJP holds distinction of being only 'true Democratic Party': Ravinder Raina



II NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 07: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir conducted a meeting of its newly nominated District Prabharis and District Presidents at party head-quarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompa-nied by BJP General Secretary (Org.) AshoK Koul chaired the meeting, which was also addressed by J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, BJP General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, conventualiting all for these congratulating all for their new responsibilities as well as making them

aware of their huge aware of their huge responsibilities. Ravinder Raina, while addressing the meeting, said that the BJP holds the distinction of being only the 'true Democratic Party'.

He asserted that only the BJP holds the very basic principle of democracy in the highest moral spirits. He congratulated all party

leaders who have been endowed with the herendowed with the her-culean responsibility of party's Prabharis and Presidents at District level. He asked them to put their all energy for the new assignment, as they have to withstand the pressure of organizational principles organizational principles as well as the public issues, which will surely drain their energy for a better future of society and the Nation.

Nation.

Ashok Koul, in his address, said that this whole process enables the party activist to prove mettle for the new responsibility. ity giving new energy for every job.

Sarita Chauhan visits Samba Municipal Council under MTMP 2.0

Distributes sanction letters under MUMKIN, Golden Cards, PMAY-U, PMSVA Nidhi

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, DECEMBER 7: As part of ambitious 'My Town My Pride (MTMP) 2.0 programme of taking governance to doorsteps of urban populace, Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Sarita Chauhan today visited district Samba and interacted with ULB Councilors including President and locals

including President and locals. Commissioner Secretary, who is also visiting officer to the dis-trict, interacted with social activists and citizens besides traders' federations and market associations who apprised her of various issues and development needs seeking her intervention in timple sectors of timely redressal.

timely redressal.

Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by President MC Samba, Pawan Kohli, Vice President, MC Samba, Rajni Sambyal besides other Councilors and ward members.



Deputy Commissioner Samba, nuradha Gupta, Director Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Social Welfare. Vivek Sharma, ADC, Rakesh Dubey ASP Surinder Choudhary, CPO, EO Municipality Samba besides other district officers were also

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During the interaction, the locals raised several issues including availability of building materials, dearth of staff in district hospital and women College, new bus routes, beautification of town, street lights on Hospital road, road widening besides augmenta-

road widening besides augmenta-tion of electricity and water infra-structure in Samba, town. Sarita Chauhan, while speaking on the occasion, said that to make our towns, cities smarter in terms of modern mobility plan, encroachment free areas, sustain-able tourism besides incorporat-

ing green and beautification city plans public participation is of utmost importance. She said under 'My Town My Pride' the administration is reaching out to administration is reaching out to last person for ensuring holistic development of our urban areas. "Various initiatives like good gov-ernance index, digital j&k, public services through online portals, stress on self employment Skill development, special focus on rouths, amorgament has been youths engagement has been taken up to connect with public in a more transparent and effective manner" added Chauhan.

manner added Chaunan.
On the occasion, Commissioner
Secretary distributed sanction letters under self employment
schemes like Mumkin through JK Bank and also provided certifi cates to beneficiaries of PMAY-U as 'Greh Parvesh' and PMSva Nidhi Yojana, besides blankets baby kits, sports kits and other benefits were also distributed

among the beneficiaries.

Commissioner Secretary laid foundation stone for Upgradation of existing Municipal Complex Samba with an estimated cost of Samba with an estimated cost of Rs 500.0 lakh. The upgradation will include creation of parking facility at ground floor, an audito-rium at first floor and office com-plex at 2nd floor of building. During the event, various line departments mut up stall to gran.

departments put up stalls to gen erate awareness and register ben eficiaries under various govern eliciaries under various govern-ment sponsored schemes includ-ing Aadhar registration and other digital services. Visiting officer inspected stalls of agriculture, horticulture, education, revenue department, social welfare, hand-iesth handlenn ICDE. It departs icraft handloom, ICDS, IT depart ment and others. She laid emphasis on ensuring 100% saturation of beneficiaries under the schen dedicated

DC Ramban flags off group of students for trekking expedition

II NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 07: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today flagged off a group of students to Patnitop for trekking expedition. CPO, Dr. Kasturi Lal, ACD Ashok Singh, DYSSO,

Dharamveer Singh, and other senior officers were present on the occasion. The six day Trekking expedition ent on the occasion. In e six day I rekking expectation camp is being organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports Ramban. As many as 50 students from six different education zones of district Ramban are participating in the expedition. Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that such types of events provide the students an opportunity to under-stand their ability, patience, and weakness and encour-age them to improve their skills which would belin

age them to improve their skills which would help them in their future.

While interacting with the participants, the DC impressed upon them to avail this opportunity to shape their personalities as good sportsmen as well as responsible citizens to lead the society.

IIM Jammu organises Blood **Donation Drive in association** with Red Cross Society



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DECEMBER 07: Kartavya - Social Responsibility Club of IIM Jammu in association with

Responsibility Club of IIM Jammu in association with the Red Cross Society, Jammu on the proud occasion of Armed Forces Day organized a Blood Donation Camp at its Jallochak Campus, IIM Jammu. The Blood donation drive conducted under the able guidance of Prof B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu was inaugurated by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, and Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jampu in the meeting houre.

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu in the morning hours. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu appreciated the initiative taken by the students at the Institute and assured to extend all support from the Institute for the cause. We strongly believe in sensitizing our students towards developing social sensitivities and a strong need for blood donation drives amongst the youth of the country towards the cause. At IIM Jammu, we are always committed to the working of the seconds and patients. I sensitive the surface of the seconds and patients.

cause. At IIM Jammu, we are aways committed to the welfare of the society and nation at large. "Someone lives when someone donates. Sympathy alone cannot save people in chronic conditions, but blood can. A drop of blood donated is a life saved, and this was the stronghold that guided our students into an impressive turnout for the cause" said Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu.

The drive save close to 90 students, facility, and staff

The drive saw close to 90 students, faculty, and staff members coming together in large nos. to donate blood for a noble cause. The drive was successfully conducted tor a noble cause. The drive was successfully conducted by Dr. Zulfigar, Deepa, Sunita, Badal, Meenakshi, Rakesh and Vinod from the Blood Transfusion Department and the Red Cross Team, Jammu. The samless were carefully sealed and transported to the Blood bank. This camp helped students in getting awareness about their social responsibilities and showed enthusiation participartic for the same properties. astic participation for the same

GDC Ramgarh organises series of activities under "My College My Pride & My Town My Pride"

II NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, DECEMBER 07: Government Degree Colle SAMBA, DECEMBER (IV: Government Degree College Ramgarh organized a series of activities under the aegis of 'My College My Pride' and 'My Town My Pride' today. The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit 'Prabba', College Beautification Committee (GBC), Red Ribbon Club (RRC) and Eco Club (EC) of the College Ribbon Club (RRC) and Eco Club (EC) of the College carried out the designated activities, viz., making of new flower beds in college premises, a slogan-writing competition on the theme 'My College My Pride', Plantation of marigold plants in the flower bed.

The activities were organized under the leadership and supervision of the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur.

The new flower beds were laid at the designated sites in the College premises by cleaning the area and the surroundings. In the coming days of this month, new plants, especially herbal plants, will be planted.

The event was organized by Dr. Adit Khajuria of the Department of English and Amarjyot Kour of the Department of Computer Applications.

A total of eight students of the College participated in the competition. The first position was secured by Priyanka, the second position was secured by Sunaina Devi, and the third position was secured by Sunaina

Priyanka, the second position was secured by Sunaina Devi, and the third position was secured by Shivani Devi. The competition was judged by Prof. Seema Sharma of Department of Education, Dr. Sandeep Kumar of Department of Statistics, and Prof. Risha Kumari of Department of Punjabi.

The Eco-Club & RRC organized Plantation of marigold plants in the designated site and planted the marigold plant in the new flower bed.

GHSS Bhagwah celebrates Annual Dav DDC Chairman advises students opt for skill based subjects

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, DECEMBER 07: Government Higher

DODA, DECEMBER 07: Government Higher Secondary School Bhagwah today organised a scintil-lating function to celebrate Annual Day. District Development Council (DDC) Chairman, Doda, Dhanantar Singh Kotwal was the chief guest on the occasion. Besides the GHSS Bhagwah, students of GHS Kanhal, GUPS Bhagwah, GUPS Kharote, KGBV Bhagwah, Bes stended the processor. Bhagwah also attended the program.

Students mesmerized the audience by presenting

Students mesmerized the audience by presenting a variety cultural show featuring folk dance, sons, skids and school Tarana, besides theme based skits. Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman advised the students to opt for skill based subjects and avail the opportunities being provided by the Central government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Chairman stressed on the need to deal effective-ly with the threat of drug addiction which is more seri-The Chairman advised students to excel in different fields of education with full spirit and confidence to

achieve success.

DEPO Doda, Principal HSS Dessa, Principal HSS Trown and other concerned officials participated in the

DLC approves 5 change of land use cases in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, DECEM-BER 07: The District Level BER 07: The District Level Committee on change of land use today approved 5 applications here at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Krittika Iyotsna in the Mini Conference Hall DC Office

The DLC Committee The DLC Committee approved the five applications received online from the applicants from across the district. The DC enquired about the status of NOCs being issued in or NOCs being issued in favour of applicants and applications received and follow up status by the concerned departments. Necessary directions were issued to concerned

departments to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper ation of docu The DC asked the cor

The DC asked the con-cerned officers to get field certification before dispos-al of the applications. Among others, DFO, Rushal Garg, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rafig Ahmed Jaral and officers were pres

Anti-Corruption Day observed at SKUAST-J

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DECEMBER 07: Sher -eKashmir University of Agricultural
Science and Technology Jammu today
organised a program on the occasion of
Anti-corruption day.
Mayor of Jammu, Rajinder Sharma was
the chief guest on the occasion.

The program began with lighting of the
ceremonial Lamp followed by Saraswati
Vandana.

After the formal welcome of the chief est by Vice Chancellor Prof. LP Sharma guest by Vice Chancellor Prof. J.P Sharma SKUAST and Prof Rakesh Nanda, Director Education SKUAST Jammu, the Mayor, in his address, highlighted the dif-ferent problems faced by the public and the steps being taken by him as Mayor Jammu to combat the same. He empha-sised the importance of ease of doing business by bringing in transparency in service delivery for common citizens.

"This will go a long way in preventing corrupt practices in the service sector," he added. He also impressed upon the students to play their role in making a cor-ruption free Jammu in particular and a

ruption free Jammu in particular and a corruption free India in general.

The Mayor urged the students to participate in large numbers in the march being organised by JMC on 9th of December, 2022 - the International Anti-Corruption

Day.

The program concluded with a formal poof Rakesh Nanda, vote of thanks by Prof Rakesh Nanda, Director Education SKUAST Jammu and

Director Education SKUASI Jammu and the singing of the National Anthem. The event was coordinated by Professor Sushil Gupta Registrar SKUASI Jammu in association with Prof Mammohan Sharma, Prof Subash Kashap, Dr. Harsh Sharma. The event was attended by HODs, faculty members and students in large numbers.

Karmayogi Police Person training program concludes at SPTC (Talwara) Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, DECEMBER 07: A Two Day Training Programme on "Karmayogi Police Person" concluded today at SPTC Police Person" concluded today at SPTC Talwara. The training session was inaugu-rated by Jameel Ahmed, SSP, Principal STC Talwara, the other day. Sanjeev Kumar, Dy. SP was the Course Coordinator for the Training Programme

in which (20) officials/Trainees of the Institute participated. The idea behind the training programme was to bring about the change in attitude and skill set in Police 08 modules as per guidance provided by Capacity Building Commission. Principal STC Talwara, in his valedictory address, laid advised the Police trainees to inculcate "Service Attitude" in dealing with the general public.

"The more we become Karmayo Police Persons, the more our Service Powe will manifest itself the positive impact w can make on society," he added.

The training evoked a very positive to the positive impact w can make on society, and the positive impact w can make on society, and the positive impact w can make on society, and the positive impact we can make on society.

response among the participants and they seemed confident to serve the society in a better way after acquired training

Saurabh Bhagat visits SMVDU, Katra; Discusses augmentation of Science, Technology, Innovation EcoSystem in JK

II NEWS SERVICE

KATRA, DECEMBER 7: Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat, today visited Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Kakriyal, Katra, to explore possibilities of areas of mutual interest where Science and mutual interest where Science and Technology Department & SMVDU can take joint initiatives for augmenting the Science, Technology and Innovation ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir.

During a meeting held in this regard, Dr. R K Sinha, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, assured that the University would faciliary the state of the property of the state of th

Later, Commissioner Secretary held detailed discussion with the Research Innovation Council members of the Innovation Council members of the University headed by Dr. Vijay Bhat, Dean, Humanities and Professor of Mathematics. The discussion was held for development of Biotechnology with special focus on bio-fuels, aromatic and medicinal plants. The deliberation was held by Dr. Rakesh Kumar and Dr.

Bhagat discussed about the mission programmes of the J&K Science, Technology & Innovation Council and apprised of various schemes of Government of India and PM's initiatives regarding the upliftment of science through technology develment of science through technology development. Sanjay Kharoo, Joint Director, discussed the potential collaboration of University in the area of patents and startups and reiterated that very soon both S&T Department and SMYDU, Katra, will organise workshop regarding the same

tate and cooperate in all the endeavours of Sharada Potukuchi, who is a lead where the experts would deliver about the intellectual property rights, procedure for patent filings its benefits to the researchers, innovators and students. Sunita Razdan, Joint Director, encour-

aged the faculty for applying in the Research and Development Project proposals sponsored by the J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council. Commissioner Secretary expressed grat-

Commissioner Secretary expressed gratitude to Vice Chancellor Professor K Sinha, Padma Shri, for sparing his time and wished the meeting will soon bear fruits.

G P Fund cell concludes 2nd phase of "Grievance Redressal-cum-Awareness mela"

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JAMMU, DECEMBER 7: The second phase of "Grievance Redressal cum Awareness Mela" Organized by G P Fund Cell, Civil Secretariat, conclud-

The initiative, launched by the I&K Funds organization, Finance Department, was aimed at to redress the grievances of G P Fund sub-scribers, former subscribers and SLI insurants besides sensitizing the sub-scribers about the e-services being provided by J&K Funds organiza

Director General, I&K Funds organization, Neeraj Gupta Bakshi, ensured that all grievances of the subscribers and insurants are resolved during the event.

During the grievance redressal-cum-awareness mela, the subscribers and former subscribers of Civil Secretariat and other moving offices registered their grievances by per-sonally visiting the office of Accounts officer, G P Fund Civil

Secretariat.
The subscribers/SLI insurants also registered their grievances on the

official e-mail Id provided for the purpose through their official Notice. A dedicated cell of the officials of G.P. Fund Civil Secretariat, J&K also attended to the phone calls on daily basis for registration of Grievances of the subscribers through dedicated Mobile Numbers provided for the

purpose.

All the Grievances received during the event were disposed of on the same day/next day. On spot redressal of the Grievances of the subscribers were also made regarding viz, documents required for

Settlement of FR cases / SLI Maturity Claims, providing Status of adjust-ment of Inward T.E.s, Issuance of Annual Account Statement and updating the designation of sub-

scribers in the portal.

The Subscribers were also sensi-The Subscribers were also sensitized regarding the various e-services viz "SMS alert Service" and "Know Your G.P Fund Balance" provided by the J&K funds organization through Print and Electronic media and also by way of hanging of banners at prominent places both at Civil Secretariat Jammu and Srinagar. Pamphlets depicting the e Srinagar. Famplines depicting the eservices, Deposit linked insurance Scheme and various SLI Policies were also distributed to the DDOs/Subscribers of the Civil Secretariat Jammu.

Subscribers were also informed about the path breaking e-initiatives taken by the J&K Funds organization taken by the J&K Funds organization such as Shifting of manual posting of ledger accounts to real time posting of ledger Accounts and switching to e-TE / Auto T.E. mode from manual T.E.s with effect from 01/04/2021. Special Focus was laid on the deposit linked Insurance Scheme for legal heirs/ registered nominees of the deceased Subscribers & the various State Life Insurance policies for the Employees of the UT of J&K

The Subscribers as well as the The Subscribers as well as the Insurants whose accounts are maintained with G.P. Fund Civil Secretariat J&K actively participated and appreciated the 2nd phase of Grievance redressal cum awareness initiative taken by the J&K Funds Organization for redressing the Grievances of the Subscribers/ Insurants. Insurants

