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## Hangul breeding centre Shikargah Tral to be made functional again: Official

**PULWAMA:** The Hangul Breeding centre in Shikargah's Tral is set to be made functional again and efforts are being made to habituate Hanguls naturally in the centre. Officials told news agency that a hangul breeding centre was established in Shikargah Wildlife Sanctuary on which crores of rupees were spent in 2011. After its completion a hangul was housed in it but it became a victim of a leopard.

Locals said they never saw movement of Hangul in the area after that incident. However, the movement of deer has been witnessed in the area again for the last two years.

They however are concerned that the Hangul population may venture into orchards or residential areas.

A local Irshad Ahmad of Pinglish Tral said that the presence of Hangul at the breeding centre can attract visitors to the area.

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## AMU student from Sopore goes missing, family appeals for help

**SOPORE:** A class 10th student at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) from Sopore is missing since December 8 and his family has sought help of authorities to trace their son.

Family members told news agency that Masroor Abbas Mir son of Abbas Mir of Bohripura area of Sopore that their son left his hostel at 8 am for the school but did not reach there.

"We tried to seek his whereabouts from his colleagues and school authorities but nobody is aware where he is," a family member said.

"Masroor had withdrawn cash of Rs 5000 from an ATM. His mail is logged in and from that his last location was traced from Alighrah," a relative of Masroor said.

His family said that a missing report has been filed in the concerned police station.

They appealed people to contact on the numbers 8308878880 and 8491878812 if they have any

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## Minor dies, many infected after suspected 'Hepatitis Outbreak' in Kulgam

**KULGAM:** A six-year-old girl died while several others got infected due to an outbreak of suspected Hepatitis in Yaripora village of southern Kashmir's Kulgam district on Friday, officials said.

An official told the news agency that in Turka Tachloo village of Yaripora, a suspected Hepatitis outbreak claimed the life of the minor girl, who was admitted at JVC hospital in Srinagar while over a dozen have symptoms of the infection.

The deceased has been identified as a six-year-old Miya Gulzar from Turka Tachloo. "The infection has probably spread due to unsafe drinking water supply in the village," he said.

The medical team from Yaripora block of Kulgam immediately started a survey in the village, the official said, adding that the infected persons are

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# Conduct safety audit of all major and internal roads at the earliest: Lt Governor to officers

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today chaired a meeting to discuss various issues related to Road Safety, at the Civil Secretariat. During the meeting, the Lt Governor passed important directions for road safety measures, and suggested various mechanisms to reduce traffic accidents and improve the response system.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to formulate robust and resilient Standard Operating Procedure (SoPs) to examine vehicle fitness & issuance



of driving licenses. He also directed the officials for efficient implementation of stringent deterrence, penal actions against violators.

"Road accidents are a major threat to people's well being. Focus should be on measures that are effective in preventing fatalities. Safer roads should be the prime objective of concerned stakeholders and coordinated efforts are required to defeat this third leading cause of death worldwide. Enforcement is a significant and

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## CBT exam for SI posts from Dec 11 to Dec 19 to be conducted as per schedule: JKSSB

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) today said that the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for the post of Sub Inspector, Home Department which was scheduled to be held on 09-12-2022 will now be held on 20-12-2022 besides the examinations scheduled from 11.12.2022 to 19.12.2022 shall be conducted as per the schedule.

A notice issued by Controller of Examinations, JKSSB in this regard reads, "It is hereby notified for the information of all such candidates whose Computer Based Write-

ten Test (CBT) examinations for the post of Sub Inspector Home Department advertised vide Notification no. 06 of 2021 which was scheduled on 09-12-2022 and was postponed vide Notice no. JKSSB-CO/EX-AM (UTY)/54/2022-43 (7057013) Dated: -06-12-2022 shall now be held on 20-12-2022".

The notice further reads that the Admit cards downloaded for the examination n of 9-12-2022 by the candidates shall not be valid for examination on 20-12-2022 and the candidates need to download admit cards afresh for

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# SDGs will be very powerful tool to measure development: Chief Secretary

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today said that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be a very powerful tool to measure development in general and sustainable development in particular, and added that the governments have to measure development to improve further.

The Chief Secretary stated it while chairing the workshop on Sustainable Development Goals and delivering the keynote address, he said, "If we do not measure development, we do not improve. If we do not



measure with consistency, it is just anecdotal. The SDG tool will be a very powerful tool to

measure development in general and sustainable development in particular".

Dr Mehta also exhorted upon the departments to utilize the SDG mechanism to chart a plan till 2030.

He further reiterated that J&K is the front runner in implementing several schemes and programmes and is also closing to saturating several other schemes.

"Apart from this, J&K is first among many states and UTs in achieving aspirational districts, aspirational towns, aspirational blocks and aspirational Panchayats. J&K is the only one in the

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# Snowfall in higher reaches ends dry spell in Kashmir

**SRINAGAR:** The higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Friday while plains also experienced light showers, ending the dry spell in most parts of the valley. However, the weathermen here have predicted more rains and snow till tomorrow (Saturday).

Reports reaching the news agency said that Gulmarg, a world famous ski-resort, Machil, Sinthan Top, Sonamarg, Zojila, Pir Panchal, Sadhna Pass and Mughal Road experienced fresh light snowfall today.

Data available reads that Machil received 2 inches of snowfall while Sinthan Top recorded 3-4 inches snowfall today.



The weather is expected to remain wet till tomorrow following which the weather will remain dry for the next 10-15 days. "There is a possibility of

intermittent showers and snowfall in plains as well as in higher reaches of the Valley till tomorrow," Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif told KNO. He said that the

weather would remain mostly dry from Sunday for the next 10-15 days.

However, he said that there is also a possibility of sharp decline in night temperature during the dry spell in Kashmir from Sunday.

Moreover, Meteorological predicted cloudy weather with intermittent light rain at many places of Jammu & plains of Kashmir.

"Light snow (1-2 inches) likely (50% chance) in plains of Kashmir during 9th Night-10th Forenoon whereas few higher reaches may receive 4-6 inches of snow particularly over Gulmarg, Sonamarg-Zojila-Gumri axis, Razdhan Pass, Sadhna

pass, Mughal road and sinthan pass," the MeT officials said.

The MeT further said that there is no forecast of any major snow during this spell. It further said that there will be slight respite from the cold during the next 2-3 days.

"Dry weather is expected thereafter till 18th December with occasionally cloudy and light snow over higher reaches of Ganderbal, Kupwara and Bandipora during 12th late night," MeT officials said.

The MeT also issued advisory, saying that there may be temporary disruption in surface transportation over Sinthan Top, Mughal Road, Razdan pass, Bandipora-Gurez.

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## Sale of Kangris increase in Kashmir amid intense cold

**SRINAGAR:** Amid modern heating systems, demand for Kangri has increased in the Valley to protect from biting cold. The traditional firepot is sold like hotcakes in Kashmir these days due to cold weather and markets filled with bulk stock, say vendors.

Abdul Majeed, a Kangri vendor outside Hazratbal shrine told news agency, that he sold 20 kangris after Friday congregational prayers.

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# Deliver physical possession of double story commercial building to aggrieved, directs J&K High Court

**JAMMU:** In a landmark Judgement, Justice Sindhu Sharma of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, held that the bonafide purchaser of a property auctioned by a bank under the SARFAESI Act and Rules was entitled not only to the Sale Certificate but also to the physical possession of the property which was to be provided to him by the authorized officer.

While deciding a Writ Petition titled 'S.K. Bakshi V/s PNB and others', Justice Sharma, observed that the petitioner, despite paying a huge amount in



the auction, has not been delivered the property. As per the judgment, though

the physical possession of the property need not be

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# Supreme Court rejects plea seeking regulation of religious processions

**NEW DELHI:** Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a PIL filed by Teesta Setalvad-led, Citizens for Justice and Peace, seeking a strict regulation of religious 'Shobhayatras' across the country, where people brandish weapons, after noting that "don't portray as if all religious processions are a source of riots."

"What is this PIL about? We are sorry. We are not going to entertain this one. Don't portray as if all religious processions are a source of riots. It is wrong to have such saying," the bench of the Supreme

Court, headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dr Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chadrachud said, and refused to entertain the petition.

The PIL filed by Social activist, Teesta Setalvad-led, Citizens for Justice and Peace, in the Supreme Court said that riots have become a common occurrence during such 'shobhayatras' taken out during religious festivals. So thereby the Supreme Court should pass strict regulation of all these kind of religious 'Shobhayatras', across the country. The Apex Court also, refus-

ing to entertain the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Citizens for Justice and Peace, said that the law and order is the duty of the State police and is also a state subject. The district administration gives permission due and valid permission after seeing the kind of prevailing situation and condition. It would be incorrect if we interfere with the work and function of the State.

The Supreme Court also said that many people takes examples where the riots

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# Kashmir at number 2 slot as prevalence of substance abuse reaches 2.87 pc, reveals Study

**SRINAGAR:** In a shocking revelation, Kashmir has left behind Punjab in drug abuse and is at second slot after North East as the overall prevalence of substance abuse has reached 2.87 with Heroin becoming most commonly used drug by the addicts, a study conducted by the Government Medical College's Psychiatry department, revealed Friday.

The study, a copy of which lies with the news agency, said that Kashmir was at number

two slot as far as drug abuse was concerned as the region has left behind Punjab that was considered as the drug hub till recently. "Kashmir is just behind North East as of now," the study states.

It states that the substance use is predominant in young males with mean age of 28.15 years. "Substance use was seen largely in unemployed population at 25.2 per cent," it reads. "The most commonly used psychoactive substance



was Opioids in every district of Kashmir."

It states that in all ten districts, 67, 468 individuals were

having dependence pattern on psychoactive substances and among them 5204 individuals were opioids dependent and Heroin was predominant illicit drug that was used among the Opioid users."

The study states that overall prevalence of substance use was 2.87 while as for any opioid was 2.23 per cent. "The age of initiation of heroin was 22.98 years," the study states. It reads that average monthly expense on heroin procurement

by every person who used it was Rs 90,000.

A doctor privy to the study said that imagine 70,000 young spending Rs 90,000 each. "The drug abuse in Kashmir has economic burden given the amount spent by addicts on monthly basis," he said, wishing not to be quoted by name. He said that study was conducted in collaboration with Directorate of Health Services Kashmir and Social Welfare Department

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# SEC Sharma for timely updation of Panchayat Electoral Roll in J&K



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: State Election Commissioner, KK Sharma today asked the officers to undertake the exercise for updating and revising the Panchayat Electoral Roll of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in a time bound manner.

The SEC was chairing a meeting to discuss the schedule for updation/revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll in Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners through virtual mode, Director RDD, Jammu/ Kashmir, Director Panchayati Raj;

Secretary State Election Commission; Additional Secretary Chief Electoral Officer Jammu, State Informatics Officer, NIC Jammu, AERO Migrant Jammu, Deputy District Election Officer Jammu District Informatics Officers NIC (All), District Panchayat Officer, Jammu and other Senior officers.

The meeting held a threadbare discussion with regard to the revision of schedule for updation and revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll which included availability of soft/hard copies of the last Electoral Rolls, position of updation of supplements due to updation of voter

guidelines to be issued by State Election Commission the concerned Election Officer shall also refer to the names of all persons whose name figure as electors in the latest electoral rolls (of concerned Assembly Constituency). It was also given out that after due process and through proper outreach names of all those found eligible as electors with reference to 01.01.2023 as qualifying date would be included in the Panchayat Electoral Rolls.

The SEC directed the officers to work in a coordinated manner to ensure that the revision is done in accordance with the guidelines already prescribed for the same. He said that we have to ensure that the Panchayat Electoral rolls updated with in the stipulated time in a very systematic and hassle free manner.

SEC also deliberated on the suggestions put forth by the Deputy Commissioners.

Earlier the Secretary, SEC gave a brief overview about importance of the revision of the Panchayat Electoral Rolls.

# Another Milestone for Sarveshwar Group: Listed on main board NSE



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 09: Sarveshwar Foods Limited business was founded by the late Shri Mumalal Ji in 1890, and his son the late Shri Isher Dass Gupta took it into the second quarter of the last century. The group further expanded under the vision of Shri Suraj Prakash Gupta (Papaji), who gave it a new direction. Currently owned and managed by the fourth generation of the family very ably led by the current Chairman Shri. Rohit Gupta and supported by a team of able professionals. The company is being operated by dynamic professionals under the overall supervision and guidance of the board.

The Best Export Performance Award in J & K UT for 2021-22 by Mrs. Anupriya Patel (Honorable Minister of State for Commerce and Industry) in the presence of Mr. Manoj Sinha (Honorable LG J & K)

Today is a milestone day for the Company due to the Migration of Equity Shares of SARVESHWAR FOODS LIMITED from NSE SME Platform to NSE Main Board Platform with Listing & Trading at Main Board of BSE Limited with effect from Thursday, December 8, 2022. The Event was exhibited by ringing a bell with the NSE Dignitaries present physically and connected via Main Platform at NSE Mumbai.

over 130 years of experience. "Quality First" is our main motto at our company and we are ISO 22000, BRC, COSCO Social Compliance, GMP, and Kosher Certified Company. The Company is also in Organic Farming and take this opportunity to introduce Organic products from the land of Himalayas. The products are the ultimate blend of taste, aroma and purity cultivated under strict supervision of experts after following good agricultural practices. The Company exports to more than 20 countries and adding some more products from Himalayas in near future for western world.

The Event was graced by Shri R R Bhatnagar (Advisor to the Honorable LG), Shri Ravinder Raina, President BJP (J&K), Shri Mukesh Singh, ADGP (IPS), JK Police, Shri Dhreej

Gupta, Principal Secretary, Shri KK Sharma, Director-Agriculture, Shri Gaurav Kapoor and its team from NSE, Shri Surinder Gupta (IPS), Former IGP Police, Shri Pankaj Gupta, MD -Medical Supplies and other dignitaries.

Shri Rohit Gupta, Chairman of Sarveshwar Group of Companies while welcoming the dignitaries elaborated the journey of the Company from a small industrial unit to a NSE/BSE listed company having its offices in India as well abroad. The Company has 12 retail stores across the country along with 15 procurement centres and 10 farmer facilitation centres. The Company also exports to Big Joints like Costco, Walmart, Whole Foods, U.S Foods etc. Shri Rohit Gupta also mentioned establishment of state of art German Plants at Jammu for Producing best quality of rice.

Shri Bhatnagar advisor to LG in his address appreciated the efforts of Sarveshwar Group in getting recognition at national level and at international level. He also appreciated the effort of Sarveshwar Smiles foundation in delivery to the needy at grass route level as CSR activities.

Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, Director -corporate affairs of the Company thanked the dignitaries.

# S&T Deptt Udhampur organises series of competitions in Govt Schools

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 09: J&K Science Technology & Innovation Council, Department of S&T organised a series of Programmes including Science Model Exhibition, Poster making Competition, Painting Competition in different Govt Institutions in the past one week. The competitions were held in Government Higher Sec School Tikri, Garhi and Jaganoo Udhampur witnessing participation of over 700 students. In continuation to these activities, an award ceremony was organized today at Government Higher Sec



School, Tikri to felicitate the winning students. The Principal of the Host school, Ramesh Singh, in his welcome address hailed the department of science and Technology for engaging the students in progressive activities and hoped that it would

continue to do so in future as well. District Co-ordinator, Science and Technology Department, Udhampur, Shrutika Khanna, in her address focused on initiatives taken by the department in engaging the student community in different

Science activities to enable them to enrich Scientific Knowledge at an enhanced level. The awardees of Science working models, Painting Competition and Symposium were given mementos and certificates by the District Co-ordinator.

# BJP holds office bearers, district Presidents, Prabharis meet

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 08: J&K BJP held meeting of state office bearers, District Presidents, District Prabharis at BJP Headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP National General Secretary & J&K Prabhari Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP J&K Seh-Prabhari Ashish Sood, former State presidents Jugal Kishore Sharma (MP Lok Sabha), Shamsheer Singh Manhas & Sat Sharma, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal addressed the meeting.



"Jammu & Kashmir is an emotion for whole of India and Election here is rather a fight for and of Nationalism", said Tarun Chugh and added that J&K BJP activists must work on mission mode now.

Tarun Chugh said that this is struggle of 10 decades and the time has come that we all must put extra effort to achieve the goal for which our predecessors have sacrificed their lives.

"Those who divided the Nation and those who have always acted on foreign dictates should be defeated.

You must devote yourself to safeguard the nation, adopting the role of hero by securing victory for BJP in election", said Tarun Chugh.

Ravinder Raina congratulated Tarun Chugh, who campaigned intensely in Gujarat for the unprecedented victory. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and leadership has brought historic victory for BJP in Gujarat.

"Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas mission of Modi government has brought brilliant results for BJP. The same trend will be followed in Jammu & Kashmir, where BJP will secure brilliant results and will provide

Chief Minister on its own to the crown of India, Jammu & Kashmir" said jubilant Raina. Ashish Sood asked the party leaders to sharpen their organizational skills. He said that the BJP leaders must adopt the approach of new politics for the welfare of the society and nation. He also stressed on the focused working on the booths by the party leaders.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta asked the party leaders to listen to the Mann Ki Baat programme within the masses. He added that they must well plan the programme.

Dr. Devinder Manyal spoke on strengthening the Mandal and booth levels. He asked the party leaders to arrange regular meetings for the same.

Raveej Sharma spoke on the importance of public outreach of the party leaders. Sanjay Baru spoke on Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat mission to promote social harmony. Adv. Ishant Mahajan provided technical knowledge of Saral portal for party activists. Ankit Gupta spoke on the use, utility and ways to use the Social media effectively. Earlier meeting began with the Vande Mataram and organizational song sung by Dr. Pardeep Mahotra. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal conducted the meeting proceedings.

# BJP Mahila Morcha holds 1-day Working Committee Meeting



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 08: One day Working Committee Meeting of Jammu and Kashmir BJP Mahila Morcha commenced at Karan palace, Muthi Jammu.

National President Mahila Morcha BJP Vanathi Srinivasan and Sanjita Dogra UT JK Mahila Morcha President accompanied by Prabhari Mahila Morcha Anuradha Charak, Seh Prabhari Mahila Morcha Veenu Khanna, National secretary Mahila Morcha Rekha Kumari, Executive Member Mahila Morcha Updesh Adotra, "Prabhari rural Vaishjuria devi", Suresh Khajuria District president Rural lightened the lamp to commence the meeting.

National President Vanathi Srinivasan speak-

ing on the occasion said BJP's historic victory in Gujarat election is the victory of the party's commitment to development, good governance and public welfare. The biggest credit for this victory goes to the public trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She spoke on the PM's popularity and credibility, political policies, implementation of public welfare schemes, formulation of important strategies and discussed the forthcoming party programmes.

Vanathi said Self employment scheme is the best platform for self reliant group especially for the matrishtakti which aimed at making women self reliant, dignified life and contribute in nation building. Emphasized

more on Aaghanwadhis and suggested every office bearers, mandal and district presidents should adopt atleast one Aaghanwadhi nearby and look after malnourished children, pregnant lady, lactating mothers and adolescents girls. She also suggested organizing medical camps for them. Tourism has also increased 3 fold in UTJK after the abrogations of 370 articles. She added that BJP is ideology based party believes in Nation first party second and self last and serve the people of all walks of society.

Sanjita Dogra delivered Presidential address. She said Mahila Morcha holds these working committee meetings at regular intervals to have a detail review of the party's ongoing development. She congrat-

ulated Mahila Morcha who vociferously campaigned during the elections in Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.

She felicitated them with the certificate as token of thanks and appreciation. Sanjita Dogra requested Vanathi Srinivasan that she should do something in the favour of women of Jammu and Kashmir regarding the reservation in the upcoming elections. She said we are working tirelessly on the lines of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and she has high praises for Mahila Morcha effort to reach people at every level.

Rekha Kumari, Updesh Adotra, Anuradha Charak, Veenu Khanna, Vaishno Devi and Suresh Khajuria also spoke on the occasion.

Resolution was read by State office secretary Reema padma on Modiji's schemes, related to promote women-led development, a key focus has been on building the capacities in terms of nutrition, health and education.

The district Presidents presented reporting on organizational and political activities of the respective districts.

Neha Mahajan conducted proceedings and District President Rural Rajni Devi did vote of thanks.

# Former Minister, VC DDC tours various areas of Manjakote



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, DEC 09: Ex Minister and VC DDC

Rajouri visited different areas of Manjakote including panchayat mangalnar

and dabrote. Where he reviewed the progress of developmental work and

roads. He directed all the engineer to complete the work with in stipulated time period and added that no compromise will be made on the quality of work. He was warmly welcomed by people at different places during his visit. A no of deputation met with him and raised their demands before him he then assured them that their grievances will be solved at the earliest after taking up with concerned authorities.

He told that he will not let them suffer at any cost.

## DC Anantnag reviews functioning of RDD in district, physical/financial progress achieved under various schemes

Anantnag becomes first in UT to setup compost pits in EIs



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today reviewed the functioning of Rural Development Department in the district besides physical and financial progress of MGNREGA, District CAPEX, Amrut Sarovar and PMAY R schemes achieved across all blocks.

During the review, Dr Basharat said that ensuring physical and financial

progress of works is a priority. He said that 70% financial progress must be booked for works in consistency with guidelines from Finance Department and set a strict deadline of one week to achieve the same.

Laying special emphasis on rejuvenation of water bodies, the DC said that Amrit Sarovar works are a priority and must be completed within stipulated times.

Reviewing block wise progress of implementa-

tion of various schemes, the DC fixed timelines for completion of works and booking expenditure.

The DC was informed that Anantnag is the first district in the UT where compost pits have been planned in all educational institutions (EIs) and 90% of these have been completed already.

Dr Basharat said that setting up of compost pits will be instrumental in ensuring proper disposal of waste as well as enable the shaping of right

acumen among the students and they can translate the same change in their own residences and surroundings. He said the step will also familiarise students with concepts of organic manure and the benefits of using it.

ACD Anantnag presented scheme wise progress in various blocks. He informed the chair that nearly 1.5 million person days have been generated under MG NREGA this year and the district is on path to achieve 100% generation as per the allotted target. He assured the chair that works under District CAPEX are being taken up with full steam and financial expenditure is being monitored regularly to ensure timely disbursement of payments. He shared that 95% of payments under material component have also been completed in the district. The meeting was attended by ADC, JD Planning, ACD, Executive Engineer, all BDOs and AEs from the community development blocks.

## DC Bandipora chairs District Road Safety Committee meeting

Directs concerned to deal strictly with the problem of roadside encroachment



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meeting at Mini Secretariat, here.

During the meeting, the DC took department wise review of measures taken in connection with the different achievable targets as set by DRSC in the previous meeting and sought Action Taken Reports from all concerned depart-

ments. It was informed that signage boards, posters, hoardings, removal of black spots, construction of crash barriers have all been done across the district to ensure road safety.

The DC also enquired about measures taken to regulate traffic in Bandipora town and directed all concerned departments to regulate traffic more effectively in the town and immediate measures be taken for decongestion. He also directed authorities to

remove road side encroachments and take strict action against violators. Motor Vehicles department, Traffic authorities were also directed to enhance enforcement of Motor Vehicles Act across the district and intensify checking on main routes. Dr. Owais also directed for conduct of Road Audit across the district so that further remedial measures by way of structural augmentations be made for ensuring better road safety.

Barricading at identified road stretches, road safety measures including shifting of stands, introduction of e-rickshaws, establishment of Trauma Centre and awareness on traffic regulations were also discussed in detail.

Dr. Owais asked the concerned traffic police and motor vehicle Department to take stern action against the violators of the traffic laws as per relevant provisions.

He directed to take immediate action against illegally parked vehicles on the road and removal of obstructions to traffic on the road.

The DC warned of strict action against those dumping garbage and construction material on roadsides.

He directed officers to deal strictly with the problem of roadside encroachment for hassle free movement of public. The meeting was attended by ADDC/Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohd Ashraf Hakak, CEO MC Bandipora, ARTO, DIO, Dy. SP, Dy.CEO, Executive Engineers, and representatives of Health, Beacon, Traffic police and other concerned.

## Balvinder calls on Advisor Bhatnagar; Demands enhancement of Lateral Quota of GNM from 20% to 50%



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 09: Today hundreds of aspirants for GNM courses blocked road near Bahu Plaza and then gathered BPOEE office there were protesting for making reservation of only 20% lateral entry quota for GNM aspirants and thereby denying them of the admission in private Nursing colleges of JK UT.

Then later on they called renowned RTI/ Social activist S Balvinder Singh to come and take up their cause at the appropriate platform.

A delegation of students and their leaders led by S Balvinder Singh met Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar Advisor to Hon'ble Lt Governor JK UT and urged upon him to enhance the GNM lateral entry Quota from 20% to 50% to serve justice & equality with the rider that the seats remained vacant in the lateral entry must be shifted to the quota of direct entry, after completion of counseling of lateral entry aspirants.

Since the number of candidates from the quota of

lateral entry are very low. They further stated that more than 60% of the seats remained vacant in all the private colleges of JK UT. Singh further brought it to the notice of hon'ble Advisor that before the abolition of article 370 i.e., 05 august 2019, the criteria for the admission in colleges for letter head quota students was comparatively very easy and now the introduction of BPOEE has made very complicated and not understandable. The

process of admission before 05 August 2019 was that even those students who have had scored 55% could easily get into college and now the condition is that even the brilliant students with 75% could not get admissions in college. The reason behind all this is the pre-requisites of BPOEE which is very unnecessary and even the concerned authority have no explanation to this crisis. Private colleges have vacant seats due to the pre conditions of BPOEE which is unnecessary and has not been explained satisfactorily. The students from Ladakh are the bonafide victims in this on going situation. Before 05 August 2019 the students from Ladakh were applicable for the letter entry quota but now after the abrogations of article 370 they have faced a lot of distress and harassment in terms of administration. Therefore it is requested to entertain the students from Ladakh as well in the letter entry quota for admission in private college here in Jammu.

## JKSAC urges PM, HM to defreeze DP's 8 Assembly seats

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 09: Jammu Kashmir Sharnathi Action Committee (JKSAC) made a humble appeal to Hon'ble PM, Sh. Narendra Modi and Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah to consider de-freezing of DP's share of eight assembly seats in the ensuing parliament session to allow them to represent the aspirations of their people and also to end subjugation of Jammu region which has always been realised and being talked since decades. Terming it as most appropriate time the participants also appealed to Union MOCs in PMO Dr. Jalindar Singh, Lt. Governor Sh. Manoj K. Sinha and Sh. Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP and other senior high profile leaders of BJP to impress upon the central govt. to present a bill in this regard to de-freeze DP's share of seats proportionate to their population.

While interacting with the executive members of its unit of Tehsil Sunderbani at Dak-Bunglow, Gurdev Singh presented alongwith Tarseem Singh, Col. K.L. Sharma, Dr. Deep Kumar and other said that as appeared in print media the central govt. is likely to present a bill in parliament to provide nomination to

Kashmiri migrants as per the recommendations of Delimitation Commission. He apprised the members that it is also expected that central govt. may also consider nomination of two seats for DP's of 1947 from POK as per the suggestions made by the Delimitation Commission.

He said that we are grateful to Hon'ble Modi Ji and his govt. for considering the DP's nomination, but at the same time I would like to remind the central govt. that after the abrogation of article 370 & 35-A J&K is fully integrated with India and now it is constitutional obligations of the govt. to de-freeze the DP's share of assembly seats proportionate to their population.

He said that it is the only appropriate time for the govt. to present a bill in the parliament to deliver long awaited justice to DP's who are claiming since decades for their legitimate rights to represent their people's aspirations. He further apprised the participants that JKSAC has been struggling for these legitimate constitutional rights since 1967, but unfortunately having no political support the DP's voice was always crushed by the past govts. He said that JKSAC represented their case before the Delimitation Commission with all the

evidences to recommend to the govt. for releasing their share of seats proportionate to their population settled in Jammu region since the J&K is fully integrated with the rest of the country and the govt. is now left with no justification to captivate their constitutional rights of representation anymore. He termed it is not known how Delimitation Commission suggested central govt. only for nomination of only two seats, lacking justification.

He further apprised the participants members of executive body that constituents assembly was convened in 1951 and delineated 100 seats for J&K. The election was held for 75 seats only and DP's share of seats numbering 24/25 were reserved and kept vacant. He said that strength of assembly seats remained same upto 100 only when an act was passed in 1988 and the seats of J&K assembly was increased from 100 to 111 in 1995 after making an amendment. JKSAC raised their voice forcibly again for de-freezing of their seats and even came on road in 1988 and also resented strongly in 1995 but unfortunately having no political support of Jammu based political parties, they were denied of their legitimate constitutional rights of representation.

## BJP losing ground in Northern India: Rattan Lal Gupta

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 08: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) has asserted that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stands totally wiped out in Northern India due to its wrong rather anti-people policies with people struggling amid multiple miseries thrust upon them by the BJP Govt at the Centre.

This was expressed by the senior NC leader in response to the results of the Assembly elections announced the other day.

In a statement issued here today, Rattan Lal Gupta said that the poll results in the northern

region of the nation undoubtedly indicate the rout of the saffron party which only made promises before the elections only to befool the people and never fulfilling the same. The people of this region realizing the ulterior game plan of BJP used the ballot power to teach this party a lesson. Consequently, today BJP has become an invisible identity in heart of the country i.e. Delhi, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Even in Uttar Pradesh MP seat has been won by the Samajwadi Party, he added. The Assembly seats results in Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand are eye opener for BJP. Rattan Lal Gupta

said that it is this fear of losing badly that BJP is shying away from conducting Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He asserted that if the aforesaid elections are conducted in J&K now, BJP will fail even to reach a double figure in the impending Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that this stands proved by the fact that the anti-BJP trend has been gaining momentum with every passing day as it has failed miserably in doing justice with the people at large.

The senior NC leader said that the reason for BJP's downfall in Jammu and Kashmir is the highest degree of misgovernance

resorted to by it through the Lt Governor led proxy Govt working just for the benefit of bureaucrats leaving the common people to fend for themselves. Moreover, corruption and unemployment are presently at unprecedented peak in Jammu and Kashmir. The future of youth is quite bleak with recruitment scams having become the norm in this sensitive region.

The senior NC leader accused the incumbent government of lowering the morale of youth to unprecedented low due to sheer misgovernance in absence of any representative government in place in J&K.

## Johal kick-start work of shed at Raara cremation ground



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHA, DEC 9: Sarabjit Singh Johal, member of District Development Commission (DDC) Ramgarh kick started the development work of shed at the cremation ground of Village Raara of Rari Panchayat in Block Ramgarh of district Samba in the presence of prominent persons and locals of the area here today.

In his address on the occasion, Sarabjit Singh

Johal said that there was a dire need for a shed at the Raara Village cremation ground and this demand had been pending for a long time. He said that with the commencement of the aforesaid work a long pending demand of the people of this village has been fulfilled today. On completion of this work the people visiting the cremation ground for cremation will feel comforted by the built shed especially during

extreme weather conditions. The DDC member expressed his profound gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP government for continuously providing funds for the developmental works at Panchayat level, due to which works are going on unhindered in the Panchayats at a rapid pace. He said that steps are being taken continuously for the development of rural areas under the Modi

led Government at the Center which is making the requisite funds available for the Panchayats. He assured the people that more funds would be provided for the developmental works in the Panchayat areas with multiple works in the pipeline to be taken in the coming days.

Later Sarabjit Singh Johal also interacted with the people of the area who conveyed to him their problems and issues. After giving them a patient hearing he assured to take up the issues with the concerned authorities and get the same addressed at the earliest. Prominent among others present on the occasion were Panch Parveen Sharma, Naib Sarpanch Surjeet Singh, Mandal President Ravi Sharma and Shamsher Singh besides a large number of local villagers.

## State Taxes Department holds valedictory function at NIELIT Jammu

5-day advanced MS-Excel and data analysis training programme for its Officers & Officials concludes

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 9: State Taxes Department (STD) today held a valedictory function after the conclusion of five-day advanced MS-Excel and data analysis training programme for its Officers & Officials at National Institute Of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Jammu Campus.

On the occasion, Commissioner State Taxes, Rashmi Singh, and Additional Commissioner State Taxes Jammu, Namrita Dogra were also present.

Commissioner State Taxes, while addressing the participants appreciated Additional Commissioner State Taxes Jammu for taking an initiative to provide such quality training which will contribute in an

effective data analysis by the officials of the State Taxes Department.

The purpose of the training was to acquaint the officials of State Taxes with various advance features of Ms-Excel and data analysis.

The Executive Director NIELIT said, "The training will help in upskilling of the officials and we look forward to have a long term association with the department."



## DC Kulgam reviews progress of Agriculture & allied sectors



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, DECEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today reviewed the performance of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Fisheries, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, and other allied sectors.

During the meeting district officers of the respective departments briefed the chair about the performance of their respective departments and the

future plans. Chief Animal Husbandry Officer briefed the chair that annual Milk production of the district is 163k tons. He added that 158392 Artificial Inseminations were conducted and under NADCP 89500 vaccine doses were given. He also shared that under CAPEX, IDDS/IPDP/FDS, Rs. 5.85 lacs have been disbursed among 13 beneficiaries for establishment of dairy units. The DC stressed the CAHO to work on the

Mirch an area of 120 hectares has been adopted in the district and 26.20 Hectares has been bought under sweet corn cultivation with annual production of 699 MTs. He also added that 8 Tractors, 24 Power Tillers, 05 Mini Power Sprayers and other farm machinery were distributed during the financial year 2022-23.

The Chief Horticulture Officer informed that an area of 29 Kanals have been brought under Ultra High Density Plantation whereas 92 power tillers and 759 motor power sprayers were distributed.

In the Sericulture sector, the officers informed that the district recorded 27k kgs of cocoons.

A detailed discussion was also held regarding targets and achievements in this regard.

The DC also reviewed functioning and progress of Fisheries, Floriculture and other allied sectors.

The meeting was by ADDC, CAO, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, AD-Fisheries, LDM and other concerned officers.

## DDC Gbl takes stock of Regional Transformer Repair workshop



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 09: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today visited the Regional Transformer Repair workshop at Old Power House premises Ganderbal and took stock of its functioning.

At the outset, the DDC inspected all the sections of the workshop like assemble section, winding and rewinding sections and enquired about the repairing capacity of damaged transformers on a daily basis.

The Executive Engineer PDD briefed the DDC about its functioning, manpower, machinery availability and repairing capacity.

While enquiring about the capacity of repairing damaged transformers in a day, the DDC gave necessary instructions for

augmenting the repairing capacity of the workshop. He exhorted upon the Executive Engineer to take all necessary measures for its augmentation including machinery and manpower and directed the workshop in-charge

to ensure damaged transformers are repaired in the shortest possible time.

The DDC reiterated that district administration is committed to ensure hassle-free power supply in the district and

people should not suffer from this paucity.

During the visit, the DDC was accompanied by ADDC Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani, Ex. Engineer PDD division Ganderbal and others concerned.

## Placement Drive held at YCET

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 08: As part of its Professional Social Responsibility, which focuses on creating a strong academic connection for the Students, Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET) in Jammu organized a campus placement drive for the students of YCET and IMS. Investosure, ASC International, and Feedback Infra Pvt. were involved in a hiring campaign. Investosure was founded in 2010 as private fund lender in Sonipat Haryana. Investosure has the team strength of more than 250+ Experts and is growing enormously throughout.

ASC International is the leading contracting company undertaking telecom, gas pipeline, Electrical, Sewerage, Water, Oil, Power and Structural works for commercial Industrial Infrastructure. Feedback Infra is India's leading infrastructure services company, with over 9500

employees and associates. It has executed project across 28 Indian States and 37 countries. Feed Infra while privately held is backed by its three shareholders- ADV Partners, IDFC Bank Ltd and HDFC Ltd.

For the first round, a total of 92 students were shortlisted. 19 students in total, 15 from YCET and 4 from IMS, were chosen at the end of the laborious screening procedure. These students will enrol with the final annual package of 4-5 lacs.

The program was conducted by the Placement Cell of Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology, Jammu. Many officials from the company and Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology were involved to properly drive the placement process.

Yogananda College of Engineering and Technology is leading the effort to give the students of Jammu a chance to have a firsthand experience of placement drives. Our career coun-

selling programs which are also a part of our College's Social Responsibility lay special emphasis on empowering these students by imparting industry-ready skills, which enables them to get good placements in the on-campus drives.

The students did practice a lot for the preparation of drives and the college has arranged many workshops for students on the latest topics. Vijay and Mr. Sahil from Investosure; Mr. Mohd Harun from ASC international and Mr. Pankaj and Mr. Dheeraj from Feedback Infra hailed the efforts put by the college in nurturing and exploring the young minds for a better tomorrow. Jamwal Group of Educational Institutions (JGEI), Jammu Chairman Er. Vidhi S. Singh Jamwal, Vice-Chairman Sh. Shiv Dev Singh Jamwal, Managing Director Er. Renu Bangroo, Director, YCET Dr. (Prof.) Mulesh Kumar Kena and Chief Coordinator Er. B.R. Verma congratulated the selected students.

## CBT exam for SI posts from Dec 11 to Dec 19 to be conducted as per schedule: JKSSB

**'Announces postponed SI exam of Dec 9 on Dec 20'**

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: The Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB) today said that the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examination for the post of Sub Inspector Home Department advertised vide Notification no. 06 of 2021 which was scheduled to be held on 09-12-2022 will now be held on 20-12-2022 besides the examinations scheduled from 11-12-2022 to 19-12-2022 shall be conducted as per the schedule.

A notice issued by Controller of Examinations, JKSSB in this regard

reads, "It is hereby notified for the information of all such candidates whose Computer Based Written Test (CBT) examinations for the post of Sub Inspector Home Department advertised vide Notification no. 06 of 2021 which was scheduled on 09-12-2022 and was postponed vide Notice no. 06 of 2021 dated 08-12-2022 shall now be held on 20-12-2022". The notice further reads that the Admit cards downloaded for the examination on 9-12-2022

by the candidates shall not be valid for examination on 20-12-2022 and the candidates need to download admit cards afresh for the CBT examination to be held on 20-12-2022. The Fresh Level 1 and Level 2 admit cards for the examination of 20-12-2022 shall remain available on JKSSB website w.e.f 13-12-2022 and 17-12-2022 respectively, it adds.

"Further the examinations scheduled from 11-12-2022 to 19-12-2022 shall be conducted as per the schedule issued already", the notice reads.

## DC Kulgam reviews progress of works in KPDCL, PMGSY & other sectors

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, DECEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi Ud Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers of KPDCL, PMGSY and other departments to review their functioning and implementation status of schemes.

During the meeting, the Executive Engineer KPDCL informed the chair that under District Capex 134 works are completed and 93 are under progress.

The DC instructed him to ensure

completion of under process works within stipulated time frame. He also instructed him to follow the curtailment schedule properly.

While reviewing PMGSY, the Executive Engineer shared that 128 schemes were completed so far and there was a target of 66 habitations and the target was completed and all the targeted habitations were connected.

He also added that this year macadamization on 36 Kilometers was completed.

AEE JK Sports Council was

instructed by the DC to complete finishing work on Indoor Stadium in Qaimoh so that it can be dedicated to youth for sports activities.

All other Executive Engineers were also instructed to mobilize men and machinery to complete work projects within timeline and without compromising the quality of work.

The meeting was attended by ACR, Executive Engineers from KPDCL, R&B, PMGSY, Jal Shakti and JKPCB besides CMO, EO and other officers.

## First time, politics based on education and health getting recognition in country: Sandeep Chib

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DEC 09: AAP leader Sandeep Singh Chib today congratulated Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Supreme and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on AAP becoming India's ninth national party, within a decade of its formation, with its performance in the Gujarat elections.

He said AAP now entitled to airtime on the public broadcaster for election campaigns, and to office space and membership of consultative committees at

various levels of government. More than anything, it is a morale booster for party supporters, and a seat at the high table of national politics, he added. Chib further said that AAP is a state party in both Delhi and Punjab where it is in power, and it won two seats and a 6.3 per cent vote share in Goa earlier this year. With 12.9 per cent of the votes in Gujarat, as well as five seats, it qualifies as a state party there as well.

"For the first time, politics based on education and

health is getting recognition in the country.

Congratulations to the people of India," Chib said. When Arvind Kejriwal launched the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in 2012, many dismissed it as a fly-by-night venture. He had no political experience. He was a former tax official, an RTI activist, and the driver and beneficiary of Anna Hazare's anti-corruption movement in 2011. Aam Aadmi Party is getting so much love from the people all over the country

because of the work CM Arvind Kejriwal has done in Delhi. Till now we had to struggle for our symbol, but after getting the status of a national party, the Jhaad symbol will be reserved for AAP across the whole country.

By making AAP a national party, the people of Gujarat have given a message that the education-health, electricity-water model given by CM Arvind Kejriwal has to be spread across the country, added Chib.

## EPFO Jammu holds outreach programmes at USBRL Tunnel Projects T49B at Khari, AFCONS Conference Hall Nachlana

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: To safeguard interest of social security of all eligible employees, the Regional PF Commissioner, J & K and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin, visited to USBRL Tunnel Projects T49B at Khari, and conducted a meeting regarding benefits of PF Compliance.

More than 250 workers and staff of Construction agencies working in the USBRL Project at Khari attended the meeting.

It was found that the Contractors and Sub-Contractors of M/s IRCON International, Banihal have failed to remit contributions of a large number of employees and many were not complying regularly in the Provident Fund. The PF commissioner directed them to comply and pay the pending dues within two days or face strict action. The PF Commissioner directed IRCON International, Banihal to check the number of

employees engaged by each sub-contractors of each establishment (major contractors) and to check their monthly compliance.

The Meeting was conducted in AFCONS Conference Hall at Nachlana/Khari where representatives of the companies i.e M/s IRCON International Limited, M/s AFCONS Infrastructure Limited, M/s KEC International, M/s ABCI Limited, M/s Mas Construction and M/s Beigh Construction were present. The PF Commissioner instructed M/s Beigh Construction which is in default to pay all their pending dues and directed IRCON International not to release any payment until the contractors clears all his dues.

Another Contractor who has deducted PF Contribution from his employees, but has not submitted the PF dues was also instructed to deposit all the pending dues immediately or face strict action. PF Commissioner also directed M/s

KEC International, M/s ABCI Limited, M/s Mas Construction to comply and pay the pending PF dues within two days otherwise strict action will be taken.

The PF Commissioner personally visited the USBRL T49B at Khari contractor site where the project is going on and found that more than 250 employees were present. It was also found that some of the contractors and sub-contractors had stopped their work during the visit of the PF Commissioner, P.F.

Commissioner listened to the grievances of the employees working under the contractors and sub contractors in Khari. He also apprised the workers of the Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 (EPS-95) as well as Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI) scheme and their benefits.

He also advised the employers to deposit the PF of the workers so that the workers may get these benefits.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Subject:** - Notice to the eligible industrial units for filling online applications for registration under New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

This is to inform all the Industrial Units that the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India has announced New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir vide Notification No. F. No.1(1)/2020-555 dated 19.02.2021. In this context, it is advised to all the eligible unit holders to visit the portal i.e. www.jknis.dpiit.gov.in and file their applications online for grant of registration and upload the requisite documents in the first instance so that the applications can be verified and recommend for registration.

**Capital Investment Incentive(CII):**

New Units and Existing units undertaking substantial expansion with investment of not more than Rs.50.00 (Fifty) crore in Plant & Machinery (for manufacturing sector) or Building and all other durable physical assets (for service sector) will be eligible to avail benefit under this incentive in both Zone A and Zone B at the rate of 30% & 50%, respectively on Plant & Machinery (for manufacturing sector) or Building and all other durable physical assets (for service sector). Service sector unit will be eligible for this incentive only if it makes investment of not less than Rs. 1.00 crore in new building and other durable physical assets

**Capital Interest Subvention (CIS):**

New Units and Existing units undertaking substantial expansion are eligible for this incentive on the loan availed on investment made in eligible plant and machinery (for manufacturing sector), or construction of building and other durable physical assets (for service sector) at the annual rate of interest of 6% for a maximum of 7 consecutive years. Interest on loan up to principal amount of Rs. 500 crores for investment in plant and machinery shall be eligible for this incentive.

**Goods & Services Tax Linked Incentive(GSTLI):**

New units registered under the scheme irrespective of the value of investment in plant and machinery (for manufacturing sector) and construction of building and other durable physical assets (for service sector) and having a GST registration will be eligible for benefit under this incentive maximum at the rate of 300% of the eligible value of investment made in plant and machinery (for manufacturing sector) or construction of building and other durable physical assets (for services sector).

**Working Capital Interest Subvention(WCIS):**

All existing units in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir registered under GST prior to the date of notification of this scheme will be eligible for this incentive at the rate of 5% on working capital loan for a maximum of 5 consecutive years from the date of grant of registration under this scheme and other conditions as detailed in the guidelines. The maximum benefit under this component for manufacturing as well as service sector units is Rs. 1 crore in 5 years.

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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 IMAGES

## Gujarat victory to have direct bearing on 2024 elections

The landslide victory of the BJP in the Gujarat Assembly election has put the saffron party in jubilation as it came as a surprise for its high command. The party was expecting victory but the way it defeated its rivals proves beyond doubt that the voters have reposed faith in the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who remained the state's chief minister for 13 years. Modi's mass appeal across the state continues to work for the BJP, irrespective of who is occupying the chief minister's chair. The Prime Minister, in his victory address, has rightly said that the people of Gujarat have broken all records while casting their votes in favour of the party. During the past eight years after Prime Minister Modi shifted from Gandhinagar to New Delhi, Gujarat has had three CMs--Anandiben Patel, Vijay Rupani and Bhupendrabhai Patel. There is no doubt that Gujarat has received special attention from the Centre in terms of welfare schemes, development projects and bringing industrial investments. As expected, the ruling party left no stone unturned to ensure that the poll battle was reduced to a one-horse race yet again. At the same time, the party has lost the electoral battle in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh where the people of Himachal Pradesh have stuck to its tradition of not giving a second term to the party in power. Congress wrested power in the state and it has every reason to celebrate. The win is a big achievement for a state unit that is prone to infighting among competing factions, and went to the polls minus a chief ministerial face. The BJP had to face the anti-incumbency sentiment and its state leadership under Jai Ram Thakur had virtually left it to Prime Minister Modi to work his magic. His popularity and emotional appeal to the voters worked as well and it could be the reasons that the party managed respectable numbers in the 68-member House. It was a warning signal for the BJP as well. The party state unit needs to go for introspection. Aam Aadmi Party also made its presence felt in Gujarat where the AAP made things even worse for the beleaguered Congress, which came a distant second with a drastically reduced vote share. The absence of a credible alternative in Gujarat also worked in the BJP's favour. The electorate voted emphatically for continuity as there was no pressing reason to opt for change. The thumping victory of the BJP in Gujarat elections is expected to give a fillip to the BJP's prospects in the Assembly elections scheduled to be held in Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh next year. The reversal in Himachal Pradesh might have hurt it, but the party would prefer to quickly learn a lesson and gear up for the bigger battles ahead. The BJP would also try to replicate its Gujarat growth model across the country especially in various party-ruled states because the outcome of such efforts will have a bearing on its bid to retain power at the Centre in 2024. It would be a big challenge for Congress as well to keep its flock together and work on a strategy to put up a decisive battle against the BJP.

# BJP outclasses itself

Indeed, if the BJP normalised the use of 'pro-incumbency' in its political lexicon, it cannot be accused of hyperbole because every civit was followed by copious praise for the 'achievements' of the Gujarat and Central governments under Modi, with people unwilling to brook interjections and arguments. The BJP ensured that Modi's personality so dominated every inch of its electioneering that dissidence was quelled in Gujarat.

RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

THE BJP recorded an epic victory in the Gujarat Assembly elections, surpassing its previous scores and those of the Congress. The latter was decimated in its erstwhile stronghold which, along with Maharashtra, it claimed as its own ever since Gujarat was carved out as a separate state in 1960.

The Congress had clung on to a respectable position after the BJP made a spectacular debut in 1995, winning seats in the 40-plus range. It has now plummeted way down from a decent figure of 77 seats bagged in 2017, the decline marking a near-complete wipeout from western India because today even in Maharashtra, the Congress is a shadow of its former self. The Gujarat outcome has all but eliminated the Congress in northern and western India, barring a presence in smaller pockets such as Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh.

The BJP, now in its seventh term, had set its sights on the 150-plus mark as a trophy to be bagged for two reasons. It would beat its own electoral best of 127 (2002 elections) and outperform former Congress Chief Minister Madhavsinh Solanki, who chalked up a historic 149 seats in the 1985 polls.

From 2017, when the BJP was down to its worst showing of 99 seats, it resolved to not only retrieve the lost ground which it did by winning all 26 Lok Sabha seats in 2019, but also outclass Solanki's victory that began hurting it.

While Solanki achieved his career best by riding on the crest of a social formula that knitted together four communities — the Kshatriyas, Harijans, Adivasis and Muslims — into a winnable whole, the BJP had more than caste formulas to help it reach the peak on December 8.

True, much as it feigned a studied indifference to the role of caste in electoral politics, the BJP's singular achievement under Modi was coalescing the backward castes (accounting for nearly 50 per cent of Gujarat's population) as a counter against the rising supremacy of the Patidars or



Patels, who, ironically, formed its core constituency since 1995. In 2012 itself, before the Patidars had hit the streets to demand reservation in education and jobs, Modi sensed it was futile to anchor the BJP's politics on the community. In 2017, the loss of the Patidar votes was compensated by the support from the backward castes which enabled the BJP to tide over a potential defeat.

Five years ago, the BJP was beset with adverse social circumstances created by caste-driven agitations and economic distress, resulting from demonetisation and the arrival of the GST regime.

This time, the negatives were missing or vastly diluted by the correctives. Discontent prevailed among economic and social groupings. The dairy farmers of north Gujarat complained of declining returns from milk produce because of the escalating cost of cattle feed and fodder; the tobacco growers of central Gujarat were still hurt by the GST. But the dissatisfaction did not intensify into anger and add up to an overarching narrative against a double-barrelled BJP government because in the mind of the voters, Gujarat was synonymous with the Centre, and by implication, Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Inflation featured in every conversation I had with voters as did the sub-par quality of state-serv-

ic education and healthcare.

People's grouses were eventually subsumed into an all-encompassing sentiment emanating from a strong desire to keep Modi in power in Gandhinagar (by proxy) and Delhi. They reasoned, illogically, that a vote against the BJP in Gujarat segued into a negative point for Modi-as-PM and could even destabilise his government in Delhi.

Indeed, if the BJP normalised the use of "pro-incumbency" in its political lexicon, it cannot be accused of hyperbole because every civit was followed by copious praise for the "achievements" of the Gujarat and Central governments under Modi, with people unwilling to brook interjections and arguments.

The fact that the BJP changed a CM midway (Vijay Rupani made way for the incumbent Bhupendrabhai Patel), retooled Rupani's entire cabinet, eased out old and entrenched leaders such as Nitin Patel with an independent mass base, confronted rebellion after several sitting MLAs were dropped, that did not impact the outcome.

It testified to the BJP's ability to virtually relegate the state leaders and candidates to the margins and ensure that Modi's personality dominated every inch of its electioneering. Thus dissidence, that might have played a spoiler in Himachal Pradesh, was

quelled in Gujarat.

Of course, this scale of victory was not possible if the Opposition was even half-way robust. The Congress managed to put up some kind of a fight even in the 27 years it was out of power but the absence of Ahmed Patel, Sonia Gandhi's political secretary who steered its ship in choppy waters, and the lack of a state leader laid bare the deficiencies in its organisation. Gujarat is a stepchild of the AICC and it was an off-heard refrain in local Congress offices. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), an early bird in the campaign, doubtless aroused curiosity and even hope in the electorate from the economically less well-off sections and young professionals and students. Bereft of a grassroots infrastructure, the AAP could not disseminate its agenda and messages to the extent its leaders would have expected. The AAP was punching above its weight in Gujarat.

Gujarat's significance in the BJP's political scheme cannot be overemphasised. LK Advani, who for long was an MP from Gandhinagar, extolled it as a jewel in the BJP's crown. The "jewel" lost some of its lustre in the first seven years of the BJP's rule, owing to factionalism. Modi's arrival in 2001 ensured that the acquisition recovered its glory.

## CONGRESS BACK TO POWER

Rashid Kidwai/Manoj Joshi

HIMACHAL Pradesh might be a tiny state on the national political landscape, but on December 8 it brought immense happiness and hope to the grand old party. Success in the Assembly elections has paved the way for the formation of a Congress government, a rarity these days; only two states (Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh) in the country are currently being ruled by the party.

The Congress cashed in on anti-incumbency as the BJP dispensation led by CM Jai Ram Thakur failed to live up to the expectations of the voters. The Congress' triumph in Himachal Pradesh is special for another reason. The party rank and file is upbeat over the emergence of Priyanka Gandhi as a key campaigner, a vote-catcher and a leader worth looking up to, all rolled into one.

From day one, Priyanka took charge, coordinating with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other party leaders to micro-manage Himachal Pradesh. She also built one-on-one relations with Pratibha Singh, wife of former CM Virbhadr Singh, Mukesh Agnihotri, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and others at the regional level.

Throughout the campaign and the process of ticket distribution, she acted as arbiter and mediator, using

The first signs of the Congress' revival and the BJP's vulnerability were visible a year ago when the former comprehensively won the Himachal byelections. The Congress stunned the ruling party by bagging all three Assembly seats and the Mandi Lok Sabha seat. The good news for the Congress is that it has Himachal-like robust setup and regional players in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where Assembly elections are due next year.



players such as Shaktisinh Gohil, Bharatsinh Madhavsinh Solanki, Siddhartha Patel and Arjun Modhwadia were unable to lead from the front or campaign effectively against the BJP.

The choice of Chief Minister in Himachal is going to be crucial. Agnihotri was appointed Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly five years ago by Rahul Gandhi. As a relatively new face, the Congress has many advantages in picking Agnihotri, but supporters of Pratibha Singh point to Virbhadr Singh's tow-

ering legacy. The six-time Chief Minister had passed away last year, leaving a major void in the state Congress. Interestingly, there is an internal debate in progress on whether the Congress high command should push its own nominee as the Chief Minister or let the newly elected MLAs take a call. Meanwhile, Priyanka seems to have learnt from past mistakes, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, where she had tried to shore up the party's prospects without having a solid organisational base or state leadership. The Uttar Pradesh

Assembly poll outcome was disastrous — the party won just two seats — even though Priyanka addressed 206 public meetings.

In Himachal Pradesh, she kept telling the stakeholders to stay united in order to wrest power from the BJP. Officially, there is no word about it, but the transition from Sonia and Rahul Gandhi to Priyanka Gandhi as the party's chief campaigner is apparent. With Sonia and Rahul playing the roles of the party matriarch and 'leader at large', respectively, hands-on political management is now

Priyanka's domain. The AICC general secretary is expected to be constantly in the firefighting mode.

Mallikarjun Kharge, the recently elected All-India Congress Committee (AICC) chief, has already been asked to continue as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, a post he had offered to give up, in keeping with the Congress' 'one-man, one-post' norm. It remains to be seen how effectively Kharge can build on the party's victory in Himachal and curb the Congress' shrinking nationwide footprint. Rahul, in effect, is all set to disengage more and more from electoral politics. He may undertake a leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra from Assam to Gujarat, perhaps in the run-up to the Karnataka Assembly elections (due in May 2023). Rahul is said to be keen to keep raising matters of national importance with civil society and other stakeholders rather than confine himself to the Congress' organisational activities. The good news for the Congress is that it has Himachal-like robust setup and regional players in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, where Assembly elections are due next year.

# Dia Mirza on birthday gratitude: 'Leaving home, knowing Avyaan is well taken care of is the biggest thing for me'

**D**ia Mirza who turns 41, is having a time of her life surrounded by her husband Vaibhav Rekhi, son Avyaan Azaad Rekhi, their step-daughter Samaira. On her birthday, she tells Hindustan Times exclusively how fast 2020 went by and shares insightful deets from her personal life.

With your birthday right around the corner and 2022 coming to an end, how do you feel, sitting and chatting with us when you look back at this year?

Dia Mirza (laughs): I am just amazed at how fast children grow. My son is bigger now, and my daughter is too. So much about them has changed. Looking back there's so much gratitude for opportunities that help makes a difference. Being able to leave home, knowing my baby is well taken care of while I am away, that's actually been the biggest thing for me. Every night I say my gratitude and the first thing that comes to my mind is, I am just grateful for all the help that I get to do all the work that I do.

Your worries as a mom are quite understandable. Have you felt bad about feeling Avyaan at home?

Dia: Yes, I feel bad. I miss my children when I am at work. Especially when I was filming Dhak Dhak. I needed to be away for an extended period of time. The climate and conditions weren't ideal to travel with my child. I felt very helpless. I missed him terribly and felt guilty. Every day I was just counting the days to get back home.

Mom guilt is so common, and no one bothers asking men about dad guilt. What are your thoughts on it? Has it ever happened to you?

Dia: I agree, it's a guilt that we assign to women and not men. This is because as mothers, we are primary caregivers. Fathers are capable of doing the same thing but there are certain things that fathers can't do.

Having said that, I was secure because, to my knowledge, my mom and husband were hands-on. He

(Avyaan) was in good care. They kept him healthy, safe and happy. It's all that matters.

So, is there anything that you have crossed from the bucket list before turning 41?

Dia: I learnt how to ride a bike. It was forever on a bucket list. When the script of Dhak Dhak came, I read one line and I was

doing it.' Because I knew, it will liberate me from one more fear and allow me to experience something I could have never done to myself. I am abundantly grateful. A lot of my fears and hesitations dissolved after this. The first thing to riding a bike is to shed all fears completely and embrace them.

He actually listens, it's so interesting. I think all children have these qualities, it's fascinating to witness them in real life.

Children imbibe qualities from their parents. Has there been anything that you and Vaibhav might have picked up from Avyaan or Samaira?

Dia: There's a lot to learn from

our children. Our children are our best teachers. I have always believed that all life on earth comes with knowledge. A flower is not taught how to bloom. I think humans are also born with the same wisdom. It's so wonderful to see the life force working in a child. Just let them be and see where they go on their own. I am actually constantly stopping myself from telling my son what to do.

I believe Avyaan knows when he had enough. There's so much of "kha lo, ek aur bite, last bite, inke liye, unke liye, chanda k liye." There's so much forcing and coercing feeding, that's the worst thing to do to a child. When a child is done, they stop and you have to respect that. There are a lot of little things you learn about. Your children will lead the way.

Yesterday Avyaan was holding a piece of Lego alphabet L and walking around. My husband looks at him and tells him 'Avyaan, L'. He turned around and told him 'M'. He was like 'What the hell is happening? This 16-month-old knows what comes after L.' We haven't sat down and taught him.

This is unbelievable. Please continue...

Dia: We give him space. He just plays and sings. He discovers numbers, colours and the alphabet as he plays along. He has got figurines of animals given by one of his aunts, who had them when she was a child. It was passed on to Avyaan. We started telling him which animal is what when he was 6 months old.



# Ishaan Khatter says Bollywood's notion of formula has been thwarted: 'I hope more people focus on making a good film'



**I**shaan Khatter has weighed in on what ails Bollywood. All through this year, several high-profile and big budget Hindi films have fallen flat at the box office while films from south have raked in big money at the same time. Despite a mini resurgence in the last month, there are many who are still concerned about Bollywood's form in terms of content and commerce. Ishaan has now said that it is because the set formula of what would work has vanished after the pandemic.

Ishaan was last seen in the horror comedy Phone Bhoot, alongside Katrina Kaif and Siddhant Chaturvedi. Even though the film got mixed to positive reviews, it did not fare too well at the box office, earning only ₹7.6 crore worldwide against a reported ₹25-crore budget.

In a recent interaction with The Hindu, Ishaan talked about audience's changed tastes when it comes to cinema. "The viewing habits of people have changed. A lot of people are watching films on streaming platforms as opposed to stepping out into theatres. People are making choices, and that's something we, as actors, have to learn. We don't know what type of films people would prefer to watch at home, rather than on the big screen," he said. He added that after the pandemic, the idea of what film works has changed in Bollywood. "There was a notion that there's a certain formula that works. That has now been thwarted. The best bet is to follow your gut creative-

# Dia Bajpiee on Mycositis scare: I know what Samantha is going through



**T**here was a time when actor Pia Bajpiee was diagnosed with Mycositis, and just thinking about those emotionally draining days makes her shiver. In fact, she confesses that she is able to relate to actor Samantha on the same, who had revealed a while ago that she has been diagnosed with Mycositis, an autoimmune condition, and is taking a break to recover from it.

Now, Bajpiee reveals she underwent Mycositis scare herself back in 2016, just before her debut film, Laal Rang. "Even the thought of it is scary because there is no cure, just medicines to keep it in check. I don't know Samantha's case, but all my prayers are with her, because I know what she must be going through," the actor tells us. Looking back at her own health scare, she recalls, "Back in 2016, I was sitting idle when I noticed a swelling in my foot, which I ignored thinking I twisted my ankle in the gym. But there was swelling in my other foot as well when I woke up the next day. I had bad muscle pain, which was just growing with time. I could not sit or stand up without wincing with pain."

That's when the actor thought something wasn't right and she consulted a doctor, got some tests done and the results showed that she had Mycositis. "First, I didn't understand what it was despite the doctor trying hard to make me understand. I was not scared initially, but when I read all the symptoms and other information online, I was really scared. I was alone in Mumbai, and didn't inform my family as well. I used to get up fearing that another symptom would show up," says Bajpiee.

# Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway: Rani Mukerji plays Bengali woman fighting a nation for her children's custody



**T**he first look of Rani Mukerji from her upcoming film Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway is out now. The film will release in theatres on March 3 next year. It is inspired from the true story of an Indian couple whose children were taken away from them by Norwegian welfare services in 2011.

The still features Rani without makeup, in a white and pink cotton saree and hair tied in a simple plait. She is also seen wearing a black cardigan, traditional white and red bangles worn by Bengali women and has vermilion on her forehead. She looks slightly lost as she holds a plush teddy bear toy in her hand and a few papers.

Sharing the first still from the film, film trade analyst Taran Adarsh wrote on Twitter, "Rani Mukerji: Mrs Chatterjee Vs Norway" release date confirmed ... Inspired by the true story of a mother who shook an entire nation with her courage and willpower to win back her children... #MrsChatterjeeVsNorway - starring #RaniMukerji - to release in cinemas on 3 March 2023."

The film is directed by Ashima Chibber and written by Rahul Handa and Sameer Satija. It is produced by Monisha Advani,

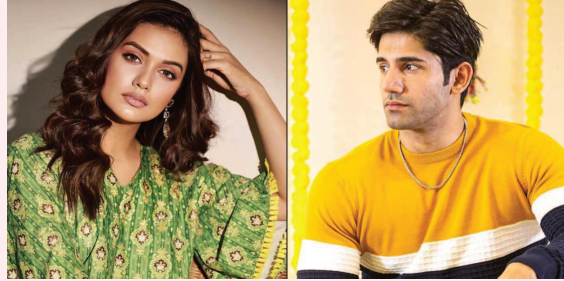
Madhu Bhojwani and Nikkhil Advani under their banner Emmay Entertainment, along with Zee Studios.

Soon after, Rani will also release her memoir on her birthday on March 21. As per ANI, Rani had said about the book in September, "In the 25 years that I have so lovingly spent in the Indian film industry, I have never spoken my heart out about my life and my journey in cinema. As women in cinema, we are constantly judged and the book delves into my personal trials and tribulations and the impact it had on me, as I navigated the industry and my career. I haven't had the time to pause, look back on my life, retrospectively and introspectively. This memoir was my way of reminiscing what I have been through right from my childhood."

"This one's for my fans and for every single person who has given me boundless love and kept me grounded. I look forward to their reactions when this book releases on my birthday next year, making the day even more special," she had added. Rani was last seen opposite Saif Ali Khan in Bunty Aur Babli 2 in 2021. She is sometimes spotted at film events and parties.

# Divya Agarwal reacts to trolls calling her gold digger: 'Show some sensitivity, don't talk about my past relationship'

**L**ady Gaga is adding her own spin on the viral dance trend from the new Netflix series Wednesday, with her own interpretation. In the Netflix series, Jenna Ortega plays the titular character Wednesday Addams who sent off to Nevermore Academy. At the school dance in episode four, Wednesday takes to the dance floor with her unique take to 1980s Goo Goo Muck by The Cramps. However, the song has gone viral online, as fans have edited the dance to Lady Gaga's Bloody Mary instead.



The Oscar-winning singer and her act Lady Gaga tipped her hat to Jenna and the trend as she channeled herself as Wednesday in a new TikTok reel, which was later shared by the streaming platform. The black-and-white video shows Gaga styling her hair and makeup as Wednesday as she emulates Jenna's moves from the series to a remix and sped up version of Bloody Mary. (Also read: Twitter slams Wednesday as Jenna Ortega says she shot crowded scene with Covid)

Fans, who loved Gaga's take

on the dance, commented on the video that they wanted to see the singer in season two. One fan stated, "Make Gaga the new principal of Nevermore." Another told Netflix, "It's more than your obligation to put mom in the second season."

Recently, Jenna had revealed that she had choreographed the moves to the now-viral dance herself even she was ill while shooting, likely with COVID. In an interview with NME, the 20-year-old had said, "I felt like I'd been hit by a car and that a lit-

tle goblin had been let loose in my throat and was scratching the walls of my esophagus. They were giving me medicine between takes because we were waiting on the positive result." Because of tight production schedules, they weren't allowed to reshoot the film.

Last seen in Ridley Scott's House of Gucci (2021), Gaga is also part of Joker: Folie à Deux as Harley Quinn alongside Joaquin Phoenix's title character. She has also acted in two seasons of Ryan's American Horror Story anthology.

## Secy H&ME reviews progress on implementation of Eat Right India Movement across J&K

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 9: Secretary, Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Bhpinder Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the progress on implementation of Eat Right India Movement across J&K at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, J&K, Shakeel Ul Rehman; Principals of Government Medical Colleges, Director Health Services Jammu, Director Health Services Kashmir, senior officers of Higher Education and School Education Department and other concerned officials. Speaking during the meeting, the Secretary underlined that Eat Right India Movement is one of the major initiative towards health and well being of the society which will have transformational



effects. He impressed upon the officers that the initiative needs to be implemented in its true spirit.

Highlighting for vigorous awareness campaign for the movement, Bhpinder delved upon the officers that it is imperative for the successful implementation of movement that all the stakeholders are well informed about the importance of this movement.

The Secretary further asked the concerned departments to work in coordination and synergy so that the movement is

implemented successfully on the ground. He instructed the officers to hold training session for Medical Superintendents of all Health institutions to ensure that all campuses are brought under ambit of the movement.

The Secretary asked the concerned departments to nominate Nodal Officers from their respective departments besides necessary steps for registration, nomination and certification of Health and Wellness Coordinators for conducting activities under Eat Right Matrix should be initiated. He

emphasized that the success of the movement lies in collective action by all stakeholders including the government, food businesses, civil society organizations, experts and professionals, development agencies and citizens at large to build a healthy society.

Explaining the importance of Eat Right India Movement, Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, J&K said that this Movement with the theme "Sahi Bhojan - Behar Jeevan" is a large-scale effort to transform the country's food eco system in order to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all the people.

He said that the initiative adopts a judicious mix of regulatory, capacity building, collaborative and empowerment approaches to ensure that our food is good both for the people and the planet.

## DC Srinagar gears up Administration for dealing with winter challenges

*Reviews Snow Clearance plan, Power and Water Supply Scenario*

*Asks for adopting prompt response system to ensure hassle-free essential services to the people*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 09: In order to gear up the District Administration and machinery to deal with winter challenges particularly with regard to current weather advisory, a meeting of all District/Sectoral Officers was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here on Friday at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

The DC took a detailed review of overall winter preparedness in the District including power and water supply position, availability of ration, fuel, LPG and other essentials, besides arrangements put in place for timely snow clearance across the District.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on taking preventive and precautionary measures well in advance so that routine functioning at all essential installations, besides trade, transport, essential supplies and other routine works are not affected.

The DC also stressed the Officers on readying men and machinery to ensure timely redressal of weather vagaries and subsequent interruptions of supply of water, electricity and road closure due to



snowfall during the winter months. While reviewing the status of the power supply scenario in the District, the DC asked the Engineers of KPDC to take all required measures in order to ensure that power supply is restored at earliest during snowfall particularly at essential installations in the District. He asked the Officers to keep men and machinery ready for the restoration of the power supply in case of disruption due to snowfall. The DC stressed on time bond replacement of damaged transformers in all the areas of the District so that people do not face

any inconvenience. He also laid emphasis on protecting field staff with necessary safety gears to avoid any loss of life.

Similarly, the DC also took first hand appraisal of the preparations made with regard to clearance of Snow, the DC was apprised that adequate number of hi-tech Snow clearance machines have been kept ready by the R&B, SMC and Mechanical Engineering Department in Srinagar out of which various machines have been deployed at important installations and vital sites across the District, while

few machines are kept in standby mode to meet any exigency during heavy snowfall.

In addition, 90 permanent and 127 mobile dewatering stations are run by SMC in the District to tackle any water logging caused due to rains or snowfall. In addition, 21 dewatering pumps of UEED are also operational to deal with any water logging. The DC asked the SMC authorities to keep men and machinery ready to clear snow from inner lanes and by-lanes of the City.

The Assistant Director FCS&CA informed that sufficient stock of Ration is available to cater for the needs of 2 months, while Petrol and Diesel supply is also in buffer stock besides LPG stock for minimum 25 days in the District.

During the meeting, the DC also directed for setting up of a special joint Control Room in the District to redress the winter-related complaints of the general public on a fast track basis.

He stressed the concerned to ensure a prompt response system is placed to ensure hassle-free supply of essential services to the people and instructed that reaction time should be minimized while facing any emergency like situations.

## J&K TPO organises ONDC onboarding drive at Jammu



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: Jammu and Kashmir Trade promotion Organisation (JKTPO) on Friday organised an onboarding drive of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) here at Udyog Bhawan Jammu.

The ONDC Seller Partners E-Samudaya and Mystore assisted onboarding of sellers, artisans, retailers, small merchants and traders on their platform through which they can sell their product on ONDC Network. This onboarding drive is the continuation of ONDC awareness workshops organized in September in both divisions of Jammu & Kashmir.

Similar onboarding drive was organised in Srinagar by JKTPo. This drive is one of the initiatives of

wide-scale participation by digital commerce ecosystem players in India through multiple gateways.

The onboarding drive was led by Sanjay Keshwani, CEO E-Samudaya, Sagar Krishna, Head Customer success E-Samudaya and Banu Pratab Singh Vice President Sales & Alliances Mystore. ONDC Seller partners gave a detailed presentation on the benefits of getting onboarded on this digital platform and the working of ONDC network was explained and demonstrated in detail.

After that Seller partners had a one to one networking and onboarding sessions with participants and onboarded them on the seller platform on spot. The onboarding drive was attended by women entrepreneurs, e-commerce players, retailers and artisans and other entrepreneurs. The Session was also attended by Chairperson FICCI Flo-THE WOMEN'S WING OF FICCI, Ritu Singh and other representatives from FICCI Flo-THE WOMEN'S WING OF FICCI, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Chapter.

Among those who registered onspot/ initiated onboarding process include Anmol Shakti, Impact Handloom WIC Ltd., Krishna IT Services, Meena Crations, Kart Shot, Nazrana Fine Jewellery, Pure Mart, Oriental Handloom etc.

This onboarding drive is in line of the planned events to be held across the UT for the promotion of e-commerce and attract the local entrepreneurs of J&K towards digitalisation.

JKTPO for providing marketing platforms for entrepreneurs. This in addition to various physical market platforms being given to entrepreneurs by JKTPo in the form of participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, expos and Buyer seller meets.

Earlier, Imran Mehmood, FA/CAO JKTPo in his welcome address highlighted the importance of Digital commerce for growth of business. Mukesh Thappa, General Manager, JKTPo briefed the audience about ONDC network and benefits of onboarding on it. ONDC is being established as a first of its kind initiative globally to pave the way for reimagining digital commerce in India and establishing a globally replicable model for digital commerce. This will be an open network with established registries, enabling

shall remain affected on December 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Moud Chenani, Kud, Sangote, Sudh Mahadev and Dhuna shall remain affected on December 10 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo Kherian, Haipur Jagir, Saroda, Pura de Kothi, Trilokpur, Pounichak, Akalpur, Udhewwala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, Manorma Vihar, Adhewwala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakore, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSE, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas

Similarly, the power supply to Mahanpur, Raipur, Dhar Mahanpur, Billawar, Dewal, Lahribathri, Mandli, Bhaddu, Dunera and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 10 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Industrial area of Kathua, Jagatpur Village and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 11 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Mohalla Budgam, who apprised DC after giving them patient hearing, the DC assured them that all their genuine demands shall be looked into on priority. S F Hamid said that he will visit 72 wards of all Municipalities of the district to take on spot assessment of essential services and take feedback from the people.

He said besides awareness of schemes and public welfare initiatives of government, the aim is to get feedback from the public.

## DC Ramban chairs District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee Meeting

*Asks for speedy enrollment of children in 0-5 year age group*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAMBAN, DECEMBER 09: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today convened a meeting of the District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee and reviewed the status of Aadhaar enrolment and further strengthening of Aadhaar seeding.

Director UIDAI Regional Office, Chandigarh, Sanjeev Mahajan and several other officers attended the meeting online, while ACR, Giasul-Haq, DSP, Ganesha Kumar, CEO, Devanand, DIO, NIC Parshant Kumar, and other committee members attended the meeting in person.

The Deputy Commissioner discussed the strategy for timely Aadhaar enrollment of children in the 0-5 year age group. He directed the DPO, ICDS to ensure 100% coverage by mobilizing their Aadhaar enrollment staff and Kits available with them.



The Deputy Commissioner also directed all the stakeholder departments and agencies to motivate the residents to enroll children below 5 years for Aadhaar enrolment and to get Mandatory Biometric updates done (MBU) after attaining the age of 5 years and 15 years.

Pertinent to mention, the DC has already constituted a team of Informants and Notifiers to collect the data on the occurrence of vital

events of Births, and Deaths as per the timeline.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the people to get their children enrolled for Aadhaar Linked Birth registration at the delivery centres.

Meanwhile, the Director UIDAI, Chandigarh informed that to simplify aadhaar usage, an array of services have been made available on mAadhaar app which can be accessed on mobile phone 24\*7.

## Power shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Raghunath Bazar, Residency Road, Wazarat Road, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 11 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Akalpur, Udhewwala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School, Manorma Vihar, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 10 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to

Lalle-Da-Bagh, Lower Muthi, Lakshmi Vihar, Balwant Vihar Udhewwala, Anand Nagar, Nachilian, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 10 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo Kherian, Haipur Jagir, Saroda, Pura de Kothi, Trilokpur, Pounichak, Akalpur, Udhewwala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School Manorma Vihar, Adhewwala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakore, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSE, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas

appraisal of supply of potable water supply, construction of lanes and drains and other infrastructure development. He appealed locals to give cooperation to ensure better electricity supply in all areas.

He asserted that works including drainage network, Parks, macadamization of roads and interior links, tie works and other works be expedited in all wards to ensure better facilities to local people.

The DC also met various local delegates at Ganai Mohalla and Ustaad

## DC B'gam starts ward level visits of ULBs

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, DECEMBER 09: Post, My Town My Pride (MIMP) programme held across all 6 Municipalities in Budgam, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, S F Hamid today toured various wards of Budgam Town to take on spot assessment of availability of essential services and infrastructure development. The DC was accompanied by various District Officers, Ward Members, respected locals and senior citizens.

During visit, the DC took first hand

## Awareness program on Road Safety held at GCW Udhampur



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 09: To spread awareness among the students and general masses, an awareness program on "Road Safety" was held in Government College for Women Udhampur under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Monika Sharma.

The event was organised by Road Safety Club (RSC) and Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) Club under the convensorship of Rajinder Singh (Nodal Officer RSC) and Dr Kewal Kumar (Convener SAP Club) in collaboration with Dainik Jagran

Udhampur and Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

Principal of the College, Dr. Monika Sharma, graced the event as Chief Guest and appreciated Road Safety Club and SAP Club for organising such awareness programs in educational institutions that will go a long way in sensitizing the students as well as masses regarding the road safety, traffic rules etc which is the need of the hour.

Earlier, Rajinder Singh, Nodal

Officer RSC presented the formal welcome address and briefed the students about the purpose of road safety awareness. He told the students that lack of knowledge of road safety, traffic rules, road signals etc in the general public as well as among the youth is one of the major causes of road accidents. Assistant Professor History, Yash Paul, and Associate Professor Urdu, Dr. Mool Raj, were the resource persons.

Asst Prof Yash Paul spoke on the Road safety guidelines and encouraged the students to obey traffic signals, boards and signs, drive their vehicles in permitted speed, avoid drunk driving, carry driving license and all necessary documents such as vehicle registration, insurance etc. Besides he urged the girl students to wear helmets while going outside even for a distance of 100 meters.

Dr. Mool Raj acquainted the students with various traffic rules in detail like when we turn, how to keep left or right, where to park and where not to park, how to use indicators, not to move on the wrong side on a one way road, do not cross the stop line, etc.



## DC Kathua chairs Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meet

*Calls for concerted efforts to cover left out populace*

**JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, DECEMBER 09:** To finalize the action plan for saturation of Aadhaar cards and availability of UIDAI Centres, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee at DC Office Complex here.

Senior Superintendent of Police SP, PO ICDS, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, DSEO besides other Committee members and representatives of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) were present in the meeting.

On the occasion, the DC held a three-hour deliberation about a mechanism to be adopted for Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biometric update of children in the The concerned officers informed the chair that the Aadhaar Enrollment process stands at 78% besides briefed him about the status of Aadhaar



Seva Kendras operating in the district. The DC asked the stakeholder departments/agencies to motivate the residents to enroll children below 5 years for Aadhaar and to get Mandatory Biometric updates (MBU) done on attaining the age of 5 years and 15 years.

The DC called upon all concerned departments to saturate the remaining Aadhaar Enrollment Process in the district

besides launching mass awareness campaigns in their jurisdictions to cover all population under Aadhaar enrolment. He directed DIO Kathua to undertake aggressive IEC campaigns through print and social media.

While discussing the rejection incidents, the DC directed CEO, CMO, PO ICDS, CSCs to sensitize the operators handling Aadhaar data

updating to be cautious while making entries and ensure the data entered is accurate and up to date.

The DC called for making coordinated efforts to cover the uncovered populace as it will facilitate the public to have access to Aadhaar linked services. He directed PO ICDS, CEO, CMO to hold special camps for the enrollment of left out population in the district.

It was given out in the meeting that a dedicated Toll Free Number 1947 can be used to check the status of Aadhaar and to update the biometric and demographic details. It was also informed that UIDAI has put in place a mechanism to avoid any potential fraud or impersonation and to confirm the genuineness of Aadhaar through mAadhaar app or by visiting the official website <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/verify> and scanning the QR code available on all forms of Aadhaar.

## NDRF conducts Mock Drill on Earthquake, Landslide & Fire incident at Doda

*Chairman DDMA stresses on use of technology for real-time communication, disaster assessment, rescue & response*

**JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, DECEMBER 09:** On the second day of two Day awareness programme, 13TH Bn NDRF conducted Mock Drill on Earthquakes, Landslides and fire incidents under the supervision of District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Vishesh Paul Mahajan, today, at Sports Stadium.

The Mock Drill was attended by officers of NDRF, SDRF, Police, Civil Administration, Students, Media persons and members of different NGOs. The Mock Drill was aimed at to sensitize stakeholders about the rescue preparedness at the time of an earthquake, landslide, and fire incident.

The expert from NDRF and SDRF gave demonstration of rescue operation and precautionary measures while handling the injured. Equipments used during rescue operation were also deployed and



demonstrated during the Drill. Javed Iqbal, Assistant Commandant NDRF, while speaking on the occasion, stressed on the need to maintain coordination among the stakeholders during a disaster to reduce response time for rescue measures as District Doda fall under IV and V earthquake seismic zones.

Chairman DDMA (DC) Doda stressed on the authorities to intro-

duce latest technology for real-time communication, disaster assessment, disaster response and rescue operation. He asked the concerned to make use of high tech Drone for assessment, and dropping medical and other aid in case of any natural or manmade disaster. He appreciated the team of 13th Bn NDRF for organizing a wonderful and informative mock drill in the district.

## Youth of J&K feeling suppressed under present regime: Dr Vikas

*NC committed to fight for restoration of statehood to J&K*

**JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 09:** Coordinator Jammu District (Urban) and Zonal Secretary Dr Vikas Sharma today said that National Conference alone was a party that has acceptability in both the regions of Jammu and Kashmir and can guarantee their equitable development.

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

"Today the youth of Jammu and Kashmir were the worst victim of discriminatory policies of the government. They were feeling let down and betrayed. Despite the promise of 2 crore jobs every year, the Central Government has failed to fulfill its promise after coming to power. Ironically the graph of unemployment going high due to lack of job avenues is an open secret that



reflects BJP's utter failure on this very significant front too," he lamented.

He also said, "We had heard of Union Territory being upgraded to State but BJP degraded the people of J&K by downgrading its status to Union Territory, an unprecedented decision taken by the saffron party."

Dr Vikas also said the National Conference has a legacy of serving the poor and weaker sections of the society which was started by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah.

He maintained that the fight for restoration of

statehood to J&K shall be the foremost agenda of the party. People of J&K have suffered a lot during the past three and half years since abolition of statehood.

He said that NC is fighting and will continue its fight till restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. Dr Vikas appealed to the govt. to fill all the vacant posts in all the departments of J&K administration on fast track basis and also demanded that the govt. should give preference to local youth in the government jobs on the pattern being followed

in Ladakh territory.

He also appealed to the people to support the National Conference and strengthen the hands of its leadership Dr Farooq Abdullah and Janab Omar Abdullah in the impending Assembly elections in J&K to get rid of all the miseries thrust upon them by the BJP Govt. Dr Vikas said that we have standing instructions from our party President Dr Farooq Abdullah to keep in constant touch with the people at the grass root level and take note of their problems for appropriate solution and timely disposal.

## Dimple leads protest rally against JMC for imposing property, house tax

**JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DEC 08:** Sunil Dimple president mission

statehood along with hundreds of people led a strong protest rally from Amphalla new plot, janpur high court road and culminated at Sarwal Hospital Chowk.

Demanding LG to dissolve the JMC jammu municipal Corporation. Large number residents participated in the way and protested against j&k govt, the municipal corporation jammu for its failures to stop, the stray dogs bite menace, fast spreading dengue and imposing Zazia of house property taxes in jammu city. Addressing the protestors Sunil Dimple demanded LG Manoj sinah to dissolve JMC jammu Municipal Corporation as this has failed on all the fronts.

Dimple alleged the JMC has prepared the plans and is imposing Changezi Zazia, in the shape of house, property tax at a time, when JMC is already charging huge usages, sanitation charges, construction fee, map fees and now imposing Zazia of House taxes.

Dimple said JMC has started measurements in all 75 wards. JMC teams has started survey, measurement dimensions of the houses for imposing house,



property tax. He alleged poor families have been burdened with rising prices, the GST taxes, heavy electricity & drinking water bills and one more house tax. He threatened if the JMC did not stop Zazia house tax, stops the dogs menace and the fast spreading dengue we will start mass agitation.

Dimple alleged JMC jammu municipal corporation has completely failed, to control the stray dogs terror and is in deep sleep mute mode.

He said as per the survey report thirty thousand dogs are in 75 JMC wards of Jammu city & fifty 50 thousand stray dogs bite cases reported in jammu region in 2022 same is the number in Kashmir also.

Dimple alleged JMC dog squad team men, lifts the stray dogs from one ward and leaves in the another

wards, from one locality to other locality, stray dogs bite terror high in jammu city.

Dimple said the dangerous cruel stray dogs do not allow at day and night to the children, male, females to walk and bite brutally. After the biting, heavy price, expensive injection treatment has to taken after the bite by the poor families.

He alleged in the GMC jammu and other hospitals no anti rabies, dogs bite injections are available for the bitten patients.

Dimple alleged dengue cases are also increasing everyday due worst sanitation, heaps of garbage, in all wards of jammu city & no fogging, no malarial spray by jmc jammu city seen.

He said people losing precious lives, casualties due to dogs bite and dengue in Jammu city due

to failure of jmc jammu Municipal Corporation is in deep sleep and on silent mode.

Dimple said the JMC Jammu administration has raised hands, surrendered to stop the dogs bite & the increasing dengue cases in Jammu city.

Dimple alleged in the hospitals, two, three patients are seen on one bed in SMGS and other hospitals.

He alleged JMC Jammu autos are not visiting and in wards, localities, for the last 7 days to carry garbage from the houses as the autos are in not working conditions.

The prominent protestors are Swarn Lal, Lahori shaha, Arun Verma, Sham Sharma, Vijay virdi, S kala singha, Babu singh, Tilak Raj, Sunil Kumar, Depak Kumar, Vikas, Sachin, and many others.

## Progress of Education Sector projects taken up under District Capex Budget, other schemes reviewed in Rajouri

**JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, DECEMBER 09:** District Development

Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today reviewed the progress of the Education Sector projects taken up under District Capex Budget and other schemes.

During the meeting, the DDC took a detailed review of the physical and financial status of the works taken up under the District Capex Budget, BAPD and SSY. The concerned officers apprised the meeting about to date status in this regard.

Reviewing the progress of works under District Capex Budget 2022-23, it was informed that out of 58 works as many as 19 works are complete. The DDC reviewed the status



of each project and directed the officers to maintain synergy to complete the works well in time.

Regarding construction of Smart class Rooms, the meeting was apprised that out of 20 SCRs, 19 have been completed, while one work approved under BAPD is also complete in all respects.

About the Education Sector under SSY projects, it was informed that out of 7 proposed works, the tenders for 05 works have

been allotted. The DDC asked the concerned officers to expedite the progress on the projects to complete the same within the already set deadlines.

He also laid emphasis on close monitoring of the developmental works for maintaining quality and made it clear that no laxity would be tolerated in this regard. The DDC also directed the concerned officers to resolve the bottlenecks hampering the

developmental projects timely to ensure smooth execution of works. Officers who attended the meeting were CEO Education, Shailash Kumar; Principal GMGHS Rajouri, Abdul Raof Dar; ExEn PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; ExEn PWD(R&B) Nowshera, Vikram Singh; ExEn REW, Zahir Khan and AD Planning, Bansil Lal and BDO Rajouri, Chandar Kant Bhagat.

## Ramban admin constitutes Teams of informants, notifiers to record births, deaths

*Every vital event to be registered within set timeline: DSEO*

**JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, DECEMBER 09:** To record major occurrence

of vital events like births and deaths in rural areas and facilitate the general public, the District Administration Ramban has constituted teams of first-level informants and notifiers for implementation of Jammu and Kashmir Registration of Births and Deaths as notified by the Planning & Monitoring Department.

The orders to this effect



were issued by the District Magistrate, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, here today.

District Statistics and Evaluation Officer, Ganesh Kumar informed

that the teams of Informants and Notifiers shall include heads of all Government Schools, ASHA Workers, Village Chowkidars, Auxilliary Nurse & Midwives (ANMs) and Anganwari Workers, which shall report occurrence of vital events within 21 days of the concerned Block Development Officer who is now the Registrar of Births, and Deaths in rural areas under J&K Registration of Births and Deaths Rules.

He said the District Magistrate has also directed District and Block Heads of the Line Departments to personally monitor the progress of tasks assigned to the informants and Notifiers.

Further, the DM also stressed upon the District Registrar (Chief Medical Officer) and Additional District Registrar (District Statistics & Evaluation Officer) to closely supervise the implementation of Births and Deaths Rules.

## JSSC hosts 2-day Orientation workshop on Basic Life Support for JU faculty

**JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, DECEMBER 09:** Jammu

Skill & Simulation Centre (JSSC) of Regional Institute of Health & Family Welfare (RIHF)W organised a two day hand on tool orientation workshop on Basic Life Support (BLS) for Faculty and staff of Jammu University, which concluded today. As many as 20 staff members of the University participated in the Workshop. Dr Shelly Mahajan, and Dr Anu

Manhas, consultant anesthesiologists, Master trainers of Health Department (Jammu Division) conducted the training sessions through lecture demonstration and power point presentation, besides imparting simulation based hand on toll training to the participants with the prime aim to equip them to practice all emergency resuscitation steps including CPR and Airway management to handle emergent crisis.

The training was imparted through live Demos on Sim Man and by creating different case situations for better understanding of the participants.

The live demonstration during the training program was conducted under the supervision of Dr Manoj Bhagat, Principal RIHF&W & Jammu Skill & Simulation Centre Nagrota and the simulation training was facilitated by Rajeev Gupta in-charge coordinator of skill lab.



## Modi Govt wiped out corruption: Kavinder

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday said that PM Narendra Modi has taken a resolute stand against the rampant corruption in the country and in the last eight years created an ecosystem by giving teeth to anti-graft bodies for rooting out the aforesaid scourge.

In a statement issued on the international anti-corruption day, the BJP stalwart said that the impact of PM Modi's statement, 'Na Khayunga Na Khane Doonga' is widespread and in many places in the country corruption has become a thing of the past. He said that the scenario of anti-corruption operations in J&K is also very progressive as anti-graft agencies in Jammu and Kashmir traditionally were nothing more than toothless tigers as the erstwhile state always slotted top ranks in the cor-



He said the decision to rechristen

the SVO into ACB and give teeth to the anti-graft body proved to be a turning point in J&K's history as it led to the government launching a decisive war against corruption in the Union Territory. He said that after 2019 changes in the UT, the stringent provisions became applicable in J&K and the noise around corrupt officers was tightened further.

The senior BJP functionary said that corruption was viewed as an essential part of government before 2014 but after the BJP coming into power India saw a sea change due to the BJP-led dispensation's zero-tolerance towards graft. He said today whether it is J&K or any other part of the country, the government has waged a war against corruption and the corrupt are on the run trying to save their skin as corruption has been wiped out in a big way.

## Action should be taken those play with the future of the youth : Shivsena

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 9: The government should stop playing with the future of the youth and officials should be held accountable for the negligence and rigging in the conduct of recruitment examinations, says Manish Sahni, head of the Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit.

Taking strong cognizance of the cancellation of recruitment examination for 1200 posts of Jammu and Kashmir Police Sub Inspector (SI), Shiv Sena (Uddhav Bal Sahib Thackeray) Jammu and Kashmir unit state head Manish Sahni



negligence regarding the conduct of exam. Sahni said that Jammu and Kashmir is on the third position in terms of unemployment rate as compared to other states and as a union territory, it is on the first position. Despite all the claims of the Center and the Jammu and Kashmir administration,

young get employment. Sahni said that the attitude of the Jammu-Kashmir administration under the central government clearly shows that the government level employment which is being played all over the country is just a government gimmick.

Warning the government, Sahni said that by bringing transparency in the recruitment examinations, immediately start a fair recruitment process and give employment to the unemployed youth so that instead of wandering on the path of despair, the youth become helpful in the development of the country and the state. General Secretary Vikas Bakshi was also present on the occasion.

## CEO SMVDSB jointly reviews security and operational preparedness ahead of New-year



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 9: To assess security and operational preparedness of Shrine area for hassle-free pilgrimage prior to onset of New Year-2023, which is expecting to draw pilgrims in large number from various parts of the country and abroad to abode of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi ji, Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, presided over a joint meeting with security agencies to review security and operational preparedness today at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.

The meeting was attended by Mohd Suleman Choudhary, DIG Udhampur-Reasi Range, Navneet Singh, Addl. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Amit Gupta SSP Reasi, Vishwajeet Singh,

Dy. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Commandant CRPF, SDPO Katra, Dy. SP Bhawan and officers from Army, IB, CID, SMVDSB and other intelligence agencies.

CEO underscored that with the determined efforts of the Shrine Board and blessings of the Divine, yatra to the holy shrine has tremendously increased as compared to the previous two years which has been possible due to the all round efforts of all the stakeholders. He said that we expect a good turnout of pilgrims during upcoming winter vacations and onset of New Year-2023 and laid emphasis for operational preparedness with full proof security of the visiting pilgrims.

CEO urged for simulating exercises jointly to deal

with crowd management well for effective Yatra management on ground on the eve of New Year.

To review each and every security aspect of the Shrine area enroute besides, safety and security of pilgrims expected to visit in huge volume on New Year, he emphasized to conduct joint drills well in advance and plug any gaps.

A slew of directives were issued to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhawan for physical and systematic improvements wherever required at Bhawan and allied areas after critical examination.

The Chief Executive Officer stressed upon all the stakeholders for action on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage on New Year including issuance

and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas, working out plans for decongestion of the entire track, particularly the Bhawan area, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and all time surveillance through dedicated CCTV dedicated network of over 500 cameras.

In the meeting, DIG highlighted major challenges for the deployed security forces in coming days for managing the expected influx of pilgrims on New Year.

He briefed that additional forces as per request shall be deployed in and around Katra and on the track enroute Bhawan in coordination with other security agencies to ensure fool-proof security and effective Yatra management.

SSP Reasi presented a detailed security grid in place and discussed various security measures going to be placed on the eve of New Year enroute to Holy Shrine, besides deployment of QRTs (quick response teams) and a multi-tier security grid comprising police, CRPF and other paramilitary forces.

## SHTM, JU attend Mahayagya held at Pauni, Reasi under religious tourism site visit program

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 8: School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Jammu organized an educational day trip to Pauni, Reasi for the students of MBA (HT) and BBA (HM) under the supervision of Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas, Director-SHTM. The students attended Ati Vishnu Mahayagya which was arranged by Sant Sri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji

Mahara to pay homage to the great martyrs who have sacrificed their lives in the service of the country.

The families of the martyrs also attended this Mahayagya.

The students of SHTM sought the blessings of Sant Sri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj and also visited all the 108 Haven-Kundas where the pictures of Martyrs were installed. Prof. Parikshat detailed

that the visit to religious sites is part of the religious tourism program of SHTM under which the students are able to understand the importance of religious tourism and build up innovative strategies to promote religious tourism.

The students also got the opportunity to witness the Armed Forces Flag Day celebration at Pauni, Reasi. This day is observed to honour the martyrs and

men in uniform who valiantly fought and continue to fight for our country's honour. The students actively participated in the various activities organized at the site and interacted with Sh. Pankaj Modi, younger brother of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi ji. Dr. Priyanka Sharma was the teacher in-charge along with Mr. Shivbham Gupta and Mr. Ranjeet Singh.

## DC B'pora reviews Minor mineral mining scenario in district

Stresses for scientific & sustainable extraction of minerals

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Friday convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the lifting and transportation of minor minerals for Government works.

The meeting discussed various issues related to lifting and transportation of minor minerals for Government projects besides the DC also reviewed minor mineral mining scenarios in the district.

Dr. Owais urged the officers to work in close coordination and liaison in the best interest of checking illegal mining in the district.

He stressed for scientific and sustainable extraction of minerals for developmental works without damaging the ecology of the area.

The DC urged the public not to indulge in illegal mining and warned



of severe punishment as per law against violators. The meeting was attended by ADDC/ Nodal Officer Coordination, Mohd Ashraf Hakak;

ADC Bandipora, Waseem Raj; District Mineral Officer, Ex. Engineer R&B, AD Fisheries, Tehsildars and others concerned.

## Director Agriculture Kashmir reviews functioning of department in Anantnag

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER

09: To review the physical and financial progress on the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes, flagship programs and CAPEX budget, the Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury

Mohammad Iqbal today chaired a meeting of Officers of Anantnag district at Dak Bungalow, Dooru. During the meeting

different centrally sponsored schemes (CSSs) being implemented by the department including CAPEX, RKVY, MIDH, ATMA, NISM, PM KISAN, SOIL Health Card Scheme, KISAN Credit Card Scheme etc were discussed in detail.

Addressing the meeting, the Director impressed upon the concerned officers that every penny allocated for the farmers of Kashmir Division under different centrally sponsored schemes must be judiciously utilized for the welfare of the farming sector



in a time bound manner. He said the funds earmarked for different components must be fully utilized. The Director asked the officers to take feedback from the farmers regarding the implementation of different CSSs. He exhorted the officers to work for the change of fortune of the farming community by adopting an innovative

approach in their work style. He highlighted the importance of minimizing the use of chemical fertilizers and asked the officers to increase awareness among the farmers regarding the soil health card scheme. He also instructed them to ensure that farmers apply for different fertilizers during the cultivation of various agriculture crops as per

the recommendations of the soil health card.

Iqbal asked the concerned officer to work in coordination with the representatives of PRIs for the successful implementation of different initiatives at district level. He also asked them to reach out to the farmers of far-flung areas and make them aware about the latest farmer centric technologies in the agriculture sector besides work in collaboration with the representatives of PRIs for the successful implementation of different schemes at grassroots level.

Chief Agriculture Officer Ajaz Hussain Dar, Mushroom Development Officer Showkat Hussain Mughal, ASAC Syed Ishtiyaq Ahmad, Area Development Officer (Vegetable) Fida Hussain Shah, DL SMS Hilar Ahmad Giri, ASCO Ravi Kumar, SDAO Aachal Abid Ali Khan, SDAO Pahalgam Sanjay Kumar, SMS Pahalgam Gurbaksh Singh and other officers/official were present in the meeting.

## Vilakshan flays the government's failure to contain unemployment

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DEC 8: Vilakshan Singh President J&K National Panthers Party strongly condemned the failure of the BJP government to contain unemployment in the country in general and J&K in particular. Singh said that in the data recently issued by Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, unemployment rate has increased to 7.77% in October from 6.43% in September. Singh said that in the data so issued J&K was among the worst sufferers

with an unemployment rate of 22.4%. Singh said that BJP boasted of creating new employment opportunities for the residents of J&K but the fact of the matter is that it has utterly failed to convert its rhetoric into reality. Singh said that youth of J&K were already suffering due to lack of employment opportunities. BJP's failure to run the administration properly has added fuel to the fire. He said that BJP instead of increasing the employment opportunities in J&K is focussing on increas-

ing the sale of liquor in J&K and making J&K a "liquor state". He said that J&K government failed to such an extent that the selection processes had to be scrapped due to large scale bungling in the said selection processes. Vilakshan demanded that all the vacant posts in the government should be immediately filled and the promotions should also be granted to the employees in a time bound manner so that more posts are available for direct recruitment.

## PSPS GCW Gandhinagar celebrates International Anti-Corruption Day

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government P.G. College for Women Gandhinagar today organised a Rally to celebrate International Anti-Corruption Day with the theme 'Uniting the World against Corruption'.

As many as 194 volunteers of NSS Unit 1 and 2; cadets of 2 J&K Girls Bn.NCC; 1 J&K Srinagar and 1 J&K Naval participated in the rally under the supervision of Prof. Mala Bhasin NSSPO (Unit-1); Dr.Neelima ANO Naval Unit ; Prof. Suman Bala, ANO 2J&K; Prof. Sugandha Mahajan and Dr. Monika Hans, NSSPO (Unit-2).

The Rally started from the College Campus and



marched to Parade Ground to merge into the huge congregation. The participants were holding banners and Slogans to educate the public about the menace of Corruption and how to combat this malpractice. The massive Rally made its way towards its final destination via Old City, Bazar,

Vivekananda Chowk to Hari Singh Park. The participants shouted slogans 'Bhrashtachar dimak hai, dimak hai' etc to sensitize the public around. Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan applauded the Cadets, Volunteers and Mentors for stepping forward as ambassadors to make the

The Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma appealed the participants to not to stop this Awareness with the end of the program but imbibe this in their character to make the nation Corruption free. The Rally culminated at Hari Singh Park with the distribution of Refreshment by the Organiser-Jammu Municipal Corporation.

## Sarpanch, SHG Members call on Lt Governor

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
Jammu, December 09: A delegation of Self-Help Group members from Pooni, Reasi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhawan here today.

Rani, Sarpanch Kothian Reasi apprised the Lt Governor about the issue pertaining to augmentation of facilities at Dogra Haat.

The Sarpanch also projected various issues of public importance of her panchayat including strengthening of road connectivity and other developmental needs.



### DIET Kishtwar organises "School Leadership Development Programme"

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, DEC 09: DIET Kishtwar organised a two day School Leadership Development Programme to facilitate the implementation of New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Programme was attended by 54 Heads of Institutions (HOIs) of UPS/ MS of zone Kishtwar and Nagensi. DIET Principal, Ashok Kumar, in his address, laid emphasis on the importance of transforming schools as per the guidelines of New Education Policy. The Educational Leadership Programme was facilitated by HOD DIET, Pramlia Devi Sharma. She apprised the HOIs about the value of leadership. The resource persons including Sr. Lecturer DIET, Riaz Ahmed Butt, Mr Rashida Shaheen DRP, Shawsana DRP and Dr Shivani delivered detailed lectures on School Leadership, Children Safety in schools, Empathy in School Leadership and NEP-2020.

## Chairman DDC Rajouri inaugurates 12 Mtr span Patti Nalla bridge on Treru-Khawas road

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, DECEMBER 09: Chairman District Development Council Rajouri, Chowdhury Naseem Liaquat today inaugurated newly constructed 12 meter span Patti Nalla bridge on Treru-Khawas road in presence of Shamim Begum, Member DDC Moughla and Surekha Devi, BDC Chairperson Moughla. While interacting with the locals, the Chairman congratulated them on completion of the much needed bridge, which will ease surface connectivity to the area to a great extent. The Chairman said that the Government was committed towards providing the best possible relief to the general public in terms of connectivity and several measures were underway in this regard.

## JMC celebrates International Anti-Corruption Day

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: Jammu Municipal Corporation today celebrated International Anti-Corruption Day.

### Mayor Jammu leads massive awareness rally



An impressive Pad Yatra was organized by JMC under the leadership of Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma. The rally started from Parade Ground and culminated at Hari Singh Park after passing through Parade Ground, Raj Tikka Road, Purani Mandi, Super Bazaar and Raghunath Bazaar. Besides Councillors, officers and officials of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Students from various Schools, Colleges, Universities, Chamber of Commerce, a number of Traders Associations, Market Associations, Social Organisations, NGOs, Religious Gurus (Dharam Gurus), Senior Citizens, Park Associations, Morning Walkers Associations, Resident Welfare Associations, Hotel Associations, Various Trusts, Printer Associations, Taxi Unions also participated with great enthusiasm.

The Mayor along with all the participants took an Integrity pledge to make the system corruption free. One more pledge was taken on the road safety. Mayor, Jammu said that the main motive behind marking this day is to spread awareness about a corruption-free society. "Everyone knows that corruption affects every section of the society. The purpose behind a day of this kind is to make people aware of the repercussions of indulging in corruption and motivate them to follow a right-secure wider access to essential services. Above all, we can make a system fair for all." He further said "We aim to take Jammu to the frontline cities of India. Corruption is not just a matter of a few rupees. On the one hand, corruption hurts the development of the country and at the same time corruption disrupts the social balance. And most importantly, corruption plagues the trust that one places on the system of the country and the sense of belongingness. And hence, combating corruption is not just the responsibility of an agency or an institution but is a collective responsibility. The onus of responsibility to change this situation is on all of us. He said International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on December 9 to raise awareness on the importance of getting rid of corruption. Corruption affects every area in our society and preventing corruption unlocks progress towards sustainable development goals.

It is not up to countries to unite and face this global problem but every single person, young and old has a role to play, prevent and counter corruption in order to promote resilience and integrity in society. To achieve this, policies, systems and measures must be in place for people to be able to speak up and "SAY NO TO CORRUPTION". Mayor, Jammu thanked all the Councillors, officers and officials of Jammu Municipal Corporation, Students from various Schools, Colleges, Universities, Chamber of Commerce, a number of Traders Associations, Market Associations, Social Organisations, NGOs, Religious Gurus (Dharam Gurus), Senior Citizens, Parking Associations, Morning Walkers Associations, Resident Welfare Associations, Hotel Associations, Various Trusts, Printer Associations, Taxi Unions and urged them to come forward in eradicating the corruption to make our INDIA Corruption free.

## Several MCs of Jammu Division self-declare ODF+ status

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: Several Municipal bodies, including Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees of Jammu Division have self-declared as Open Defecation Free plus status after complying with all bye-laws and development done in Municipal limits as per the Swachh Bharat Mission norms.

## Winter preparedness of PDD reviewed at Ganderbal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 09: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today chaired a meeting of PDD to review the steps taken in advance for winter preparedness in the district.



At the outset, threedbare discussion was held on buffer stock of transformers, working of District Workshop in double shifts, and restoration teams for prompt clearance of faults.

On the occasion, the ADC directed concerned officers to strictly adhere to the curtailment schedule and avoid unscheduled power cuts so that general public do not face inconvenience during the winters. He urged for wide publicity of curtailment schedule and ensuring minimum distribution curtailment during exigency. He also directed concerned officers to communicate to public through media in advance about any maintenance work to be carried in any area to ensure no crisis. Meanwhile, Executive Engineer KPDCI, Ganderbal informed the meeting that separate workshop has been allotted/ sanctioned for Sub-division Kangam for which site has been identified and DPR has also been submitted for vetting purpose and the executing agency shall start the work on construction of repair workshop soon. The ADC asked the Executive Engineer KPDCI that besides Power Development Department (PDD), J&K Police and Department of Revenue should be roped in to act tough against the power theft and improper billing. The Executive Engineer KPDCI said that the PDD along with Police and officials from Department of Revenue will launch a massive and joint operation against power theft in coming days for which the joint inspection teams have already been constituted. The ADC said that the need of the hour is to give wide publicity to recently launched amnesty scheme involving PRIs and officials of line departments highlighting all the benefits of the scheme. He further directed officials of KPDCI that proper mechanism should be put in place for reviewing the cases individually regarding hike in power tariff as people are approaching to his office complaining about unjustified hike of power tariff by the concerned Department. The meeting was attended by ASP, Feroz Yehya; Executive Engineer KPDCI, Tehsilidars, AEs and other concerned.

## Cultural Wing DIPR Jammu organises symposium on Nasha Mukti Bharat

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, DECEMBER 09: A symposium on Nasha Mukti Bharat was today organised by the Cultural Wing of the Department of Information and Public Relations at Pilot Academy High School Battal Ballian Udhampur. As many as 9 students participated in the symposium and expressed their views on the topic. Komal Devi bagged first position, while Niharika Chambyal and Radhika Devi secured second and third positions, respectively. All the winners and participants were felicitated with prizes and certificates. The competition was judged by Shivani, Bindia and Mamta. On the occasion, the students of school presented a scintillating cultural program which includes nukkad natak on the topic, rhymes, skits, songs and slogans. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the school Ved Parkash threw light on the disastrous consequences of addiction to the individuals and the society as a whole.

## DC Kishtwar flags off Eat Right School & Eat Right Creativity Rally

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 09: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devanshi Yadav today flagged off Eat Right School & Eat Right Creativity Rally here from Mini Secretariat DC Office.

The rally was organized by the Department of Food Safety DFCO Kishtwar in collaboration with District Administration Kishtwar and Education Department Kishtwar.

The students besides staff of 02 Educational Clusters comprising 08 Schools with more than 100 students participated with zest, zeal and fervor in the Eat Right Rally.

Chief Education Officer, Sudershan Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety DFCO, Taraq Ahmad Butt, Nodal Officer Eat Right School and Eat Right India Gh. Ahmad Mughal were also present at the flagging off ceremony.

The Assistant Commissioner Food Safety DFCO along with Staff and Nodal Officer ERS led the Rally for making maximum coverage of the Schools under Eat Right India. The Books like Yellow Books, Pink Books, Activity Books from Nidhi App were distributed amongst the Heads of the Schools of the participating Clusters. Speaking on the occasion, DC encouraged the Department and participants for disseminating awareness among the masses about the Eat Right, Eat Healthy and Eat Fortified."

Earlier, the Assistant Commissioner Food Safety DFCO, in his welcome address, urged upon the participants to adopt healthy food habits and avoid junk food to stay away from food borne diseases. He also highlighted the achievements of the Department and enjoined upon the Food Business operators, especially manufacturers, Operators, Restaurant owners to adopt Hygienic practices & undergo Hygiene ratings & FoSTaC training to provide clean & safe food to the consumers.

Other speakers also highlighted the ill impact of adulteration in Food. Besides the initiatives like implementation of MDM Registrations under FSSAI, Magic Box Demonstrations, Debate and Painting competition were also held during the programs of Eat Right School and Eat Right Creativity wherein the stress was laid on the innovative initiatives of Food Fortification, Hygienic practices, sanitation, Cleanliness and conceptualization about healthy diet, Good diet and Healthy eating Habits with iron supplements and Deworming services. The Food Department has also displayed motivational messages on pole kiosks at different locations added with digital media outreach, Hoardings, Banner, posters under the Campaign of Eat Right School and Eat Right Creativity at Kishtwar.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur, and on behalf of President of India invites applications for setting up stall/kiosk at Amritsar, Ludhiana, Firozpur Cantt., Kotkapura, Jalandhar City, Jalandhar Cantt, Fazilka, Gurdaspur, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Jammu Tawi, Anantnag, Srinagar, Banihal, Qazigund, Sopur, Baramulla, Awantipura, Kakapora, Sadura, Punnagam, Pattan, Pampur, Budgam, Mazhom & Pathankot Cantt. Railway Stations under One Station One Product scheme. The terms and conditions are as under:

- The period for setting up of the stall/kiosk will be 15 days.
- Details of token fee to be deposited by the applicants is as under:-

S. No.	Category	Total Token fee for 15 days (In Rs.)	Period validity
1	For NSG-1 to NSG-4 Stations	1000/-	Phase-XII (two spell for 15 days each) 1. Spell-I (10.12.2022 to 24.12.2022)
2	For NSG-5 to NSG-6 Stations	500/-	2. Spell-II (25.12.2022 to 08.01.2023)

All above charges are inclusive of GST.

- Product to be displayed/sold as under:  
(i) Handicrafts/Artifacts  
(ii) Textiles and Handlooms  
(iii) Traditional Garments  
(iv) Local agricultural produce/ processed/ semi processed foods.
- Period of display sale on (phase - XII)  
Spell-I from 10.12.2022 to 24.12.2022.  
Spell-II from 25.12.2022 to 08.01.2023.
- The selection of participants in the OSOP may be done considering that the benefit of this scheme must reach the marginalized sections, i.e those individuals at the bottom of the pyramid. Priority shall be given to the following:  
(a) Holder of Artisan/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicrafts, Development Commissioner Handloom, or by the requisite State/ Central Government Authority.  
(b) Individual artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/registered with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)/ National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)/ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) etc.  
(c) Self Help Groups registered with PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme).  
(d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.
- The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
- Application should be addressed and can be submitted to Station Superintendent at Station by the applicant.
- Station Superintendent will make priority roster of all approved participants and priority will be established through a draw of lots conducted at the Station in the presence of all approved applicants by the Station Manager/ Sectional CMI.
- Space and infrastructure at the station for this scheme will be provided by Railways.
- For any queries applicant may contact Station Superintendent or CMI of the respective stations.

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