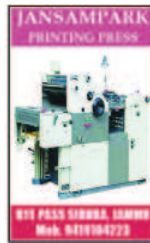




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J&K has emerged as one of the fastest-growing UTs: LG

Kashmir continues to record sub-zero temperature

MUMBAI, DEC 17: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended 'Badalta Jammu Kashmir' Conference in Mumbai today and shared J&K's remarkably robust and resilient growth story.

The conference was attended by various distinguished guests and prominent personalities including Sh Ram Naik, former Governor, Uttar Pradesh; Sh Vinod Tawde, former Minister of Maharashtra Government; Members of Parliament; Ministers, Legislators, former Ministers and senior politicians.

Speaking on the transformational journey of the UT, the Lt Governor said, J&K has emerged as one of the fastest-growing UTs. The progress that UT has made in last three years has given new hope and confidence to the people. Never before had PMEGP, Infrastructure development, and projects completion taken place at the kind of speed



witnessed in the past three years, he added.

Accelerated pace of development, improved socio-economic parameters, unprecedented progress in all priority sectors, massive tourist influx, and industrial investment is testimony of peaceful and prosperous Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the reforms introduced by the government to empower every section of the society and made all the citizens, especially the youth as agents of change and providing equal opportunities to the aspirational society.

Youth are scripting J&K's bright future. The administration has taken

many steps to create supportive schemes and policies to speed up economic development and to meet the aspirations of our young population, the Lt Governor said.

We have removed the difficulties that had cropped up in the implementation of people-friendly governance, setting up new businesses and industries. It is our responsibility to provide equal opportunities to all, added the Lt Governor.

"Article 370 was the root cause of secessionism, terrorism, nepotism, discrimination & corruption and kept J&K underdeveloped.

Three years after break from past, it is moving forward on a new developmental journey," observed the Lt Governor.

Decisive and stringent steps are being taken against terror ecosystem and corruption, he added.

The world is changing. India

SRINAGAR: Days ahead of 40-day harshest winter, known as 'chillai kalan', Kashmir valley continues to record sub-zero temperature.

The Kashmir valley has been recording sub-zero temperatures since November.

Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of minus 2.4 degree Celsius against the minus 3.6 degree Celsius previous night which was incidentally the coldest so far this season.

The tourist resort of Pahalgam in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir recorded a low of minus 4.3 degree Celsius against minus 5.3 degree Celsius on the previous night.

The minimum temperature in north Kashmir's Gulmarg resort was registered at minus 2.0 degree Celsius and minus 3.8 degree Celsius in the frontier Kupwara town.

The mercury dropped to a low of minus 2.6 degree Celsius in the southern gateway town of Qazigund.

December has so far witnessed sub-zero temperatures in Kashmir and the weather has been dry.

The meteorological department (MeT) officials said the weather is expected to remain dry in J&K till December 22. "There is no weather system till December 25," an official of the MeT department said.

The 'Chillai kalan' begins annually on December 21 and it is considered the harshest winter period.

Jammu recorded a minimum temperature of 7.2 degree Celsius.

Leh town in Ladakh region recorded minus 7.6 degree Celsius and Kargil minus 12.1 degree Celsius, the MeT officials said.

Power never been goal of National Conference: Omar



JAMMU, DEC 17: National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah said on Saturday achieving power has never been the goal of the party and it has always believed in the welfare of the general public.

He was speaking at an interactive session with party office-bearers of Jammu and Samba districts at the NC headquarters at the Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here.

"National Conference has always cherished to render sincere, selfless public service and power has never been its goal. Achieving

organisational issues, prevailing political situation and the future course of action, a party spokesperson said.

Abdullah asked the functionaries to take the mission, and vision of the party to every doorstep across the Jammu province. Meanwhile, Abdullah visited the Gandhi Nagar residence of former Additional Director General of Police and founding Vice chancellor of Baba Gulshan Shah Badshah University Masud Choudhary who breathed his last after a prolonged illness here on Friday.

The former chief minister offered his condolences to the bereaved family. He was accompanied by provincial president, Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta and other senior party colleagues, the spokesperson said, adding Abdullah prayed peace for the departed soul.

welfare of the masses has been the longstanding commitment of the party," he said.

Peace, progress and equitable development of all regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir have remained the buzzword of the political agenda of the National Conference, Abdullah said.

During the interactive session, the party functionaries gave a detailed account of the ongoing political activities in their respective segments to the vice president.

The meeting also witnessed deliberations on

SIA seals properties worth crores of rupees belonging to Jamat-e-Islami across J&K

SRINAGAR, DEC 17: The Jammu and Kashmir State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Saturday sealed several properties worth crores of rupees of the banned Jamat-e-Islami (JeI) across the Union Territory, officials said.

The properties at about a dozen locations worth about Rs 100 crore were barred with restrictions on usage and entry in Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kupwara districts, they said.

The properties were barred after being notified by District Magistrates of Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kupwara on the recommendation of the SIA, the officials said.

The move is aimed at choking the availability of funds for secessionist activities and to dismantle the ecosystem of anti-national

elements and terror networks hostile to India's sovereignty, they said.

These premises/structures were barred and entry and usage was prohibited, besides "Red Entry" to this effect has been made in the relevant revenue records, the officials said.

During the seizure proceedings, it was found that about two dozen business establishments in the towns of Kupwara and Kangan (in Ganderbal) were currently running from out of these JeI properties on a rent basis, they said.

After due diligence, it was decided that these would be allowed to continue so that private persons who may not have any connections with JeI are not tenants paying rent to JeI are not

Azad appoints office bearers of DAP State Committee J&K

SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Azad Party (DAP), Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday appointed the office bearers of DAP State Committee Jammu and Kashmir.

Azad has appointed Peerzada Mohd Sayeed, Tara Chand and G M Saroori have been appointed Vice Chairman of the committee while Manohar Lal Sharma, Abdul Majid Wani, Haji Abdul Rashid, Balwan Singh, Suman Bhagat, Sardar Arvinder Singh Micky, Ghulam Nabi Ratanpuri, Chaudhary Nizamuddin, Vinod Mishra and Vinod Kaul have been appointed as General Secretaries of the committee.

Azad has also appointed Hira Lal Abrol, Arun Singh Raju, Adv. Masood Chowdhury, Aradhana Andotra, Santosh Majotra, Rehana Anjum, Mehboob Bhatt, Lovely Gupta, Adv. Imran Hafiz, Riaz Ahmed Naaz, Priti Khajuria and Gul Tasleem Anjum as Secretaries of the committee.

Adv. M K Bhardwaj, Adv. Aslam Goni, Adv. Manzoor Ganai, Adv. Muzaffar Parrey, Dr Abdul Gani Anzar and Salman Nizami have been appointed as working committee members while Taj Mohi-ud-din and R.S. Chib are already working as Treasurer and General Secretary will continue, the document sent by DAP said.

R.S.Chib was appointed as General Secretary I/C Media & Communication dept while Salman Nizami has been appointed as Chief Spokesperson of the party.

All Vice Chairman, General Secretaries, Treasurer and both Provincial Presidents (Jammu and Kashmir) will be members of the Working Committee while all Secretaries will be special invitees of the Working Committee.

4 kanals land of LeT militant attached

JAMMU, DEC 17: Authorities today attached the property of absconding Lashkar-e-Toiba commander Abdul Rashid alias "Jehangir" who is operating from across the Line of Control and making attempts to revive terrorism.

The land measuring over four kanals at Khanpura village in Doda district's Thathri area was attached by a joint team of Revenue and Police officials under relevant Sections of the CrPC on orders of the Judicial Magistrate, police said.

They said the police is in the process of initiating proceedings against other local militants who have infiltrated to Pakistan and trying to lure youth through the virtual mode

or social media to join terror activities and revive militancy in the district.

Rashid went to Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) in 1993 and returned after getting arms training with an intention to carry out subversive activities.

"After his infiltration from Pakistan, he remained active along with other dreaded and hardcore militants and was found involved in number of attacks on civilians and security forces besides incidents of arson and explosions in the district.

"Apart from that, a number of local youths were instigated and recruited by him into militancy," police said. It said another militant commander Mohd Amin alias "Khubail" of

Thathri was initially motivated and recruited by Rashid.

"Amin is also at present operating from Pakistan and making desperate attempts to revive terrorism in the Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts of Jammu region.

"He masterminded a number of terror-related incidents, including IED blasts, drone dropping and smuggling of weapons in the recent past," police said. Both Rashid and Amin managed their ex-filtration to Pakistan over a decade back and have been declared as proclaimed offenders by the local court. A number of FIRs are registered against them at various police stations in Doda and other districts of the Jammu region.

India today is not what it was in 1962: Tibet PM reminds China

JAMMU, DEC 17: Due to internal disturbances at home China is frustrated and is going for Twang and Galwan type intrusion bids in India.

This was said by Penpa Tsering, PM of Tibet while addressing a press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

He said that China should keep in mind that India this time is not that of 1962. "For the last some years water of Brahmaputra is muddy while tributaries falling into it have crystal clear water," he said later on while addressing at a seminar in Jammu University. Tsering said that China is



making world's biggest dam on river Brahmaputra.

"If by some natural calamity like earthquake the dam gets collapsed and the residents of Brahmaputra basin will be washed away in no time," he claimed. He also said that only because of preaching of Dalai Lama they are following peaceful modes of protests against China.

The PM of Tibet also said that India should boycott Chinese products as what India exports to China is not even one third of imports from that nation.

"Surprisingly countries like Sweden have signed extradition treaty with China.

GST Council agrees to decriminalise certain offences, doubles limit for launching prosecution to Rs 2 cr

NEW DELHI: The GST Council on Saturday agreed to decriminalise certain offences and doubled the threshold for launching prosecution to Rs 2 crore, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said.

The Council could decide on only eight out of the 15 agenda items due to paucity of time, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, adding that the items not considered included one pertaining to setting up of appellate tribunals for GST.

The issue of mechanism to curb tax evasion in pan masala and gutka businesses could also not be taken up. Malhotra said GST on online gaming and casinos was not discussed as the report of a Group of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, on the issue submitted its report only a couple of days back.

The report of the GoM was not even circulated to GST Council members, he added.

He said the Council agreed to raise the threshold of launching prosecution to Rs 2 crore from the present Rs 1 crore.

Also, the GST on husk of pulses was reduced to nil from 5 per cent.

Incident unfortunate, says Sinha; announces relief

JAMMU, DEC 17: Two persons, who died of firing outside an Army camp, were cremated in Rajouri district today.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha described the incident as "very unfortunate" and announced an ex-gratia relief of Rs 5 lakh to the families of the deceased.

"The incident in Rajouri is very

unfortunate. Condolences to the bereaved families. The price of a life cannot be set in monetary terms but still, I announce an ex-gratia relief of Rs five lakh for each affected family," Sinha posed on twitter.

Kamal Kumar and Surinder Kumar, both residents of Pahlyana, were killed and another person, Anil Kumar of Uttarakhnad was injured in a firing

incident outside the Army camp near its Alpha gate in Rajouri town yesterday morning. While the Army in a tweet said some "unidentified" militants had started firing at the camp, eyewitnesses claimed that a sentry posted at the gate opened fire at the approaching locals, resulting in casualties. Deputy Inspector General of Police Haseeb Mughal and District

Development Commissioner Vikas Kundal besides other senior civil and police officers joined thousands of people in the cremation of the deceased at the local crematory.

The cremation passed off peacefully without any untoward incident, an official said. There was strong resentment among the people over the killings and they wanted fair probe

into the incident. "We have been assured independent inquiry by the administration. The Lieutenant Governor has also given a statement," a group of people said. There were some others as well who blamed militants for trying to create unrest in the border district. Leaders of different political parties visited the bereaved family and demanded a time-bound

probe into the incident and adequate compensation to the families of the deceased. "It is a tragic incident and whoever is found involved will have to face the law. Army is conducting a court of inquiry and police have launched its investigation after registering a case," BJP president Ravinder Raina told reporters after meeting the families of the deceased in Rajouri.

DC Ganderbal inspects functioning of FPOs, Cooperative Society in district

Stresses for modernization & expansion of membership horizon

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 17: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyamir today took an extensive tour of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) established under the central sector Scheme for formation and promotion of FPOs in the district to monitor their progress at ground level.

On the occasion, the DC visited Tullamula Milk Producers Dairy Cooperative Society Limited, Zazna Farmers producer company limited and Kirmaniya Fed Producer Company Limited Batwina.

During his visit to Tullamula Milk Producers Dairy Cooperative Society Ltd, the DC was briefed about the functioning of the said Dairy Cooperative Society. It was informed that the cooperative has a membership of 320 Milk producers and is providing employment to 25 youths having appreciable movable and immovable infrastructure worth more than 4

Crores out of its own profit. It was also informed that the society is intending to establish a milk processing and curd packaging unit in the very near future.

The DC complimented the said society for organizing an impressive and fruitful primary level unit of such scale and assured support from District Administration for modernization of the society and stressed upon expansion of its business and membership horizon so that ample opportunities of employment are generated. Meanwhile, the DC visited Zazna Farmers producer company limited which is formed and promoted by Small farmers Agri business consortium (SFAC) with the CBBO Achtech Information System limited having 160 farmers associated with the FPO.

Later, the DC visited Kirmaniya Fed Producer Company Limited Batwina formed and promoted by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing

Federation of India Ltd with CBBO, Indian Society of Agricultural Professional and was informed that 100 farmers are associated with the FPO. On the occasion the DC inspected various assets of the FPO like Apple Grading Line, Oven and generator. He also inspected the official records and gave necessary instructions for maintaining the official records in the official format.

During his visit to FPOs the DC directed CBBOs to provide the necessary professional support for the formation of sustainable FPOs under the Central Sector Scheme.

Meanwhile, the Board of directors and members of FPOs raised several issues and demands for the proper functioning of FPOs for which the DC directed the CEOs and CBBOs to support the farmers to list the demand required for proper functioning of FPOs. Later, the DC also inspected the functioning of Health and Wellness Centre Zazna.

Dist Admin Budgam felicitates Insha Bashir, International Wheelchair Basketball player

Insha Bashir is a role model for younger generation: DC



JJ NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, DECEMBER 17: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid today felicitated International Wheelchair Basketball Player Insha Bashir, for her overall

achievements and for winning Silver Medal at international level recently in November 2022.

It is worth mentioning here that Insha Bashir Budgam's first international wheelchair basketball player,

has been selected as captain of JKs wheelchair basketball team.

While interacting with Insha Bashir, the DC congratulated her for winning Silver Medal at international level and termed it as a pride for Jammu & Kashmir In general and district Budgam in particular.

Insha Bashir also shared her experience of success. She said she wants to win a Gold medal in the Paralympics for the Country. She said that she was extremely happy after winning the silver medal and called receiving the National award for her achievement as her grand success. Insha Bashir said that she had been working hard since she met with an accident and it is a proud moment for her to be felicitated by her home District Administration. She also thanked the district administration for every support.

District Social Welfare Officer Dr. Farhana Asgar, District Programme Officer ICDS, District Information Officer, other officers and officials were present in the felicitation ceremony.

Div Com Kashmir chairs meeting on status for grant of permission for establishment of Industries under SWS

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress on grant of permission with respect to establishment of Industries under Single Window System (SWS), at his office here.

The meeting was attended in person by Javed Y Dar, Chief Engineer KPDCI, Mehmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicraft and Handloom, Saloni Rai, Director Industries and Commerce, GM SICOP, SE PWD, SE PHE, DC State Taxes, Project Engineer SICOP, RD PCE PCB and Assistant Director H&H.

Besides, the meeting was also attended by DCs/ADCs of all districts of Kashmir through video conferencing.

At the outset, the meeting discussed threadbare status of linkage of services for operationalizing the unified platform for availing different services for establishment of units by the industrialists.

The Div Com directed that till the time the platform gets started URL linkage of various services provided by different departments can be done with the I&C dept website.

The Director I&C informed the chair that so far 3500 applications have



been received in Kashmir division out of which appraisal of 2500 has been done which has been approved by High Level Land Allotment Committee and of these 1300 units have been provided allotment orders and 750 have also made payment. Termining the Single Window System as novel initiative of government, the Div Com said that SWS will help applicants to track the status of their cases and it will also ensure transparency on part of resolution of cases.

The meeting also held discussion on approach roads of industrial estates and other necessary facilities like electricity, water etc. The Div Com sought details of width of approach roads to Industrial Estates in various districts and directed District Administrations to ensure widening of existing approach roads where ever required by acquiring state or kahcharai land to ensure smooth movement of even bigger vehicles like

tractors.

He also directed Chief Engineer KPDCI to resolve power related issues at these Industrial Estates.

Taking review of additional land allotment for Industrial Estates in all ten districts of Kashmir, the Div Com directed the concerned to send details of land identified in each district till Monday. He also directed them to allot a minimum of 1000 kanals land with a patch no less than 150 kanals to ensure all infrastructure pertaining to different departments is housed at the same place.

Talking about the identification of land measuring 25 to 50 kanals in Municipal towns for constructing organised colonies under My Town My Pride programme, the Div Com directed the District Administrations to identify the land for the purpose and send the details to his office. He said setting up these colonies will help prevent people from constructing houses on agricultural lands.

The meeting also discussed status of land for Craft Centres. The Div Com directed the concerned to identify land measuring at least 5 kanals for the purpose along in Anantnag, Pulwama, Srinagar, Bandipora and Baramulla.

District Admin Srinagar reaches out to the fire victims of Bemina, Chandpora Habba Kadal

Immediate assistance under Red Cross provided to 20 fire affected families DC Srinagar appeals citizens to follow precautionary measures while handling electric/electronic gadgets, LPG cylinders and other appliances

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR DECEMBER 17: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, a team of District Administration, Srinagar today visited Chandpora (Gudood Bagh) locality of highly congested Habba Kadal area in Tehsil South of Srinagar District to provide immediate assistance to the 14 affected families whose houses were gutted in a massive fire incidents here on Friday late night.

The team of District Administration headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Syed Shabir provided immediate assistance in the form of 70 blankets, 42 mattresses, 42 bed sheets and 14 kitchen sets, besides Rs 70,000 to all 14 affected families 5000 each as an interim relief out of the District Red Cross Fund. Similarly, the affected family of Mansoor Colony in Bemina locality in Tehsil Shalting of the District, whose houses were also engulfed in separate fire incident on Thursday, were also provided 30 blankets, 18 mattresses, 18 bed sheets and 6 kitchen sets, besides Rs 30,000 to all 6 affected families 5000 each as an interim relief under Red Cross.

The Teams of District Administration Srinagar also expressed sympathy with the affected families on loss of property.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar has appealed to the General public to follow all precautionary measures while handling electric/electronic gadgets, LPG cylinders and other appliances being used for heating and cooking purposes to avoid such fire incidents.

Pertinent to mention that Srinagar District has seen rising fire incidents in Srinagar District for the last couple of weeks.

Dist Admin Kupwara convenes joint meeting of DDC, District Officers at Handwara

Reviews progress under District CAPEX Budget, welfare issues; 68% expenditure incurred during current fiscal so far



JJ NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, DECEMBER 17: The District Administration Kupwara today convened a joint meeting of District Development Council (DDC) and District officers at Environmental Hall Handwara to review the physical and financial progress under District CAPEX Budget 2022-23 till date in the district.

The meeting was chaired by Chairman DDC Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpuri. The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dofode Sagar Dattatray and Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir were present in the meeting. The ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan, ADC Kupwara, Gh Nabi Bhat; President Municipal Committee Handwara, Masroor Ahmad Bhanday; DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons, JD Planning, District Officers and other concerned attended the meeting.

The meeting held threadbare discussion with regard to different developmental issues and various decisions were taken to further accelerate the developmental tempo in the district.

The Council received feedback from the officers during the discourse of the meeting.

The meeting was informed that out of total released funds of Rs.27080.4 lakh, Rs.18341.52 lakh have been incurred on the execution of various developmental works under District CAPEX Budget during the current financial year till date which consti-

tutes 67.73%. The meeting reviewed sector wise progress of all departments including R&B, Education, Jal Shakti, PDD, General Service, and Social Service and received feedback from the officers one by one. It was given out in the meeting that out of total 3019 approved different developmental works including DDC, BDC and PRI works, 2654 works got administrative approval out of which 2640 works have been tendered. As many as 2366 works have been allotted out of which 1222 works have been completed while as, 1144 works are under execution at different stages of completion.

The meeting reviewed the pace of progress under MGNREGA and was informed that 48486 works have been approved under MGNREGA in 24 blocks of the district out of which 34744 works have been completed physically. The meeting also reviewed the progress of Amrit Sarovars, soakage pits, vermi-compost pits, JJM and health sectors. While reviewing Jal Jeevan Mission, it was informed that 106 water supply schemes have been approved at an estimated cost of Rs.589.52 crore in the district. Addressing the meeting, the Chairman DDC stressed upon the officers to work with added dedication and ensure that all developmental works targeted for the current financial year shall be completed within the timeframe, especially

works under JJM and solar lights. The Vice Chairman DDC also spoke at the occasion. He appreciated the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara for his best developmental programmes. He said that people feel governance at their doorsteps. President Municipal Committee Handwara also spoke. Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner welcomed the council and expressed his satisfaction for overall performance of the departments in the district. He said, "There are areas where good work has been done, there are areas where we are progressing and there are areas where added efforts need to be done".

Referring to the innovative ZIMADARI programme initiated by District Administration, the Deputy Commissioner said the teachers of Kupwara district have given their blood and sweat to make the programme successfully implemented on ground level. He appreciated them and asked everyone to appreciate the teachers of Kupwara district. The Deputy Commissioner informed the Council that the issue of transit accommodation for Medical College Handwara has been resolved and hoped that the first session will begin from June 2023. He also informed that winter carnival shall be held in the district during this winter for the first time. The Deputy Commissioner, during the discourse of the meeting gave on spot directions to the concerned officers, following the demands of the Councilors. He also directed all executing agencies and concerned officers to speed up the pace of work so that cent percent targets could be achieved within the stipulated time frame.

Earlier, the DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons also spoke and projected developmental issues of their respective constituencies.

DIPR Kathua organises Nukad Natak to sensitise college students about Govt's online services

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, DECEMBER 17: To inform the students about the plethora of e-services of J&K UT government, Department of Information and Public Relations Kathua on Saturday organised Nukad Natak here in Government Degree College.

College Principal, Sumnesh Singh Jasrotia was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The staff of the college and a large number of students witnessed the Nukad Natak.

The cultural troupe of DIPR Kathua comprising Ajit Pal Sharma and team presented Nukad Natak on the theme 'e-services; making governance accessible and easy' explaining to the audience varied e-services launched by the government for the convenience of the general



public. The troupe also threw light on array of services launched under Digital JK initiative wherein platforms like e-unnat and other user-friendly digital platforms have been launched to provide services to the public through electronic mode (internet). The services offered by different departments like provision for online Domicile certificate, income Certificate, Character Certificate, Birth and Death Certificate, land

passbooks etc were explained by the troupes in vernacular languages.

The Nukad team appealed to the students to avail the benefit of online services of the government and aware the people of their respective areas regarding the initiative of the government so that more people can utilize the e-services domain and save their valuable time and money.

The team also cautioned students about cyber crimes and online frauds and advised them not to share details of their bank accounts, OTP or any other information to anyone asking for the same in the disguise of the Bank or other authorities.

The artists also presented Dogri and Hindi songs, which left the audience spellbound.

DC Budgam takes stock of progress of B2V4 works in Ichgam Panchayat Halqas

Visits under-construction Sports Field; meets various local delegations

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, DECEMBER 17: The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, S F Hamid today visited village Ichgam to take stock of progress of various ongoing developmental works in different panchayat halqas. The DC also chaired a meeting with local PRIs to review progress of works projected during Back To Village Phase-IV programme at Girls High School Ichgam. The meeting among others was attended by President BDC Budgam, Gulam Hassan Khan, Sarpanchs, Panchs and other respected. At the outset, the concerned officers informed that work on development of twin playfields was going on in full swing, while retrofitting work on pipeline and upgradation of WSS has also started. The DC also reviewed the development of roads including inner lanes and bylanes, construction of soakage

pits and installation of electric poles, transformers, shifting of transmission lines at all identified spots in these panchayat halqas of Ichgam. The DC said that various demands projected by locals during the B2V4 programme, which was chaired by Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Dheeraj Gupta have been taken up with the relevant quarters for timely resolution. Concerned officers also apprised the DC about the progress of works including, upgradation of schools, irrigation works, creation of job cards, functioning of ICDS centers, progress of PRI works and other lane and drain works in all panchayat halqas. Emphasizing on the speedy completion of all ongoing works, the DC instructed concerned RDD authorities to conduct a time bound survey in panchayat halqas for proper registration of households under deserving cate-

gories to avail benefits under different government schemes. Similarly, the Education and Social Welfare departments of Budgam were also instructed for timely assessment and execution of works, projected by locals during the B2V4 programme. On the occasion, the DC also met various local delegations who raised their demands with him. Giving them patients hearing, the DC assured that all genuine demands shall be taken up for prompt redressal. Later, the DC also visited an under-construction sports field at Panchayat Halqa (B) to take on spot assessment of the work progress. Emphasizing on timely work execution, the DC said estimates for the drainage work be also put up and pace of work be expedited to ensure better sports facilities to the local youths.

DC Jammu flags off Cloth distribution drive of District Red Cross society



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, DECEMBER 17: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa today flagged off a Cloth distribution drive of District Red Cross Society and Disha Volunteers Organisation. DSWO Mantra Rajput, who is also Secretary District Red Cross Society,

office Bearers of Disha Volunteers Organisation along with other staff members were also present on the occasion. The DSWO apprised the DC that the clothes for donation have been provided by the people and these will be distributed among poor and needy people in rural areas. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated the efforts of Disha Volunteers Organisation and said that it was a noble cause to help the poor and marginalized sections of the society. The Deputy Commissioner urged the office bearers of Disha Volunteers Organisation to conduct more drives to help the needy people. She also appealed to the people for their contribution in the great cause.

District Skill Committee meeting held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 17: District Skill Committee meeting was held today at DC Office Complex here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom, who is also the chairman of the committee. During the meeting, several important aspects of the District Skill Development Plan were discussed. The chair was given a brief overview of the District Skill Committee and various sub committees by Imran Wajahat, Principal IIT Anantnag and Convenor of the committee. Deliberations were also held on utilization of Sankalp fund and other important projects in the district. Various skill initiatives taken up under DSDP were discussed. Sneha Kumar, MG National Fellow, informed the members that SANKALP scheme aims to hold activities related to development of District Skill Development Plan like labour market analysis, skill gap study and tracer studies. The scheme also envisages activities to increase the outreach



efforts of local industry. Referring to special provisions for vulnerable groups such as women, PwD, SC / ST, it was informed that special training and skill upgradation programs will be held in ITIs / Polytechnics. Other important projects within the ambit of the DSDP like industry demand estimation, Youth Aspiration survey, jail inmate training, service centres at IIT, GI tags for local industry etc were also discussed during the meeting. The DC said that there is unprecedented focus on providing sustainable livelihood opportunities to the youth and that skill upgradation and market linkage of youth are critical components to achieve the target. He said that plan formulation is a key aspect in successful implementation of any project and that important activities like labour market analysis, industry demand forecast and youth aspiration survey will help to design suitable interventions for the district. Highlighting that Anantnag produces exclusive products like Mushkbadji, cricket bats which are of international standard, he said that the District Skill Development Plan should include interventions to achieve upscaling of these industries by focusing on skilled workforce availability and market outreach opportunities for the industry. The meeting was attended by CAO, Principal GP Larkipora, DSWO, ALC, DEPO Anantnag among others.

DC Ramban launches Lavender cultivation at Chamalwas Interacts with people, resolve public issues on spot

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 17: To bring the governance to the people' doorstep under 'Prashasan Goun Ki Aur' Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today visited several panchayats in Sub-division Ramsoo and Banihal and listened to the issues of locals. DDC Councilors, BDC Chairpersons, besides SDM Banihal, Zaheer Abbas; CEO, Dev Anand; CAO, Ashwani Kumar, other officers, Sarpanchs, Panches besides a large gathering of farmers attended the public meetings. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner launched Lavender Cultivation at Chamalwas and encouraged the farmers to switch to innovative farming techniques to enhance their income. He also asked the youth to adopt farming as a profes-

sion and take up lucrative Mushroom cultivation, Beekeeping, Vegetable production etc. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Agriculture department to provide handholding to farmers to start cash crop cultivation so that they can earn more from their agricultural land. Addressing a gathering of people at Chamalwas, the DC informed that the Good Governance week celebration aims to reaffirm the government's commitment to provide people an accessible administration. During the public hearing, the PRIs and scores of people hailing from across the Panchayats of Chamalwas attended the programme and put forth their issues. Responding to the demands, the DC assured quality disposal of genuine issues in a time-bound

manner. "The district administration is ensuring to provide all facilities to the people at their doorsteps and in this regard, necessary instructions have already been given to line departments," he said. The DC urged the people and PRIs to join hands with district administration to take the development to every knock and corner of the district. He also asked the officers to mobilize men and machinery to achieve the desired developmental targets under 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur'. Interacting with the farmers, the DC asked them to contact the agriculture and allied departments for availing the farmer friendly schemes launched by the government and directed the field functionaries of the department to update farmers about scientific and latest

techniques of cultivation. The DC appreciated the Sarpanch Chamalwas Muneer Ahmed and Farooq Ahmed for their role in motivating the farming community to adopt new crops and agricultural techniques. Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Khari area and inaugurated Smart Class Room at the local Government Higher Secondary School under Aspirational Block Plan. Interacting with the students, the Deputy Commissioner advised them to take part in all activities being organized by the School Administration for their overall development. The DC also interacted with people at Khari and noted their issues and demands and resolved most of the issues on the spot by directing the concerned officers.

JKUT initiates Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen-2023 Opportunity for Districts, panchayats and Villages to receive awards for Swacchta: Director Rural Sanitation J&K

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17: Under the chairmanship of Director Rural Sanitation, J&K Charandeep Singh, an orientation programme was today organized on Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen 2023 at Institute of Hotel Management, Rajbagh, here. Experts from the Government of India, Ikhvaku Sharma and Vinay Tiwari gave a detailed presentation on different stages of Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen 2023. The orientation programme was attended by Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Assistant Commissioner Development, District Panchayat Officers, Block Development Officers from Kashmir Division. The various officers and officials of Directorate of Rural Sanitation, J&K were also present during this orientation programme. It was well briefed to all the officers that Swachh Sarvekshan Grameen 2023 is an exercise for assessing the status of SBM Grameen in the rural areas. The aim of the orientation was to spread out participation of Gram Panchayats, Districts and State/UT to create enthusiasm towards Sanitation. It was explained that the SSG-2023 shall be done at the level of Village wherein first phase will be self-assessment which is to be done at the panchayat level only which will subsequently be reviewed by the peer

group and finally a third party evaluation shall be done by an agency to be nominated by the Government of India. Speaking on the occasion, the Director Rural Sanitation urged all the officers to complete the process of self-assessment of all the villages by 31st of December, 2022. He stated that self-assessment would give impetus to the performance of UTs of J&K which has already been able to achieve the milestone of 1000 ODF Plus villages. He said that it is an opportunity to deal with areas in which some of the panchayats need to perform better. The other SBM verticals that were discussed in the orientation were Grey water Management, Solid Waste Management and Faecal sludge Management. In the orientation programme these issues were discussed in great detail followed by an interactive session. The use of different technologies and assets to be created under the scheme were explained. It was put forth with clarity as to what kind of Grey Water and Solid Waste Management interventions needs to be undertaken at various places. While interacting with the participants, Director Rural Sanitation J&K asked to focus on sustaining the gains from the first phase of the project. He said that the assets should be devel-

oped in a methodical manner so that they not only work effectively but also sustain over the years to come. It was discussed that the state has already achieved the ODF status by providing toilets to all households. The department is also working vigorously to construct CSCs wherever required and provide IHHLs to new households to sustain the status of ODF plus across the UT. It was also discussed that in an attempt to convert waste to energy and wealth two Gobardhan projects are already functional in the UT and 36 more such projects are in the pipeline which could produce energy using cow dung and benefit the local households while dealing with animal waste. The department is also working towards making semi mechanised PWM across all districts of the UT to dispose of the menace of plastic waste in a manner that it is not a health hazard for the locals as well as the future generations. In the orientation programme another vital issues like door to door waste collection and retrofitting of toilet which is conversion of single pit toilets into twin pit toilets was deliberated upon. It was discussed that it is an important aspect of the Mission to discuss the technological gaps affecting a toilet functionality and faecal sludge management.

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Director Agriculture visits Ganderbal; reviews Physical/ Financial achievements under different CSSs



J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 17: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today convened a meeting of District Officers at Ganderbal and took stock of the physical and financial achievements under different centrally sponsored schemes (CSSs),

flagship programmes and CAPEX. During the meeting, different centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department including RKVY, MIDH, ATMA, NESM, PM KISAN, CAPEX, Soil Health Card Scheme, Kissan Credit Card Scheme etc. were discussed in detail. Addressing the meeting, the Director highlighted the importance of expeditious and judicious expenditure of funds under different schemes. He asked the officers that funds allocated under different components of centrally sponsored schemes must be expended in a time bound manner.

He reiterated the importance of maintaining the highest level of transparency and accountability during all the expenditures. Director asked the concerned officers to work in close coordination with district administration during the implementation of different initiatives at district level. He directed the officers to reach out to the farmers of every area of the district and make them aware via various farmer friendly technologies in the agriculture sector. He asked the officers to work in collaboration with the representatives of Panchayat Raj institutions for the successful implementation of different schemes at grass root level. Chief Agriculture Officer Gul Ajaz, District Agriculture Officer Farooq Ahmad Bhat, SDAO Ganderbal Irfana Gul, SDAO Kangan Shafat Raja and other senior officers were among others present in the meeting.

DE&CC Anantnag organizes Job Fair at Town Hall

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 17: A district level job fair was today organized by District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Anantnag at Townhall Anantnag. Representatives from various line departments particularly those providing self-employment opportunities as well as several reputed private employers from different sectors participated in the event.

President Municipal Council Anantnag, Er Hilal Shah presided over the event. ALC Anantnag was also present on the occasion. Employers from diverse sectors including SBI Life, HDFC, Jio Care, Tata Motors, Peaks Auto, Kashmir Motors, Himalayan Motors, Shuhul Motors, KY Motors, Exide NEO and Fair Deal Motors were present to hire prospective youth on the occasion. More than 500 job seeking youth

from various nooks and corners of Anantnag participated in the job fair. The job fair saw 100 candidates receiving on spot offer letters while an additional 170 resumes were shortlisted for further scrutiny by the prospective employers. President MC Anantnag, speaking on the occasion, said that such events are important and help in information exchange and in linking job seekers with job providers.

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DC Srinagar reviews implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-(Grameen)

Door to door collection of Waste with PRI participation being done in the Panchayats

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17:- In order to review the implementation and progress achieved under Swachh Bharat Mission(Grameen) Phase-II in all Panchayats of the District, a meeting of concerned Officers was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Assistant Commissioner Development, Syed Farooq Ahmad, Executive Engineer RDD, District Panchayat Officer, Block Development Officers of Srinagar, Khonmoh, Harwan, Qamarwari and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review about various developmental components taken under Swachh Bharat Mission(Grameen) Phase-II being implemented in all 4 CD Blocks of the District including Door to Door Garbage Collection, construction of Solid/Liquid Waste Management, individual soakage and composite pits.

The DC directed the concerned Block Development Officers of the District to work in missionary zeal in implementation of SBM-G, disposal of domestic waste materials. He asked the officers to fully involve the local PRIs in the effective implementation of this mission.

The DC also said a target of completing 70% expenditure of all allotted funds for current fiscal by December 31. The DC also asked the Assistant Commissioner Development to monitor the implementation of all works and ensure efficient and effective implementation.

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), Phase-II in all Panchayat Block of the District, besides holding periodical review meetings to ensure timely completion of all the works



with judicious utilization of funds and quality of works to create the reliable assets for making all villages healthy and clean.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that of 407 works taken up under the RDD sector as many as 288 works have been completed. He was also informed that door to door collection is going on full swing in all Panchayat blocks.

While against the target of construction of 25 Community Sanitary Complex (CSC), 13 have been completed. In addition, 945 soakage pits have been completed and also geotagged in Srinagar Panchayats under

SBM (G) Phase-II for the year 2022-23. The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the officers to launch an IEC campaign on a massive scale by involving local PRI members to sensitize the people regarding the importance of cleanliness to maintain hygienic environment/atmosphere in the Panchayats.

Earlier, the DC was given first-hand appraisal of the targets fixed and achievements made so far. The Assistant Commissioner Development gave a brief about the Block wise progress of ongoing works and the work plan under Swachh Bharat Mission(Grameen).

Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur: DC Kulgam conducts whirlwind tour of various areas

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, DECEMBER 17: Taking governance at the doorsteps of the people and to take first hand appraisal of the issues and grievances of people, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bial Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today conducted whirlwind tour of Manzanam, D.H.Pora, Liroo, Hallan and various other areas of the district.

The DC during the visit pressed a grievances redressal camp at hilly and far-off hamlet Hallan Manzanam and listened to issues and grievances of

people of the area. PRI members and people of the area apprised the DC about their issues and developmental requirements of the area.

All the issues of the people were listened to patiently by the DC for early action and redressal.

While addressing the people of the area, DC urged them to get registered for homestays as tourists prefer home stays to enjoy rich cultural heritage.

He urged people to spare surplus rooms for tourists and earn livelihood and the

process will increase tourist footfall in the area too.

Meanwhile, a gram sabha was also held at Hallan and the DC participated in the gram sabha and oversaw its proceedings. Later, he inspected progress on repairs of Hallan-Manzanam road. He also took stock of progress made on the Water Supply Scheme Manzanam Galvanpora, a project taken under Jal Jeevan Mission with an estimated cost of 9.27 crore. During the visit, the DC also kick-started Door to Door collection of

domestic wastes under solid waste management programme in Manzanam.

Enroute, he also took stock of various developmental projects including the YSS building at Damhal Hanji Pora which is under execution of RDD with an estimated cost of 46 lac. The DC also facilitated Ghar pravesh of PMAY-G beneficiary at K.B.Pora A. SMD Noorabid Bashir UI Hassan, ACD Mohammad Imran Khan, ACR Mir Intiyaz-ul-Aziz, Tehsilidar D.H.Pora and other officers accompanied the DC.

Block Diwas is proving effective in reaching out to the people: DDC, Pulwama

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, DECEMBER 17: Youmi Block/ Block Diwas is proving effective in reaching out to the people, stated Baser UI Haq Choudhary, District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, while speaking to a huge gathering of people at New Administrative Complex Kanjina, Awantipora.

The DDC spent the whole day in Block Awantipora and listened to the people for redressal of their issues and grievances. He redressed hundreds of grievances on the spot.

He was accompanied by the DDC Member Avtar Singh, SPS Awantipora Mohd Yousof, ADDC Pulwama Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Additional Deputy Commissioner Awantipora Zaffar Ahmad Shawl, ACD, President Municipal Committee, BDC Chairman, Tehsilidar Awantipora and all other District officers.

The PRI members and various public delegations put forth several demands including ensuring con-

struction of interior road from Pulwama to Goripora, important blocks, implementation of works programme, ATM at Padgampora, staff availability in health centres, water facility, solar lights etc.

The DDC gave patient hearing to the grievances raised and assured quality disposal of genuine issues in a time bound manner. He also gave on spot directions for redressal of many issues of urgent nature.

He further added that the District Administration is ensuring to provide all facilities to the people at their doorsteps and in this regard necessary instructions are already given to line departments.

The DDC distributed Sporting kits, Domicile certificates, income certificates, SC certificates, RBA certificates, and Golden Cards among various beneficiaries.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC reiterated that the Block Diwas is a novel platform for people to put forth their grievances and receive prompt responses. He emphasized that such mechanisms impart transparency in

governance and promote responsive functioning of public entities.

He said that directions have been passed to all line departments to ensure that their representatives regularly participate in Block Diwas and ensure redressal of genuine grievances.

He said that the Government is fully committed to last mile delivery of public services.

The DDC stressed on coordination among PRIs and officials to ensure welfare of the public, besides, directed the concerned Officers to be proactive and remain accessible to the people so that the purpose of the initiative is fulfilled and the genuine demands can be addressed in time.

He directed officials from various line departments to ensure time bound redressal of grievances and to maintain record of grievances received and disposed-off.

He said it was the responsibility of the public to conduct social audits of these works and ensure that public money is being spent responsibly and for community benefit.

Srinagar Craft Safari Completes 10th Edition

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 17: Kashmiri handmade craft, which is world-famous and has won Srinagar city recognition as the UNESCO's Creative City in the field of Craft and Art, is being revived by various interventions of the department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir which has started a process of organizing Craft Safaris in a unique way to give new life to the world-famous crafts of Kashmir.

A team of officers from the Handicrafts and Handloom Department, Intellectuals, Academic Scholars, Journalists, Tour operators, Social Media Influencers and Students congregate at the work-places of the artisans who still are carrying the centuries-old crafts in Kashmir. The handicraft department makes sure that the safari members create awareness about the crafts to boost the historic heritage crafts of Kashmir.

Today, Craft Safari in its 10th edition commenced from Bait-ul-Meerass meaning a heritage home, a century-old four-story historic house which is an ideal example of the valley's peculiar architectural design. Bait-ul-Meerass stands tall as an epitome of the rich cultural history. The place is showcasing artefacts that are not only vintage but are of historical importance as well; the house in itself is an architectural heritage marvel and has become a centre of attraction over the week-



ends where workshops for students and various storytelling events are being held.

At the unit of Mohammad Iftikhar Bhat a resident of Kutub-u-dinpora Aali Kadal, the team witnessed weaving magic on Kani Shawls. The skills of masterful manipulation of threads on needles have no parallel and these skillful manipulations make Iftikhar confident about incorporating any contemporary design on the shawls. Shabir Ahmad Hagro who has been running the hundred years old shop at Aali Kadal has been needing magic on the cloth mostly used for pherans, which is a must in almost every bride's trousseaus was the next stop for today's team. Shabir has inherited the craft from his father and is practicing it for the last 30 years. He has not only mastered the artwork but has also excelled in making traces of motifs that are used to create marvels on the fabric.

safari continued to the Aali Kadal Ghat, a hub of

craft richness and skill preserved by the master craftsmen for centuries. The art of washing Pashmina, which involves a delicate process exhibited by the local families who have been associated with the process from over the centuries. People associated with the craft believe that it is the waters of Jhelum which give the dreamlike texture of Pashmina of myriad colours. The kaleidoscopic dance of the hanging pashmina are a common sight and act as a delight for the eyes every morning.

The traditional silverware with intricate artwork has always found a great favour in the international market along with its increasing popularity in the domestic market. The intrinsic items of silverware were appreciated by all at the unit of Gulham Ahmad Bhanday and his family.

The artwork on silver items covers a wide range of silver items. Popular among them are Quran cases, dry fruit boxes,

flower vases, chinars, ornamental picture-frames, cigarette cases, tumblers and others.

At S.R Gunj the team admired the entire area which is associated with the copperware craft, however, Fayaz Ahmad Bhat who was the culminating craftsman in today's safari is a well-known craftsman and has a reputation for creating one of the most beautiful copper items. With a vast experience spanning over two decades, he has perfected his skills to a level where he is able to engrave unique designs and has earned a name for himself.

Since Srinagar city being listed in the UNESCO's list of creative cities the department of Handicrafts and Handloom has amplified the work on the revival of the heritage and culture of Kashmir.

Speaking to the team the Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shabbir strengthened the commitment of the department to combat the machine-made crafts for which the department will be starting GI tagging and QR based labelling of the handmade products. To strengthen the handmade crafts, artisans and crafts there is a need to work more towards regaining trust among customers and create awareness so that genuine, handmade and GI-tagged Kashmir products are sold by traders and bought by customers instead of cheaper, machine-made copies, he said.

NCC cadets of GCW Udhampur take out awareness rally against drug Abuse

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 17: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, 1 J&K girls Battalion NCC Srinagar of Government College for Women, Udhampur today took out an awareness rally under the banner of 'Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan'.

This NCC unit of the college, under the patronage of the Principal Dr. Monika Sharma, organized the awareness Rally of NCC cadets to educate people about the drug abuse and its harmful effects on the society.

Principal of the college flagged off

the rally with a green flag. She addressed the cadets and highlighted the disastrous consequences of substance consumption and drug abuse prevention. She also applauded the efforts of the NCC cadets and expressed appreciation for their endeavour to raise awareness about the menace of drugs. "For a brighter future for the country, it is imperative that the youth are motivated to adopt a healthy and positive outlook towards life, and those who have strayed from their path need to be brought into the mainstream," she

asserted. She also applauded the I/C ANO Shaluu Jasrotia for holding the event.

The cadets were motivated to give their best in the rally. Other faculty members of the college were also present. Around 50 NCC cadets participated in rally with great enthusiasm and spread through placards showcasing different slogans.

The college faculty members also participated in the rally to provide guidance and support to cadets. I/C ANO Shaluu Jasrotia coordinated the event.

DC Poonch discusses activity schedule for celebration of Good Governance Week

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, DECEMBER 17: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet on Saturday chaired a meeting of officers to review the preparation ahead of 'Good Governance Week' celebrations being held from December 19 to Dec 25 under Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur, 2022. The week-long celebration of Good Governance aims at redressal of public grievances besides improving service delivery titled "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur."

On the occasion, he took a detailed review from all the concerned officers about the preparations and gave detailed instructions to the officers for successful observance of the week.

The departments were directed to implement all the government schemes well in time and ensure disposal of pending grievances on various portals including IGRAMS.

He also directed to organise block level camps for registration of beneficiaries under PMJAY, issuance of disability certificates, distribution of Land Book.

NORTHERN RAILWAY					
E-Tender Notice					
Sr. DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.insp.gov.in with closing date: 06.01.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revived bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.irps.gov.in (portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft/Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information login to www.irps.gov.in					
Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System			
Open	Works	Single Bid System			
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time			
15.12.2022	23.12.2022	06.01.2023/15:00 Hrs			
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender			
1	322-2022-23-ADEN-II-ASR	Upgradation and modification of existing RPF Barrack complex by providing 20 Bedded Female Barrack Accommodation, Kitchen, Gym, Entertainment Room at Amritsar.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	1,35,64,941.39/-	217800/-	60 Days	06 Months	
Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil work other than track work"					
2	323-2022-23-ADEN-II-ASR	Provision of Sewerage Treatment Plant at Beas on JUC-ASR section in the jurisdiction of ADEN-II/ASR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	85,14,256.24	170300/-	60 Days	06 Months	
Similar nature of work :- "Supply, design, erection & commissioning of sewerage or effluent treatment plant".					
3	324-2022-23-SOEN-II/FZR	Improvement to infra structure of 14 nos. existing special class level crossings in the section of Sr. DEN-II/FZR.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	1,78,53,064.57/-	239300/-	60 Days	06 Months	
Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil work other than track work"					
4	326-2022-23-II-ASR-DRM-FZR	Deep Screening of various yard lines at Amritsar, Atari, Verka, Fatehgarh Churian and Ramdas stations in the section of SSE/PWay/ASR in the jurisdiction of ADEN-II/ASR in C/W TBR of 242.339 Km of Firozpur Division.			
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion	
	1,48,39,844.53/-	224200/-	60 Days	12 Months	
Similar nature of work :- "CTR/TRR/TFR/TR including raising of track/screening/dressing of track/pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machine/ballast screening/regulating machines & TTR by T-28"					
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