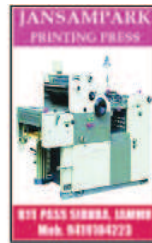


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**BRIEFLY**

**AC approves advance payment to meet demand of more than 4600 FPS dealers**  
AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 23: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposal for Advance Payments in favour of FPS Dealers on account of their margin on monthly basis under NFSA Scheme. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting. Administrative Council approved Advance Payments of 75% Central

**Three siblings jump from bridge as train approaches, 1 killed**  
AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 23: An 11-year-old girl was killed and her two siblings injured after they allegedly jumped from a railway bridge here on Wednesday when they saw a train approaching, an official said. While Hadia Fatima died in the accident, her brother Mohiuddin (12) and sister Alia (six) sustained injuries, he said.

The three siblings were on their way to school in the Bajalta area when the incident occurred, he said, adding it is possible that the children panicked and

**Pakistani intruder held along IB in J&K's Samba, repatriated**  
AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 23: A Pakistani national, who was apprehended on the International Border (IB) by the border security force (BSF), was repatriated within hours of his arrest.

Officials said that Shahzad, resident of Rangoor village in Pakistan, was repatriated at a flag meeting between the BSF and Pakistan rangers in Ramgarh sector of the IB within hours of being arrested on Tuesday while he was trying to cross over to the Indian side. During

**Inclusion of CJ in consultative process for CEC appointment will ensure independence: SC**  
AGENCY

NEW DELHI, NOV 23: The Supreme Court said the inclusion of the Chief Justice of India in the consultative process for the appointment of Chief Election Commissioner would ensure independence of the poll panel.

The apex court was of the view that any ruling party at the Centre "likes to perpetuate itself in power" and can appoint a "Yes Man" to the post under the current system. The court was hearing a batch of pleas seeking a

## Lt Governor inaugurates Annual Youth Festival 'Sonzal-2022' at University of Kashmir

Education Institutions must ensure that the new learning framework and key concepts as recommended by National Education Policy are incorporated in curriculum: LG



Jl NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOV 23: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the Annual Youth Festival 'Sonzal-2022' at the University of Kashmir.

Extending his best wishes to the participating Youth on the occasion, the Lt Governor said that the annual festival is a great opportunity for

young artists to showcase their talents and 'Sonzal' provides them much-needed platform to achieve the dream of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Sonzal means rainbow, which is a symbol of hope, inspiration and good fortune. For students, rainbow finally arrives when they have space for individual growth, independent thinking and opportunity

■ Young students are multi-faceted, multi-dimensional. It is the responsibility of Educational Institutions to ensure freedom, creativity & engagement for them to become multi-achievers, acquire knowledge & skills to thrive and shape their future: LG

■ It is a great opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents and 'Sonzal' provides them much-needed platform to achieve the dream of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', says the LG

to discover their own hidden treasure that will contribute in nation building, the Lt Governor added. Observing that Young students are multi-faceted, multi-dimensional, the Lt Governor entrusted upon the Educational Institutions to

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## Govt enhances financial empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions

AC delegates powers to accord AA of execution of works to PRI's in respect of their own source revenue

Jl NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 23: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha,

approved the delegation of powers for granting Administrative Approval, to Gram Panchayats, Block Samitis and Zila Parishads for execution of works, the expenditure of which will be met out of Panchayats'

own resources. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K attended the meeting. In order to promote the

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## CS launches celebrations to celebrate J&K Day at 41st IITF at Pragati Maidan New Delhi

Dr Mehta urges J&K Pavilion visitors to visit J&K for its scenic beauty

Jl NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, NOV 23: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today launched the celebrations in order to celebrate Jammu & Kashmir day at 41st India International Trade Fair here at Pragati Maidan.

The event was marked by cultural programme of the UT.

Dr Mehta, who was the chief guest on the occa-



sion, along with the other stalls were put up for display. While interacting with the visitors at the fair, the J&K pavilion where different

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## Jammu civic body passes resolution to make graduation minimum qualification for councilors

AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 23: Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday batted strongly for making graduation mandatory as the minimum qualification for elected representatives to contest elections.

The general house of the Jammu Municipal Corporation passed a resolution,

which was moved by Sharma, to make graduation as minimum qualification for those who would contest elections for councilors of the municipality.

Sharma said the resolution had been sent to the Jammu and Kashmir administration and they were awaiting its implementation.

However, he added, it has to get approval

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## SC asks Centre for files relating to appointment of Arun Goel as Election Commissioner

AGENCY

NEW DELHI, NOV 23: The Supreme Court on Wednesday told the Centre that it wants to see the files relating to the recent appointment of Arun Goel as Election Commissioner and emphasised that it wants to see by what mechanism, "he was picked up", and "there is no danger to produce it (files)".

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing a petitioner, raised the issue in connection with the appointment of Goel. He said Goel was a sitting Secretary, was given voluntary retirement on Friday, the appointment was issued on Saturday, and on Monday, he started working as EC.

Bhushan said he had filed an application in connection with the appointment

and the court was hearing the matter, yet the government made the appointment. Pointing out that the Centre appointed someone in a single day, he asked what process they have followed and what are the safeguards?

A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Justice K.M. Joseph, said the court heard the matter on Thursday and Bhushan said that there is an intervention application in connection with the vacancy and the Centre appointed a person as an Election Commissioner.

Justice Joseph told Attorney General R Venkataramani: "Produce the files of appointment of this officer... you say there is no hanky-panky in this. Was he appointed on the basis of voluntary retirement... how was he appointed, what is the mechanism by which he was



picked up... the matter is being heard".

He told the AG if there is no illegality "then you shouldn't be afraid and if everything is going on smoothly, then show us the file".

As the AG said "I don't think we have to travel that far", Justice Joseph said the court will not sit in judgment on

## J&K Bank doing a commendable job: MoS Finance Dr Bhagwat Karad

Inaugurates 3 branches, 4 ATMs; Hands over sanction letters to aspiring entrepreneurs, micro-ATMs to Digi Pay Sakhis

Jl NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOV 23: I feel delighted to be part of this programme of J&K Bank that is doing a commendable job of providing self-employment to the youth, progressing ahead with a clear digital vision, enhancing financial awareness of the people while deepening financial inclusion.

Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad made these remarks today in presence of MD & CEO Baldev Prakash, General Managers Sudhir Gupta and Syed Rais Magbool at an event organised as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at the Bank's Corporate Headquarters. The function was attended by the Bank's General Managers, DGMs, and AGMs besides beneficiaries, media persons and other officials of the Bank.

"The main objective of Union Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to increase financial literacy, deepen financial inclusion and ensure that all the financial transactions are done digitally



On the occasion, Dr Bhagwat Karad gave sanction letters to 16 beneficiaries financed by the Bank under various self-employment schemes like PMEGP, Mission Youth, NRLM and AIF etc besides e-inaugurating Bank's 4 branches and 3 ATMs. He also handed over few Micro ATMs and Bio Metric Devices to Digi Pay Sakhis, who were onboarded as female Business Correspondents of the Bank.

Emphasizing upon the need to reach out to every section of society, Dr Karad said, "During the last couple of days here I have observed that J&K Bank is far ahead of the lot in implementing all the flagship schemes of Union Government meant for poor and marginalized ranging from PM Jan Dhan

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## CS chairs meeting of EC, approves 8.35 Cr action plan of Rehabilitation Council

Jl NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired the Executive Council Meeting of the Council for Rehabilitation of Widows, Orphans, Handicapped & Old Persons (Victims of Militancy) established by Social Welfare Department (SWD), J&K.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Home,

**Over 100 modules of hybrid terrorists smashed this year: DGP Dilbag Singh**  
AGENCY

SRINAGAR, NOV 23: Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, accompanied by Additional Director General of Police, Kashmir Zone, Vijay Kumar, on Wednesday visited Anantnag where he chaired a joint security review meeting at the district police office, officials said.

Chairing a joint meeting of senior officers of the army, the police and the CRPF, he said that all need to work hard to finish the

**Plan to benefit 6800 beneficiaries; saturate provision of tricycles among SAP**

Commissioner Secretary, SWD; Executive Director, Rehabilitation Council; Representative from Department of Planning along with other concerned officers.

Dr Mehta enquired from the Council about its per-

formance during previous year. He impressed upon them to accelerate the seeding of beneficiary accounts with Aadhar numbers. He directed them to complete the task within a month.

The Chief Secretary enjoined upon the Council that their work is of paramount importance. He asked them to provide timely assistance to all the victims and take all measures to rehabilitate them well.

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**At minus 0.8 degree Celsius, Srinagar records first sub-zero temp of season**  
AGENCY

SRINAGAR, Nov 23: For the first time this season, the minimum temperature dropped below the freezing point in Srinagar on Wednesday, as per the Meteorological (MeT) department.

According to the weatherman, the coming days would witness a further drop in minimum temperatures across Jammu & Kashmir and

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## Dr Langer visits BOP Chandwan in Kathua

*Kick-starts Wheat sowing, inspects rural assets; presides over Block Diwas, interacts with agripreneurs*



**JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, NOV 23:** Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department (PD&MD), Dr Raghav Langer today kick started wheat sowing across the fence at International Border in Chack Chang, Hiranagar today.

Secretary, PD&MD was accompanied by DIG BSF Hari Om; DC Kathua Rahul Pandey; DDC Member Marheen Karan Kumar Attri, SDM Rakesh Kumar and Chief Agriculture Officer Sanjeev Rai.

Appreciating the courage and hardwork of the local farmers, Dr Langer said the UT administration along

with BSF authorities is actively pursuing the potential of cultivation in the border belt so that farming communities get maximum benefit from the chunk of land which was lying unutilized hitherto. He assured the farming community of all possible help to bring more area along IB under cultivation so as to motivate other farmers of the area.

Dr Langer suggested the adoption of mechanised ways of farming by establishing machinery banks under BAPD, SSY schemes so as to empower local farming communities in reaping rich dividends from their produce.

Chief Agriculture Officer Kathua informed that the target for sowing wheat crop is enhanced to 200 acres from the current Rabi season which he said will be achieved with the handholding efforts of all stakeholders, government agencies and departments.

Dr Raghav Langer also inspected various developed works, rural assets of border panchayats and interacted with progressive farmers at Haripur.

Later, Dr Langer presided over the proceedings of block Diwas at R.C Farms Marheen wherein he threw light on the object of public outreach initiative (Block

Diwas) of the government to listen to the grievances at doorsteps of the people.

After giving a patient hearing to the demands and grievances raised by the people, PRLs Dr Raghav said that developmental goals can be achieved through proper coordination and cooperation of all stakeholders.

Referring to the avenues of opportunities in border areas, Dr Raghav Langer said youth should aim at becoming a job creator rather than job seeker. He said youth should explore opportunities in entrepreneurship by availing self employment opportunities extended by the government. After listening to the issues of the locals, the DC redressed many grievances on the spot and passed a slew of directions to the concerned officers for early redressal of the projected issues.

He assured the public that all their genuine grievances shall be redressed in a time bound manner.

He said issues beyond the competence of district administration will be taken up at appropriate levels.

## Justice Tashi Rabstan visits District Court Srinagar holds meeting with judicial officers

**JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, NOV 23:** After assuming the Administrative charge of District Srinagar, Justice Tashi Rabstan today visited District Court Complex Mominabad Srinagar. On the occasion, he was welcomed with guard of honour from a squad of Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Justice Tashi Rabstan was received by Jawad Ahmad Pr, District & Sessions Judge Srinagar with his team of judges. At the outset, he had an extensive meeting with the judicial officers posted at Srinagar in the Conference Hall. Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar Jawad Ahmad apprised him about the working of the courts with relevant statistics and



also highlighted the various issues faced by the judicial officers. Justice Tashi Rabstan addressed the judges and took stock of the functioning of the courts including the project of the

second phase construction in the district court complex Srinagar. After giving a patient hearing to each judge individually, he assured them of resolving their issues within a short span of time

by talking to the stakeholders. He sensitized the judges about their role in the society and urged them to give their best to the society and at the same time uphold the dignity and honour of the institution. He emphasized upon the speedy disposal of cases and the timely disposal of cases so that they are disposed of speedily. Moreover, he asserted that judicial officers ought to be punctual so that no litigant suffers. Subsequently, Justice Tashi Rabstan inspected the Family Court, POSCO Court and the Vulnerable Witness deposition room to have a firsthand experience of the working of such courts. A plant sapling was also planted by Justice Tashi in the Court complex.

## Chairman DDC Budgam inaugurates renovation work of Makhama-Paripora Bridge

*Expresses gratitude to LG administration for expediting renovation work*

**JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 23:** Chairman District Development Council, Budgam Nazir Ahmad Khan today along with Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Kashmir inaugurated the renovation work on Makhama-Paripora Bridge.

On the occasion, Nazir Ahmad Khan expressed gratitude to the LG administration for expediting the work of ren-

ovation and completing the requisites in the shortest possible time.

The renovation work is being undertaken at the cost of rupees one crore & eighty five lakhs and will help in the restoration of movement across Magam area.

Pertinently, the bridge was declared unsafe by the authorities a few months ago after it developed cracks.

Chairman DDC Budgam while talking to media highlighted the role of PRI institutions in flagging the urgent public issues with the administration.

Senior officers of the PWD (R&B) Department including Executive Engineer R&B Budgam & AEE R&B Sub Division Beerwah, PRI members & other senior citizens of the area were also present on the occasion.

## Mega Block Diwas: ADDC Kulgam presides over at grievances redressal camp at Behibagh

**JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, NOV 23:** The District Administration Kulgam today organized Mega Block Diwas in three blocks of the district including Devsar, Kulgam and D. H. Pora to take appraisal of the public issues, grievances and demands.

On the occasion, Officers and officials from line departments listened to issues, grievances and demands of the public for timely redressal at all the three venues.

Meanwhile, to take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather presided over at a grievances redressal camp at block Behibagh where he



listened to grievances and issues of people for redressal.

People from Cheki Hajin, Behibagh, Daderkoot, Kaddar, Turigam, Matibugh, Akipora and other villages participated in this grievances redressal camp at Kulgam and apprised the officers about their issues and grievances.

People from the area put forth demand of repairment of irrigation canal, widening & Macadamisation of Sheganpora to Dederkoot, link road, interest weave-off of KCC loans and various other demands of public importance were flagged by the people during this camp here at Behibagh.

Officers and officials from District Administration were also present during this block Diwas and responded to the grievances of the people.

At the outset ADC Kulgam Mohammad Inran Khan briefed about the action taken on the grievances which were flagged-off by the people during previous block diwas.

DDC member Behibagh, PRI members and large number of locals from Behibagh Block participated in this block diwas.

Moreover, block diwas functions were also held at D. H. Pora and Kund blocks where SDM Noorabid Bashir UI Hassan and ACR Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz listened to issues and grievances of people for timely redressal.

## Block Diwas held at Wathora in Chadoora

*Locals upbeat about approval of Rs 6.5 crore WSS scheme*

**JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, NOV 23:** The District Administration Budgam today held Block Diwas at Panchayat Halqa Wathora in Block Chadoora of Budgam.

The programme was chaired by ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak.

On the occasion, DDC Member Chadoora, PRIs and others respected elders from village Wathora, Batapora, Nowbugh, Kaisarmullah and other adjacent villages apprised the ADDC about their needs. After giving patient hearing to the public, the ADDC assured that all genuine demands shall be looked into on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC stressed on providing better health care facilities to the people and directed concerned health authorities to check the scope of merging the entire population of village Wathora with health Block Chadoora instead of Block



Chattergam for public convenience.

He stressed on the speedy completion of ongoing developmental projects in all panchayat halqas and instructed concerned to resolve all issues on priority basis, halting the work execution.

He said that restoration work on Nowbugh Bridge be executed on a fast-track basis and diversions for smooth traffic movement be ensured for the general public. On the occasion, the

local PRIs expressed their gratitude to the District Administration Budgam for approving Rs. 6.5 crore WSS for construction of Reservoir and a filtration plant at Wathora.

ADDC directed PDD authorities to erect poles at required spots at Village Kaisarmullah and carry out improvement works of LT and HT lines on war footing. In order to ensure a smooth supply of water, he instructed concerned officials to ensure hassle-free

functioning of all WSSs. R&B authorities were instructed to take up development and macadamisation works of roads and bridges for better connectivity to the general public.

The ADDC stressed on coordination between departments and availability of field functionaries on the ground for public convenience.

He emphasized that works related to road development and improvement in education and health sectors be executed in a time bound manner for public convenience.

Meanwhile, various district officers spoke threadbare about their public welfare schemes on the occasion. SDM Chadoora, DFO Budgam, CAHO, DSHO, CHO, AD Handicrafts, Executive Engineer PHE, Irrigation, BMO, AD FCS&CA, and other concerned officers and officials were also present on the occasion.

## DDC Kupwara chairs mega block diwas at Payerpora

*Appreciates Panchayats for taking initiatives at their own level*



**JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 23:** District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today chaired a mega block diwas function at Payerpora in block Hyhama of Kupwara district.

ACD Kupwara, DFO Kamraj, LDM, Executive Engineers of PDD/PHE/R&B, AD Food, besides, Sarpanchs from various Gram Panchayats and people in large number attended the block diwas function. Addressing the function, the DDC said that the Block diwas event is conducted by the District Administration every Wednesday which provides a platform to meet the people

at their doorsteps and

redress their day to day developmental issues. Referring to the employment generation, the DDC said that Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been launched in the district in which financial assistance is provided to the unemployed youth to start their self income generation units adding that there is no need of any collateral security/guarantor upto Rs.10 lakh.

Regarding power supply, the DDC appealed to the people to avoid using crude heating devices so that power supply could not get interrupted due to overloading. He directed concerned officials to put strict vigil on the use of crude devices to ensure power supply do not get interrupted unnecessarily.

Regarding water supply, the DDC was informed by XEN PHE that work is apace on Bongam-Hyhama water supply scheme in the area and 3000 out of 8000 households have been connected so far. The DDC directed the concerned engineer to ensure that the rest of the households are connected by the month of January.

Meanwhile, Sarpanchs and senior citizens of the area put forth their developmental issues before the DDC who gave them patient hearing.

The DDC resolved on spot various issues raised by the PRIs and people regarding Road, Electricity and other developmental issues. He directed the concerned officers to pursue the issues and ensure timely redressal of the issues raised during the block diwas.

During the block diwas, the DDC appreciated various RDD and Panchayat works executed in the hyhama block. He said 26 Amrit Sarovars have been made in the block which will benefit the generations to come adding that estimates of 675 works in the area have already been taken up and sanctioned.

He also appreciated the installation of X-Ray plant by panchayat in NTPHC Gonipora. Earlier, the DDC inspected Panchayat work related to the construction of 2 shops at a cost of Rs.7.5 lakh at block office Hyhama.

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## DC Ganderbal chairs weekly Block Diwas, assures time bound redressal of genuine issues

**JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 23:** The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a Weekly Block Diwas here at Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal for block Ganderbal.

The Block Diwas witnessed overwhelming response of the PRIs and locals of block Ganderbal. They highlighted their issues ranging from provisions of Basic Amenities like Drinking Water, electricity, Health, Education, road development, besides other issues of public importance.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all issues and grievances raised and assured time bound redressal of genuine issues. He also gave necessary instructions to the concerned departments for ensuring



timely and quality disposal of issues raised.

While replying to the issue of unscheduled power cuts, the DC said that necessary instructions are given to the concerned to ensure smooth scheduled electricity supply to all areas of the

district as per notified schedule.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said the District Administration is ensuring timely redressal of the genuine demands and a proper mechanism is adopted to ensure transparency and

accountability at all levels.

Among others, Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simani, DEO and other District and Sectoral Officers attended the Block Diwas.



## Animal Husbandry & Horticulture Deptts Organise awareness prog "PM-FME" at Khansahib

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 23: Department of Animal Husbandry Budgam which is nodal agency for implementation of PM-FME Scheme in Budgam District organized mega-awareness programme on "Pradhan Mantri-Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme (PM-FME Scheme)" in collaboration with Department of Horticulture (P & M) Budgam, which was held at Town Hall Khansahib.

A Large number of Progressive Farmers associated with different farming practices, unemployed educated youth of the area, and

different Self Help groups attended the awareness camp.

Satyta Bushan, area Marketing Officer, Department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing Budgam; Dr Javed Ahmed Superintendent District veterinary Hospital Budgam; Manzoor Ahmed Wani HDO Khansahib and other Officers from Animal Husbandry, agriculture & allied departments addressed the gathering and made people aware about different aspects of the scheme.

At the outset, Dr Javed Ahmed, Superintendent District veterinary Hospital

Budgam, gave the brief introduction of PM-FME scheme and said that earlier it was restricted to one product for one district, but now the scheme is available to set up processing units of any agricultural product under non ODOF products.

"The scheme has a number of benefits like 35% subsidy with the interest subvention of 3% under Agriculture infrastructure fund along with full guidance. He further assured the farmers of providing adequate hand holdings in availing the benefits of different schemes. Experts from Animal Husbandry & other allied

Department also threw light on processing of milk to dairy products/ value addition of milk, horticulture & agricultural products as a Viable Livelihood Option for Income & Employment Generation.

Participants were sensitized towards the potentials in establishment of Micro food processing units under "Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme." During the programme many participants showed interest & full motivation in establishing different micro food processing units under PM-FME Scheme (ODOF).

## 1st Phase of Randomization of Staff for Re-poll of Hajin A conducted at Bandipora

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA NOVEMBER 23: 1st Phase of Randomisation of Staff for the ensuing Re-poll for DDC constituency Hajin A for which Re-poll is scheduled on 5th December was today done at Mini-Secretariat Bandipora.

The randomization was done under the supervision of Deputy

Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed who is also District Election Officer and in presence of General Observer Riyaz Ahmad Shah and Nodal Officer for over all election monitoring Mohd Ashraf Hakak.

ACR Bandipora Parvaiz Rahim and District Informatics Officer were also present on the occasion besides other concerned officials from the election

department. Nodal Officer Mohammad Ashraf Hakak said that during this phase of Randomization, Staff from various departments have been selected for poll duties and the aim of randomisation is to ensure free and fair elections with no human intervention as the randomisation is being done by dedicated software for the purpose.

## District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti holds awareness prog at Khansahib



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 23: District Hub for Empowerment of Women Budgam organized an awareness programme on

the role of District Hub for Empowerment of Women and other women centric schemes here at Anganwari Centre Panchayat Kaich of Block Khansahib. The pro-

gramme was attended by AWWs, Local Women and children of the adjoining areas of Panchayat Kaich. The team imparted awareness to the partici-

pants about the women welfare schemes including BBBP, women helpline 181, one stop centre for women, PMMVY, PMKVY, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Poshan Abhiyan. They also educated them about the Livelihood schemes for women entrepreneurs, Indira Gandhi National old age pension scheme, pension scheme for widows, Pension scheme for disable people, UTMAS, Childline 1098, ICPS, UDID and other women related Schemes. At the end of the programme the team also noted the grievances of the participating women and assured them to provide help as soon as possible.

## Kulgam realizing blue revolution through record production of 205 MTs of fish in 2021-22

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KULGAM, NOVEMBER 23: District Kulgam is bestowed with vast pristine water resources which offer ample scope for development of cold water Fisheries particularly Trout.

The Department of Fisheries has infused cohesive and elaborated steps to tap the aqua potential of district and ensured proper implementation of Centrally Sponsored schemes on ground for creating employment avenues to double the income of fish farmers with focus on enhancing fish production of the District through intervention of new technology in the field of aquaculture under various schemes.

Assistant Director Fisheries Kulgam, Mushtaq Ahmad Shah said that fish production of 205 MTs has been recorded during the year 2021-22, which includes 80 MTs of trout.

He added that the department has established 98 fish farming units in the private sector besides one trout feed mill and one



hatchery (Trout Seed Production Unit) in the district.

During the current FY 2022-23, 15 Trout Units have been sanctioned under PMSYS Scheme for which DLIC has been conducted and beneficiaries have been selected.

We have a Trout Hatchery Unit in the District where quality trout seed is being produced and supplied to private trout fish farmers of the District. "A private Trout Feed

Mill has been established in the private sector under PMSYS Scheme and the Trout Feed Mill is having a production of 2 tons/day, capable of producing cooked extruded floating feed which is easily digestible with minimal wastage", added AD fisheries. He also said that this Feed Mill will cater the demand of trout feed in the District and will also supply to adjacent Districts of Shopiana, Anantnag and Pulwama. AD added that

the feed Mill will also reduce the transportation charges incurred by the fish farmers who have to transport Trout Feed from Trout Feed Mill Mansbal.

"As the district has witnessed a boom in the tourism sector, Aharbal Trout Stream in District Kulgam has become world famous for its prized fish catch".

The Department is regularly stocking the stream with Rainbow Trout Fish seed to sustain its fish biomass so that anglers can catch a good catch.

The Angling permits are issued through online mode both to local anglers and foreigners, he said.

With regard to the welfare schemes, there are 419 fishers in the District registered with the Department who exploit the natural fisheries resources to earn their livelihood. He also added that an assistance of Rs. 1.30 lac is being provided to the houseless fishers for construction of low cost houses and so far 232 houses have been constructed in the District under the scheme.

## World Anti-microbial Awareness Week Organised At SBGM Paramedical College Shopian

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 23: District Surveillance Unit Shopian today organized World Antimicrobial Week at SBGM Paramedical College Shopian. Block Medical Officer, Shopian, Mohammad Yousuf was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, BMO said that the main objective of the programme is to spread awareness among people with regard to usage of inadequate and improper intake of

antibiotics. He said proper care and precautions are needed while using any kind of antibiotics and highlighted the ill effects of taking antibiotics without consultation of Medical specialists.

The programme was also attended by a team of District Surveillance office Shopian who provided valuable information to the participants about the topic. On the occasion, a quiz programme was also conducted by the District Surveillance Unit

Shopian in which the students of SBGM Paramedical College and ANMT School Shopian participated which culminated with the distribution of awards among winners of the quiz. District Programme Coordinator, Dr. Sibgat, officers and officials from District Surveillance Unit Shopian, students of SBGM Paramedical College and ANMT School Shopian and other concerned health functionaries Participated in the said programme.

## ADC Shopian chairs Road Safety Committee meeting

*Takes department wise review of measures taken for regulation of traffic and ensuring road safety*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SHOPIAN, NOVEMBER 23: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Yaqub Ali Khan today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee, Shopian (DRSC) here at Mini Secretariat.

ADC took department wise review of measures taken in connection with the different achievable targets as set by DRSC in the

previous meeting and Action Reports from all concerned departments. It was appraised by the stakeholders that signage boards, posters, hoardings, removal of black spots, construction of crash barriers, installation of speed limits, and student rallies have been done throughout the district, at vulnerable spots in order to ensure road safety.

ADC also sought measures taken to regulate traffic in the main town and directed all concerned departments to identify more places for parking in the town.

Motor Vehicles, Traffic authorities were also directed to enhance enforcement of Motor Vehicles Act across the district and intensify checking on main routes.

Barricading at identified road stretches, road safety measures and awareness on traffic regulations were also discussed in detail.

The meeting was attended by SDM Zainapora, Mushtaq Ahmad, ARTO Muazzam Ali, DIO, Dy.SP, EO MC and representatives of Health, R&B, Traffic, Education, Mughal Road Organization and other concerned.

*My Town My Pride: ADCC Kupwara chairs review meet*

## Directs officers to gear up for smooth conduct of programme



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## Block Diwas: Dr. Owais visits Sumbal as part of public outreach programme

*Directs officers to play active role in implementation of public oriented schemes*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BANDIPORA NOVEMBER 23: The Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed on Wednesday visited Sumbal as part of a public outreach programme under weekly Block Diwas initiative of UT administration.

He held interaction with DDCs, BDCs and other representatives of Panchayat Bodies and the general public.

On the occasion public representatives and the general public raised various issues of public welfare.

The Deputy Commissioner after patiently listening to grievances, passed on spot directions for redressal of various issues and assured the public that all other matters will be taken with concerned on priority.

Dr. Owais said that public representation is pivotal for all-round development and



by establishing grass root level governance through Panchayati Raj Institutions, a visible change is witnessed in overall developmental front. He also stressed upon the people to further cooperate with the Administration so that all development and welfare schemes are efficiently implemented on ground for benefit of the people. The Deputy Commissioner

urged the officers to play an active role in effective implementation of different centrally sponsored public oriented schemes.

Dr. Owais directed the officers to assess the execution of developmental projects and implementation of various welfare schemes and also get feedback from PRIs and locals for timely and quality solution of the demands.

He urged PRIs to prioritize the works of Schools and hospitals including their repair and renovation.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned and Health Department and Social Welfare to conduct camps at sub divisional level for verification of old age pension beneficiaries.

Dr. Owais on the occasion also deliberated upon various benefits of PM KUSUM. He urged the public to take benefit from PM KUSUM and avail benefits of subsidized rooftop solar systems and solar irrigation pumps.

The programme was attended by Chairman District Development Council Ab Gani Bhat, ACD Bandipora, JDP Bandipora, SDM Sumbal and other concerned officers from District Administration Bandipora and Sub Divisional Administration Sumbal.

## GHSS Assar celebrates Annual Day

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 23: Government Higher Secondary School Assar today organised a scintillating function to celebrate Annual Day.

District Development Council (DDC) Chairman, Doda, Dhanantari Singh Kotwal was the chief guest on the occasion.

Students mesmerized the audience by presenting a variety of cultural programmes featuring folk dance, songs, skits and school Tarana, besides

theme based skits.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairman advised the students to opt for skill based subjects and avail the opportunities being provided by the Central government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Chairman stressed on the need to deal effectively with the threat of drug addiction which is more serious in nature. "Law implementing authorities should act strictly against those who are involved in drug smuggling,"

he said.

The Chairman advised students to excel in various fields of education with full spirit and confidence to achieve success.

Vice Chairperson, Sangeeta Bhagat; DDC Councillor, Assar Rekha Devi; SDM Assar, Lekh Raj; DEPO, Ayaz Mughal; Principal GHSS Trown, Tanvir Wani; Tehsildar Assar, ZEO Assar, ZEO Doda and other concerned Officers and officials were present at the program.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

**Lt Governor inaugurates...**

discharge their responsibility to ensure freedom, creativity and engagement for them to become multi-achievers, and acquire knowledge & skills to thrive and shape their future.

Creative pursuits are a great medium for the young students to develop leadership skills, human values, willingness to take risks, understanding the power of new ideas, competency to face future challenges and to nurture personality traits, the Lt Governor said.

Our focus on ensuring choice, collaboration, curiosity, communication, critical thinking, creativity, research & enhanced engagement in education system can create better education goals and equip students with the necessary skills, knowledge & values, he added.

The Lt Governor said that education is not about the race to come first but education is about achieving the highest peak of values in life. Institutions must ensure that the new learning framework and key concepts as recommended by National Education Policy are incorporated in curriculum, he added.

The Lt Governor further emphasized on laying specific focus on creativity, critical thinking, collaboration to replace curriculum overload, more hours of learning to quality learning time. Syllabus should be more adaptable and dynamic, providing space for cutting edge innovation, he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of the Kashmir University for making necessary changes to incorporate recommendations of National Education Policy. 'University of Kashmir has been transformed into a centre of excellence and promoting scientific research, new ideas & knowledge, and adapting to rapid change across the world in fundamental aspects of the educational landscape', he said.

Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir spoke about the broad contours of the Mega Youth festival. In line with the directions of the Lt Governor, the academic progression as well as empowerment of youth is the core aim of the university and this youth festival is a step in that direction, she added.

Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, congratulated the University of Kashmir for providing a platform for youth to showcase their talent.

During the inaugural ceremony, the students of University presented a mesmerizing performance on University Tarana and a colorful Roud dance performance.

The best-performing youth will also get the opportunity to participate in the North Zone Youth Festival and later in the National Youth Festival.

Sh Pandurang K Pote, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Sh. Mohammad Ajiaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dean Students Welfare, Prof Ameesa Shafi, former Vice Chancellors; Registrar, Kashmir University; Directors of Satellite campuses; Deans, HoDs, research scholars and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

**J&K Bank...**

Joyana and PM Jeevan Jyoti Bhima Yojana to PMSVANidhi. And more so the Bank takes lead in financing the schemes like Mumkin, Tejaswani sponsored by the UT Government; for which I congratulate the MD & CEO Baldev Prakash and his entire staff".

While acknowledging the comprehensive support and quality services the Bank is providing to people through a wide range of its initiatives, Dr Karad urged the Bank's management to continue to deepen digital presence and enhance the quality of services while the country accelerates towards achieving the twin national goals of 5 trillion dollar economy and Digital India.

Earlier, the MoS Finance visited the J&K Bank's Digital Banking Unit (DBU) at Lal Chowk. He also visited the stalls at CHQ, wherein the entrepreneurs financed by the Bank under various self-employment schemes showcased their products. The stall owners expressed their gratitude to the Bank for providing them requisite support at right time of their career.

Welcoming the visiting dignitary on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "Setting a target of Rs 4 lac crore business in next five years with annual profit of 4 thousand crores, we are aiming to improve share of rest of India in our overall loan book to 50% through the re-oriented business strategy to not only increase our business but also to diversify the concentration risk in our core-geography i.e. J&K and Ladakh."

He apprised the visiting dignitary about the steps taken to align the Bank's strategy with the national vision of Digital India. "The idea is to enhance the customer experience from satisfaction to delight through end-to-end digital solutions with secure services", he said adding, "We remain committed to contribute our part actively in achieving the Union Government's vision of digital India with inclusive economy. On this occasion, let me reiterate that we will also extend every possible support to the UT Government's vision of saturating self-employment of youth in J&K."

The function concluded with vote of thanks from Bank's General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool, who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the visiting dignitaries, beneficiaries, media persons and all other participants for their presence on the occasion.

The branches commissioned today are Ghoom Ahmadpora in Baramulla, Saliskote in Kargil, Kaghote in Udhampur and Waoosra in Pulwama, while the inaugurated ATMs are at Super Specialty Hospital in Shireen Bagh, Central University of Kashmir in Ganderbal and Bhagha in Reasi Jammu.

**Govt enhances...**

involvement of PRIs in the decision process, the Government has further empowered the Panchayati Raj Institutions financially. Sequel to this decision the Gram Panchayats have been vested with an authority to accord Administrative Approval to works from Rs 1.00 to Rs 5.00 Lakh, the Block Samitis have been delegated powers to accord Administrative Approval to works ranging from Rs 5.00 to Rs 20.00 Lakh and the Zila Parishad now has the powers to accord Administrative Approval upto Rs. 1 Crore. The PRIs will be able to incur expenditure as per General Financial Rules and guidelines related to AA, TS, and tendering.

The decision comes as a significant step towards empowering PRIs as it shall enable them to set their own priorities and help them in timely execution of works out of own resources of the panchayats.

In the backdrop of its mission to enhance inclusive growth of rural areas in the Union territory, the Government through this decision aims to promote self reliance in financial matters.

**CS chairs meeting...**

He stressed on saturating the distribution of tricycles among all the Specially Abled Persons (SAP) as per the directions of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT. He directed that all the youth taken to different parts of the country under

'Watanjolo' programme should be facilitated in every manner and their stay made comfortable at every city they visit.

During the Council meeting it was revealed that an action plan of Rs 8.35 Cr has been formulated for the year 2022-23 for coverage of 6800 beneficiaries. It was stated that its components consists of pension of Rs 1000/month to widows, old aged persons and Specially Abled Persons besides marriage assistance of Rs 4000 to young widows or grown up daughters.

The meeting was also informed that the Council proposes to provide Motorized Tricycles to all the remaining registered 2700 cases of SAPs during the year as per the directions of the Lieutenant Governor. It was further informed that under 'Watanjolo' sponsored by Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol the Council is going to take about 500 children from its orphanages, Balashrams/Narinetkan of the Department to cities like Mumbai, Lucknow, Jaipur, Hyderabad etc.

**At minus 0.8 degree...**

Ladakh. "Minimum temperature dropped below the freezing point in Srinagar for the first time this season on Wednesday.

Dry weather is likely to continue during the next few days, while the night temperatures are expected to drop further across J&K and Ladakh", an official of the Met department said.

Meanwhile, Srinagar recorded minus 0.8 degree Celsius, Pahalgam minus 4.8 degree and Gulmarg minus 3.8 degree as the minimum temperature this morning.

Drass town in Ladakh region registered minus 13.5 degree, Kargil minus 8.4 and Leh minus 9.6 as the minimum temperature, while Jammu clocked 9.2 degrees, Katra 9.6, Batote 6.5, Banihal 9 and Bhaaderwah 2.2 degrees. (Agencies)

**Over 100 modules...**

over 100 modules of hybrid terrorists were smashed. While giving thrust on minimising and neutralising security threats, the DGP said that indoctrinations by Pakistan terror handlers is going on and they are using various media, especially social media, to brain wash the vulnerable youth of J&K.

He said there are OGWs who help the Pakistan handlers in executing terror acts. He exhorted that different stake holders of security and government have to work together to save the vulnerable youth from falling into the trap of Pakistani terror handlers.

"We need to hit harder on terrorists and their promoters in order to maintain long lasting peace," he said. (Agencies)

**Special court...**

of Malik on the next date of hearing on December 22," Kohli, who is also Senior Additional Advocate General, told reporters.

She said the CBI has already challenged the order for physical appearance of Malik before the Supreme Court as there is a direction from the Home Ministry because of another case pending against him.

"Since he has moved an application seeking his physical appearance, the court issued a fresh production warrant to facilitate cross-examination of witnesses by him," she said.

On September 21, the court conceded Malik's demand for the first time for physical appearance to cross examine the witnesses in the abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, by his group in 1989.

The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA) court has already framed charges separately against the JKLF chief and several others in the two cases.

While the charges were framed against Malik and six others on March 16 last year in the killing of four IAF personnel in 1990 on the outskirts of Srinagar, charges against Malik and nine others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya were framed on January 11 this year.

Malik is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail after he was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in April 2019 in connection with a terror funding case, a month after his group was banned by the central government. (Agencies)

**CS launches celebrations...**

Dr Mehta urged them to visit J&K as the region has numerous scenic spots and destinations dotted across the length and breadth of the Union Territory. The fair started on November 14 and will conclude on 27th November.

The programme proves to be an epitome of the richness of diverse cultural ethos of J&K which has attracted a huge ovation.

People from across the globe thronged the J&K Pavilion where the artefacts displayed by the artisans were put to the exhibition depicting the talent of indigenous art and craft of J&K having which has won the admiration worldwide.

The visitors were in all praise for the cultural feast presented by the Handicrafts and Handloom Department at Pragati Maidan Amphitheatre. As many as eleven government departments and corporations including Agricultural, Horticulture, Agro Industries, JKI, JK Minerals and others had set up their stalls in the fair to showcase their products.

Jammu and Kashmir remains the main focus of the visitors every year in the 14 day long India International Trade Fair. The fair has assumed status of an iconic event and the participation through the J&K pavilion is a distinctive feature in the fair.

The Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir had put a special focus on GI-certified products in the current Trade Fair besides a live demonstration of crafts was kept on display in the event through the master craftsman from School of Designs Kashmir.

Managing Director JKIPD, Khalid Jahangir while giving inaugural speech, appreciated the audience for taking time out of their busy schedule for visiting JK Pavilion and watching cultural show at JK UT Day celebrations.

Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah briefed the Chief Guest about the departmental initiatives to provide a stimulus to the handicraft industry for extending enhanced business opportunities to the artisans and weavers.

**Jammu civic body...**

from the administration first and the Election Commission of India then before the graduation criteria becomes a rule.

"We urged the central government to take cognisance of the resolution passed by the JMC general body and enact a law to make it mandatory for elected representatives that they can contest elections if they are graduates", Sharma told reporters in Jammu.

"It is probably first such initiative across the country that a municipal body has passed resolution fixing graduation as minimum educational qualifications for the councilors contesting elections."

Sharma said that it becomes a base for the executive that the elected representatives have passed this resolution and they must work on it. (Agencies)

**SC asks Centre...**

convention is that all senior bureaucrats and officers at the state and the Central government are taken into consideration while appointment and this is scrupulously followed. He submitted that the appointment is done on the basis of convention and there is no separate appointment procedure of a Chief Election Commissioner.

He added that he has already shown how a convention is followed, the process involved in the appointment, and appointments are made on the basis of seniority, and on the aspect of recent appointment, he added that the office was vacant since May.

The top court is hearing a batch of pleas seeking a collegium-like system for the appointment of the CEC and ECs, and it will continue to hear the matter on Thursday.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court said the CEC heads an institution, though with his truncated tenure, he cannot do anything substantial and added that "silences of the Constitution" is being exploited by it and expressed concern at the absence of a law governing the appointments of ECs and CEC.

Last week, the Central opposed petitions seeking a collegium-like system for the selection of CECs and ECs.

The apex court in October 2018, referred a PIL seeking a collegium-like system for the selection of CECs and ECs to a five-judge Constitution bench.

**AC approves advanc...**

share on account of FPS Dealers margin, on monthly basis under NFSA Scheme, out of Revolving Fund (Foodgrains) Account, pending release of such claims by Government of India.

Since the flow of funds of Government of India under NFSA is not regular and there was persistent demand of FPS dealers for payment of commission at the rate of Rs 180/ quintal to Fair Price Shop Dealers, the AC authorized for making payments as commission in advance of receipt of funds there by benefitting 4630 FPS dealers across the UT. This amount shall be recouped as and when Central share is released by the GoI.

The proposal has financial implications of Rs. 32,95,05,998/- (@Rs. 180/ quintal) during each Financial Year but the same shall be recouped as and when funds are received from GoI.

**Three siblings...**

jumped off the bridge after noticing a train approaching. The injured were rushed to a hospital for treatment, the official said. (Agencies)

**Pakistani intruder...**

questioning, the person was found to be mentally challenged, they added. (Agencies)

**Inclusion of CJI...**

collegium-like system for the appointment of Election Commissioners (ECs) and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).

The Centre argued that a 1991 Act ensured the Election Commission remains independent in terms of salary and tenure to its members and there is no "trigger point" which warrants interference from the court.

It said that the mechanism adopted for appointment of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) is seniority among the election commissioners, who are appointed by convention from secretary or chief secretary level officers of the Centre and state level, respectively.

However, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice KM Joseph said the independence of the institution should be ensured at the threshold for which the appointment should be scanned at the entry level.

"Each ruling political party in the Centre likes to perpetuate itself in power. Now, what we want to do is concentrate on the consultative process for the appointment of CEC and the inclusion of the Chief Justice of India in the process would ensure the independence of the commission", the bench also comprising justices Ajay Rastogi, Aniruddha Bose, Hrishikesh Roy and CT Ravi Kumar said.

Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre pointed out that the Election Commission (Conditions of Service of Election Commissioners and Transaction of Business) Act, 1991 was a watershed moment that ensured independence in salary and tenure to the ECs.

"The law was passed by the Parliament after the report from the Dinesh Goswami committee. So, it cannot be said that there was no application of mind. The law provides and ensures that the commission remains independent in terms of salary and tenure of its members which are intrinsic features for the independence of an institution", he said.

The bench told Venkataramani that the 1991 law he is referring to only deals with terms of a service condition which is evident from its very name.

"Suppose the government appoints a 'Yes Man', who has the same philosophy and is like-minded. The law provides him all the immunity in tenure and salary, then there is no so-called independence in the institution. This is an election commission, where independence should be ensured at the threshold", the bench said.

Venkataramani said that there are various facets of independence and salary and fixed tenure are some of them.

"There is no trigger point which warrants interference from the court. It is not the case, that there was some vacancy and it is not being filled or there is some arbitrariness which warrants courts interference in the process. The mechanism presently adopted is that the senior most election commissioner is appointed as Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)", he said.

On Tuesday, the top court had termed the exploitation of the "silence of the Constitution" and the absence of a law governing the appointments of election commissioners and chief election commissioners a "disturbing trend".

The court has flagged Article 324 of the Constitution, which talks about the appointment of election commissioners, and said it does not provide the procedure for such appointments.

Moreover, it had envisaged the enactment of a law by Parliament in this regard, which has not been done in the last 72 years, leading to exploitation by the Centre, it has said.

The court has pointed out that since 2004, no chief election commissioner has completed the six-year tenure and during the 10-year rule of the UPA government, there were six CECs and in the eight years of the NDA government, there have been eight CECs. (Agencies)

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**PCC Forests conducts extensive tour of Kupwara, interacts with VPPCs**

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 23: Principal Chief Conservator Forests (PCC) and Director, Department of Social Forestry, Roshan Jaggi, today conducted an extensive tour of the Social Forestry Division Kupwara.

He inspected Co/79M (Magalpora) and interacted with various panchayat

members and Village Panchayat Plantation Committees (VPPC) also. Meanwhile a mega Plantation drive by Social Forestry Division Kupwara. After inaugurating the winter plantation, PCC Forests also participated in the environmental awareness programme held with the school children of various schools.

On the occasion, he also advised the staff to meet the needs of local people by way of planting more fodder plants.

He advised the staff to take fire prevention measures in advance so that survival of the plantations is ensured. During the interaction with VPPCs including Sarpanches, Panches and PRI members, Jaggi appealed to the farmers to take up the agroforestry and farm forestry practices especially in fallow lands to enhance their income. He briefed the gathering about new rules of the Social Forestry Department.



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**Notice**

Whereas, the Chief Executive Officer, SPSA advertisement notice No. SPSA/RDD/MGNREGA/91/2022/1710 dated 28.10.2022 invited applications from eligible candidate for selection of 05 posts of Ombudsperson under MGNREGA.

Whereas, in response to above said Advertisement notification a total of 15 applications forms were received from the aspiring candidates.

Whereas, SPSA has finalized the list of 06 candidates and submitted the same for interview process.

Now, therefore, the below listed candidates are hereby directed to appear in person before the Apex level Selection Committee for interview scheduled on 29.11.2022 at 11:00 am in Room No. 2/41, Main Building, Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

S.No.	Name of the Applicant	Address of the Applicant
1	Barkathulla Lone	Tumpora, Handwara, Kupwara
2	Mithan Ji Pandita	Flat No. 13 Building No. 73 , Jagti Colony Jammu
3	Mohd. Yaqoob Bhat	Gasspora, Jangipora, Anantnag
4	NIAZ Ahmed	Ari, Mendhar, Poonch
5	Sardari Ial	Nagrota Budhi, Kathua
6	Altaf Ahmad Bhat	Baramulla

These candidates are required to come alongwith the copies of following documents:-

- Self attested copy of Birth Certificate along with original.
- Domicile Certificate in original and a self attested.
- Original copy of work experience.
- Qualification Certificates.

No. RDD-NRGA/19/2020  
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**Corrigendum**

Due to administrative reasons, the e-Nit No 63 - PDA of 2022 dated 03.11.2022 for the PDA asset Outsourcing of 01 No small Kiosk at Sanasar Road is hereby cancel.

NO: PDA/ADM-492/1084-85  
DATED: 22-11-2022

DIP/J-3983-P/22

SD/  
ACCOUNTS OFFICER  
PATNITOP DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**Jammu Municipal Corporation  
Town hall, Jammu, Union Territory of J&K**

e-NIT No.15 JCA of 2022-23

Dated: 21-11-2022

**Name of the work:-** Hiring of Four Wheeled Auto Load Carrier fitted with suitable capacity Hydraulic Jack and GPS/VTMS for Door to Door collection of Municipal Waste/Garbage/waste of all types from households, commercial establishments, institutions in Municipal Wards, etc. their transportation to & unloading at designated collection points of Jammu Municipal Corporation with helper.

S.No.	Name of the Applicant	Address of the Applicant
1	Download/Sale Date Starts On	22-11-2022 At 4:00 pm
2	Download/Sale Date Ends On	12-12-2022 At 3:00 pm
3	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	28-11-2022 At 11:30 am
4	Date of Submission of E-Tender Starts On	21.11.2022
5	Date of Submission of E-Tender Ends On	12.12.2022 At 3:00 pm
6	Date of Opening of Tender Online	13.12.2022 At 1:00 pm

No: -JMC/ESTT./8233-37  
Dated:- 21-11-2022

DIP/J-3993-P/22

SD/  
JOINT COMMISSIONER (ADM)  
JAMMU MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
JAMMU

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION  
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E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
e-NIT NO. 45 OF 2022-23**

For and on behalf of The Lt. Governor of U.T. of J&K, Tenders are invited by e-Tendering mode in Two Cover System (Cover-I containing technical bid or pre-qualification Documents and Cover-II containing Price bid) from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt./CPWD/MES and Railways for the following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Class of contractor	Time of Completion	Bid validity
1	Protection work to protect the agriculture land from further erosion along Teryath Nallah, Moughla Nallah, Tattapani, Kurlian and kalakote, Salsui Nallah and its tributaries at places. (Develin, Panjnara, Kharak Panjah, Doblan, Anah, Dharamsal, Badano, Teryath, Moughla, Kurlian, Kalakote and Salsui area at spots under Capex Budget.	Irrigation & F.C. Division Nowshera	18.48	600.00	36960.00	"B & C"	75 Days	90 days

Position of funds = Budget  
Position of AAA = Accorded

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- The bidding document, which contains qualifying criteria, specifications of work, bill of quantities (BOQ), other conditions and details, can be seen at and downloaded from the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 01:00 PM on 22-11-2022 to 29-11-2022 (4:00 PM).
- The Bids shall be uploaded/submitted in electronic format on the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 01:00 PM, 22-11-2022 to 29-11-2022 upto 4:00 PM.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Technical bids shall be opened in the office of The Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control, Division Nowshera on 30-11-2022 at 11:00 A.M. or Next day if it happens to be a holiday on Bid Opening Day or any other convenient time and date.
- Financial bid shall be opened after evaluation of technical bid is completed.

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**ABSTRACT OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

e-NIT No. MID/J/e-NIT/2022-23/94 Dated: 19-11-2022

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division, Canal Road, Jammu, on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from registered and reputed Firms having workshops for **Strengthening, fabrication and installation of D11 gate- II and gate- I for distributory no. D11 from main Ranbir canal at RD 40350, fabrication and installation of D12 gate for distributory no. D12 from main Ranbir canal at RD 43744, fabrication and installation of Pandorian head gate-II on main Ranbir canal at RD 52134, fabrication and installation of leaf of gate at Pandorian escape gate- II on main Ranbir canal at RD 5213 and fabrication and installation of Changia minorgate on D17 distributory of main Ranbir canal at RD 7800 and fabrication and installation of Rattian minor gate on D10 distributory canal of main Ranbir canal at RD 4170 of D10 installed before Rattian head gates.** The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 'I' -Tender fee and Earnest Money Deposit, fulfillment of prequalification criteria, technical specifications and acceptance of terms and conditions of the tender and Cover 'II' - Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Name of Work	Qty.	Earnest Money	Cost of tender document	Period of completion	Validity of Rates	Name of Division
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1. The tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from: 19-11-2022 (06:00PM).

- Pre bid meeting: 21-11-2022 (02:00 PM)
- Submission of online bids: 22-11-2022 (10:00AM) to 29-11-2022 (02:00 P.M).
- Opening of Cover I online bids: 30-11-2022 (2:00 PM)

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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

## Constitutional safeguards for Ladakh

Yet again, the struggle for constitutional safeguards for Ladakh UT has got new impetus with various social and political parties hitting the streets and threatening to further intensify their agitation if the Government of India did not concede to their demands enlisted in a four-point agenda. Last week, different organizations in the ideologically-different districts held demonstrations in Kargil and Leh seeking fulfillment of their demands. This followed a resolution passed in the BJP-ruled Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, during a special session. Held under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Councillor Tashi Gyalsen, the session was attended by BJP councillors besides Leader of Opposition Tsering Namgyal and other Congress members in the House having a strength of 30. Threadbare discussion took place on the two resolutions. The first resolution stated that there was a need for a constitutional safeguard for Ladakh under a suitable provision as per the aspiration of the Ladakh people. The second resolution sought constitutional safeguard on the lines of the Sixth Schedule. The House passed the resolution, seeking the Central Government's intervention in fulfilling the aspirations of the Ladakh people with the need for having safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade. Every member of the House showed concern on the need for having a proper safeguard protecting the interest of the people of Ladakh in every sector. The resolution seeks safeguard for the protection of land, employment, socio-economy, culture, environment and trade in Ladakh for the local people. Ladakhi people have been demanding for full-fledged statehood, constitutional safeguard under sixth schedule for Ladakh, early recruitment for various posts and additional Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seats since the Ladakh UT was carved out of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019. Despite having ideological differences over varied issues, there has been near unanimity over constitutional safeguards for Ladakh to protect the interests of Ladakhi people. Since the bifurcation of erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, from where Ladakh has been carved out as a separate Union Territory, the people of Ladakh region have become apprehensive of protecting their land and jobs from outside. It is a well said proverb that necessity is the mother of invention and that is what the representatives of two different districts have well understood. They have now realized that it would be different for them to achieve the long cherished dream of a state statehood to the Ladakh region individually. Following the revival of their agitation, the Centre recently authorized the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R K Mathur for framing recruitment rules for public services and gazetted posts in the Union Territory. Till now, unity has been proved to be the major strength of Ladakh people and it is going to bring desired results in future.

## Xi exudes confidence, firmness at G-20 summit

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GURJIT SINGH

After three years of isolation, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the G-20 summit at Bali in Indonesia recently. Xi was brimming with confidence after having got an unprecedented third term as President and having filled all important positions in the top party organs with his favourites. US President Joe Biden, too, was emboldened by the Democrats having secured a majority in the Senate and a large number of seats in the House.

In their first in-person meeting on November 14 lasting three hours, Biden made four important points: the USA would continue to compete vigorously with China but the “competition should not veer into conflict” and, for this, the two countries should maintain “open lines of communication.” The USA maintains its one-China policy, opposes any unilateral change to Taiwan, “world has an interest in the maintenance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait” and the broader region. Biden raised concerns about China's non-market economic practices which harm the USA and other countries. Also concerned about North Korea's provocative behaviour, he said that it should act responsibly and underscored “the USA's ironclad commitment” to defending its Indo-Pacific allies.

As per the Chinese readout of the meeting, Biden reiterated five noes: a stable and prosperous China is good for the USA, it does not seek to change China, nor does it seek a new Cold War or revitalize its alliances against China, does not support two Chinas or one China and one Taiwan, does not seek conflict with China or decoupling from China. Xi said that the Taiwan question was at the “very core of China's core interests” and the first red line that the USA must not cross.

American Secretary of State Anthony Blinken would visit China to follow up on these discussions. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi called the Bali meeting as a “signal of a new starting point”, which would prevent bilateral relations from “getting derailed”. Some former US officials were less exuberant, saying that the meeting would help ease tensions and manage areas of friction but were unsure if



either side would yield on the underlying issues, ie the US tariffs on imports from China and sanctions against transfer of sensitive technologies to China and China's unfair economic policies and aggression against its neighbours.

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In the meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, Spanish PM Sanchez and Netherlands PM Mark Rutte, Xi hoped that the BJP would encourage the EU to stay committed to an “independent and positive” China policy (instead of toeing the US line) and stable and sound China-Europe ties and jointly

uphold true multilateralism. Xi met most European leaders one to one, but European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen could not get face time with him.

Xi told the South Korean President that South Korea and China should deepen cooperation in high-tech manufacturing (China does not want South Korea, Japan and the Netherlands to join the US Chip Alliance against her), big data and green economy. In regard to Japanese PM Kishida's request for the maintenance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, Xi told him that China would not accept any interference on the Taiwan issue. The two leaders reached a five-point consensus that China and Japan should be “partners, not threats”. They agreed to hold a new round of the High-Level Economic Dialogue and strengthen cooperation in energy conservation, healthcare and the rehabilitation of old age people.

With India being the incoming G-20 Chair, PM Modi exchanged courtesies with Xi without seeking a meeting. India played an essential role in negotiating the G20 Declaration, which was applauded by the US White House Press Secretary and others.

China was happy with the consensus achieved in the G-20 Declaration on food and energy security, climate change, fight against Covid-19 pandemic, digital economy and anti-corruption

efforts, saying that several of its proposals had been incorporated. It was piqued at the attempts of the Western countries to use a geopolitical crisis (Ukraine conflict) to sabotage the unity of the international community. Xi's personal diplomacy may help in alleviating tensions in China's relations with the USA and its allies but it is unlikely to resolve the underlying differences, given that these countries regard China as their main competitor and the USA would push them hard to follow its policies on denial of sensitive technologies and allow the Chinese companies to operate in security-prone sectors. Also, will China cease its aggressive violations of the disputed territories shared with the ASEAN countries, Japan, India and Taiwan?

The Biden administration is unlikely to slow down its strengthening of Taiwan's defences or prevent the visits of the US congressmen to Taiwan, which would provoke Beijing. Without progress in these areas, China would be lukewarm in helping the USA on the North Korean, Iran or multilateral issues, like the pandemic control, climate change, drug trafficking and energy and food crisis.

Given that the US-China rivalry for global supremacy will continue over a long time (till either of them gives up, reckoning the cost too high), it is useful that effective mechanisms of communication exist between them to manage differences and avoid conflict.

## Imponderables in Gujarat pre-poll scenario

RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

A black swan — that was the phrase a senior Gujarat BJP leader used to describe the Aam Aadmi Party, which is looking to register more than a token presence in the state elections. The characterisation reflected a degree of seriousness in the BJP's view of AAP, which was a non-starter in the 2017 polls. The Congress is sanguine about retaining its space as the main Opposition party. So, in essence, for the Congress it boils down to not whether the BJP will be upstaged after ruling Gujarat for 27 years but who will occupy the second place. Iusudan Gadhvi, AAP's chief-ministerial face, rather audaciously claimed that the elections were not about creating a third party but a rite of passage for his party, as though it were about to displace the BJP.

The unpredictability about AAP arose largely from the Congress' seemingly lackadaisical attitude towards these elections. It is still unclear what the Congress' Gujarat agenda is: fighting to displace the BJP from pole position or struggling to retain the second place? Five years ago, Rahul Gandhi had addressed nearly 40 meetings, went on a hectic temple sojourn whose defining moment was the Congress' declaration that he was a ‘janau dhari’ Hindu (a sacred-thread-donning Hindu) after a controversy arose dur-



ing a Somnath temple stopover and the party's Navsarjan Yatra. Ahmed Patel, Sonia Gandhi's political secretary, was the pivot on which rested the electioneering and Patel deputised Ashok Gehlot (who was then not the Rajasthan chief minister) as the impresario. The efforts paid off. The Congress netted 77 of the 182 seats, its highest output since 1990, while the BJP was down to 99, its lowest tally since 1995.

This time, Rahul has been too preoccupied with the Bharat Jodo Yatra to give Gujarat much attention. His sibling, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, tried to fill in his absence in Himachal Pradesh, but seems indifferent to this western

state. Her last Gujarat visit was in February 2019 when the Congress Working Committee met in Ahmedabad. Ahmed Patel passed away in 2020, leaving the Congress without a resident commander-in-chief. Gehlot is around, but not steering the ship because he has Rajasthan and his internal struggles to contend with. The Congress lost a considerable number of legislators to the BJP in 2017, increasing its respectable gap with the BJP from 22 to 49.

The objective circumstances that favoured the party were non-existent. There is no Patidar or backward caste agitation against the BJP, the Centre and the state government have appar-

ently tidied over the issues — primarily demitisation and a GST regime — that triggered enormous economic distress in the villages although the ruling party was beset with other challenges.

On top of it, the Congress has not fashioned a narrative to confront the BJP and force a response. An incumbent government ruling for 27 years should have unspooled issue after issue for the Opposition, but going by the Congress' inability to think up a strong slogan, it appeared as though the BJP sat pretty.

The Congress took certain remedial measures to galvanise its organisation, although it has not played its A game so far. For starters, it strengthened the

booth network because it realised that AAP's structures were not in place and it could score on this count. It organised local rath yatras, one to cover two constituencies, and to purvey the message that the Congress had laid the foundation of India's development long before the BJP arrived. Indeed, its mantra was “Congress' work speaks for itself”, which is as safe and uncontroversial as it gets.

Aware that the BJP had eaten into its traditional Adivasi votes, especially in the 27 reserved seats of which the Congress won 17 in 2017, the party canvassed for support from every home, assuring the Adivasis that if elected, it will protect their right to ‘jal, jungle and jameer’ (water, forests and land). The Congress manifesto enshrined the promises put forth by Rahul Gandhi at one of the meetings he addressed in Ahmedabad last September. These included the payment of Rs 4 lakh as Covid compensation, farm loan waiver up to Rs 3 lakh and free electricity of up to 300 units per house.

The entry of AAP spurred a matchup on vows, on which party could outdo the other in gifting away lollipops. If the Congress followed up on Rahul's pro-sop speech, the BJP, despite PM Modi's well-known aversion to ‘freebies’, belatedly opened Santa Claus' sling bag. Among the goodies tumbling out were freeing the

land given as compensation to those displaced by the Ukai dam in 1972, relief to fishermen using kerosene- and petrol-run boats and sanctioning pending payments to those operating cattle shelters.

Gujarat is not known to have an appetite for ‘third parties’. It votes for the Congress or the BJP. Chimanbhai Patel, regarded as the most influential Patidar leader to date, had no luck with the Kisan Mazdoor Lok Paksha or the Janata Dal (G) which he floated. Shankersinh Vaghela launched three outfits after rebelling and quitting the BJP: the Rashtriya Janata Party, the Jan Vikalp Morcha and recently, the Prajaskati Democratic Party. He finally realised the futility of a ‘third front’ and decided to campaign for the Congress in the ongoing elections. Another high-profile BJP dissident, Keshubhai Patel, went the same way, but his Gujarat Parivartan Party made no impact. An explanation was that they lacked the workforce of their parent parties because the cadre, especially that of the BJP, would not countenance quitters.

AAP, in that sense, is not a third force born of the BJP or the Congress. It is there on its own, with a war machine and a pro-welfare programme that has influenced the Congress and the BJP's discourse. Whether these factors will significantly impact its showing is another imponderable.



## GDC Mahanpur & GDC Billawar witnesses Workshop Demonstration Series



**JJ NEWS SERVICE HIRANAGAR, NOV 21:** Workshop Demonstration Series with 11 different institutions organized by Department of Music GLDM GDC, Hiranagar in collaboration with SPIC MACAY reached GDC Mahanpur and GDC Billawar where students got to know about Indian performing art. The expert of the workshop was Amjad Ali Khan who is an eminent Hindustani Vocalist from Delhi and the organising team was received by Principal and Staff in both institutions. Mr. Amjad Ali Khan is a national awardee and has a number of titles and awards to his name. He has performed in many places in India and abroad. He left no stone unturned to give students a true essence of music along with

his associate on Tabla Rashid Niyazi. Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal GDC Mahanpur and Prof. Anita Jamwal, Principal GDC Billawar expressed a deep sense of delight upon the arrival of the team comprising of Amjad Ali Khan, Rashid Niyazi, and organising team which comprised of Dr. Bharat Bhusan, Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Dr. Arun Kumar and Mr. Vikram Jamwal. The artists were appreciated for providing national exposure in music to the students of these institutions. Dr. Bharat Bhusan, organising Secretary of the programme briefed the gathering regarding the efforts undertaken by SPICMACAY in preservation and dissemination of the rich cultural heritage of India in the fields of

Music, dance, yoga and meditation. The venues left for the workshop for the remaining three days are Sai International School, Hiranagar, Govt. Degree College, Kathua, Govt. Degree College for Women, Kathua, Holy Family Convent School, Nagri, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Nagri. Dr. Pragna Khanna in her address expressed gratitude to the experts and the SPIC MACAY in collaborating with the college in organizing such a wonderful workshop. The expert resource person Amjad Ali Khan is a distinguished Indian classical vocalist is a descendant of the family of KiranaGharana musicians. He is blessed with a melodious, reverberating voice

who is acclaimed worldwide for his mesmerizing Hindustani classical renditions that are a harmonious blend of melody and rhythm. His ability to balance the performances with sensitive alap/vistar, complex sargams and an onslaught of lightning fast taans has set him in a class apart. He is one of the contemporary singers of KiranaGharana to have assimilated the essence of the meerkhand, vistar or development typical to the gharana. A total of 150 students at GDC Mahanpur around 200 students and staff members at GDC Billawar witnessed the workshop with great zeal and enthusiasm. Amjad Ali Khan enthralled the gathering with his melodious and mesmerizing voice and also taught the basics of the Classical Music to the gathering. The coordinating team at GDC Mahanpur included Prof. Meena Devi, Prof. Sourav Dutta and others while the team from GDC Billawar consisted of Dr. Kulbir Singh, Dr. Shameem Ahmed Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Mohd. Maqeen and Dr. Rajni.

## Kavinder calls on Union MoS Finance, discusses J&K scenario



**JJ NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, NOV 23:** Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today called on Union MoS Finance Dr. Bhagwat Karad and discussed various issues related to Jammu and Kashmir. At the outset of the meeting, the senior BJP functionary apprised the Union Minister about the pace of development projects presently being executed in the UT. He said that the people in the region are more than satisfied with the way the things are rolling especially after the scrapping of Article 370 because they have understood now that this contentious Article of the Constitution was the biggest hurdle in the progress of J&K. He said that the gap between the people of the UT and the government has been bridged ideally after the changes which the region saw on August 5, 2019. The former Deputy Chief

Minister said that under the Modi regime there is no scarcity of funds in the UT and that is the reason behind development works getting executed with exemplary pace and the new ones getting sanctioned without any bottlenecks. He said that truly the dark era in J&K has passed and now is the time to progress by leaps and bounds. Consequently, the Union Minister appreciated the gesture shown by Kavinder Gupta and assured wholehearted support in fast pacing J&K's journey towards peace and progress. Later, Kavinder also met with delegations of Rehbar-e-Khel and Rehbar-e-Janglat and listened to their demands. Dheeraj Salaria Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers' President briefed Kavinder Gupta about the issues

including creation of posts in the schools, providing basic salary, reduction in time period for regularization from 7 to 5 years and merging the same as a post after 5 years with immediate effect. After going through the points raised by the members of the delegations, Kavinder appealed to the government to provide perks to them under Minimum Wages Act.

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## CEO Shrine Board Reviews progress on Underground Cabling Project



**JJ NEWS SERVICE KATRA, NOV 23:** In order to give fillip to the pace of work on various mega projects largely facilitating the pilgrims. As per the directions of Chairman, SMVDSB (Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT), the Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Anshul Garg today took a comprehensive review of the present status of the implementation of Underground Cabling Project enroute the Holy shrine, at a meeting held at Kalika Dham, Jammu.

The underground cabling work from Katra to Bhawan and in the surrounding areas has been allotted to M/s JSP Projects P. Ltd. by JPDCL (Project Wing) on the basis of tendering process, partially funded under the PMPD and by the Shrine Board at an estimated cost of 85.99 cr. This high utility project will have a SCADA compliance based monitoring system of the electric network. With the implementation of this project, the existing LT / HT overhead electricity line will be replaced by Underground Cabling to ensure uninterrupted power supply along the track and in the Bhawan Area.

Taking an extensive review and cognizance of inordinate delays in completion of project, the Chief Executive Officer stressed for expeditious completion of the pending foundations

inter-alia of Package Sub-Station (PSS), Ring Main Units (RMUs), Feeder Pillars, Chemical earthing, Street Poles vis-a-vis synchronization of SCADA station on complete track, besides, ensuring all the remaining supplies. The Chief Engineer (Project Wing), JPDCL and State Coordinator, REC/PDCL were asked for close monitoring of works on daily basis, while ensuring adequacy of manpower, machinery, material and all other wherewithal for completion of the entire work before ending of December. It was also emphasized that compressing and tile laying works should be completed simultaneously, while digging & execution at the remaining stretches, safety of the track must be ensured. Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB

asked the Project Director, executing agency to achieve results on the ground and ensure its entire completion expeditiously and strictly as per the revised timelines. Besides, directed the officials to work in close synergy to remove any bottlenecks coming in the way of progress of works. Among those who participated in the meeting included Shri Anant Taya, Managing Director, JPDCL; Vishavjeet Singh, Dy. Chief Executive Officer; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer, SMVDSB; Manhar Gupta, Chief Engineer (Project Wing), JPDCL, Sanjeev Kailoo State Coordinator REC/PDCL, Pankaj Jain, Director, M/s JSP, other concerned officers, engineers of the Shrine Board, JPDCL and representative of the executing agency of the project.

## INTACH, Dharmarth Trust hold heritage walk, photo exhibition, other activities in Raghunath ji Temple

Visit, explore marvelous architecture of temples run by DT: Ajay Gandotra

**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, NOV 23:** To mark the World Heritage Week, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Jammu Chapter in collaboration with Dharmarth Trust and JMC's Urban Forestry Division conducted maiden heritage walk, photo exhibition of heritage temple, cleanliness drive and tree & plants cutting and shaping activity here in historical Shri Raghunathji Temple.



The students of School of Hospitality & Tourism Management (SHTM)-University of Jammu and NSS students of GGM Science College participated in the event. On the occasion, Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust, who was the Chief Guest, flagged off the heritage walk along with S.M Sahni (KAS Retd), Convenor Intach Jammu Chapter, Dr. C.M Seth Co Convenor Intach J&K, Ashok Kumar Sharma (SP Retd) Secretary J&K Dharmarth Trust, Kirpal Singh Life Member INTACH, Dr. Suvidha Khanna and Prof. Deepali Mahajan senior faculty members. The Temple Priests conducted a heritage walk and showed each and every part of Raghunath ji Temple which is the heritage temple of North India and is

the pride of Jammu. Welcoming the guests and participants including students, S.M Sahni briefed about the importance of Shri Raghunathji Temple as a heritage site and for being the biggest temple of undivided North Indian states. This religious destination was selected for organising the event to connect the younger generation with the most important heritage temple of Jammu—the City of Temples. Dr. C.M Seth, in his address, explained about the architectural heritage of the temple complex with national heritage, trees, water bodies and the scientific approach adopted by the erstwhile rulers of Dogra dynasty while constructing this important temple. He also threw light on the vision of Maharajas to make Jammu as North India's Kashi.

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## JAC met Devender Rana, seek withdrawal of JK Universities Bill 2022



**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, NOV 23:** The office bearers of Jammu University Teachers' Association (JUTA), Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology - Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ), Non-Teaching Associations of Jammu University and SKUAST-Jammu met Devender Singh Rana Ex-MLA Jammu at his residence today in the form of Joint Action Committee and submitted a memorandum demanding withdrawal of JK public universities bill - 2022 Professor Pankaj Srivastava President JUTA briefed Mr. Rana that erstwhile State Universities have been established through Bills duly passed by the erstwhile State Assembly and this anti-university new Bill will finish the autonomy and individual identity of the existing State Universities of Jammu & Kashmir. President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma informed the leader that provision 71 of the bill proposes to make all employees and teachers of the universities transferable from one university to

another and expressed that universities are research institutions and it takes years for a teacher to set up a laboratory, library or fetch projects and if such a rule is ever made, it will be used to harass anyone who refuses to obey the dictates of the government and bureaucracy. President JUNITU Dr. Rakesh Chib showed concern that such bill will be a blow to University governing bodies and a great interference into the academic / research domains of the varsities. Sr. KD Singh President NTEA/J,

expressed that the bill will affect the overall growth, progress / functioning of apex academic institutions, and against the academic freedom of the University. The JAC/PUB extended strong resentment for the proposed bill and demand immediate withdrawal of the bill. After giving a patient hearing to the delegation Devender Singh Rana said that Universities are the sanctuaries of innovative ideas and new knowledge which need special space to grow and nurture and the leader ensured the JAC members that he will take up the matter with Hon'ble I.G. Sh Manoj Sinha regarding the withdrawal of this anti-varsity bill. The deputation comprised of Dr. Ravinder Singh General Secretary JUTA whereas other office bearers of non teaching associations namely Sh. Varun Dubey, Sh. Dheeraj Rajwal, Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Sh. Zameer ul Haq, Sh. Arjun Jasrota, Sh. Pankaj Gupta, Sh. Ram Singh, Sh. Vikram Thakyal were also present.

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## Rozgar Mela Drive mere cover-up for failure in job creation: Dr Manohar

**JJ NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, NOV 23:** Former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma Wednesday termed the government's 'Rozgar Mela' as publicity stunt, asking when would the promised 16 crore jobs be provided to the youth of the country. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised to provide two crore jobs every year while assuming power which has not been provided in the last eight years. He said after eight years rule BJP Govt had to admit "that unemployment is the biggest problem the country faces."

At least, Govt was forced to admit that unemployment is the biggest problem the country and the youth face," he said terming it as the biggest failure of union govt. He said Prime Minister Modi should tell "by when would you provide 16 crore jobs as you had promised to provide two crore jobs every year in the last eight years." By when would these 16 crore jobs be provided and by when would 60 lakh vacancies in government departments be filled up. The prime minister would have to answer the youth of the country," he said. Dr Manohar said that his party would continue to ask questions from BJP Govt on when the promised jobs would be provided. "Things would not move by giving merely 71,000 appointment letters and the youth of the country want jobs and the Prime Minister would have to answer them. Data given by the Modi government inside Parliament shows that 22 crore people applied for government jobs since 2014, and only seven lakh got jobs," Dr Manohar said. "While there has been a 45 per cent decrease in employment in the country, the figure for employment in J&K has

met the same fate. Young people want jobs and Modi has failed badly. All he continues to do to cover up his failures and organizing these publicity stunts", he added. Dr Manohar said BJP had come in power with a slogan 'Acche Din Aayenge' (good days will come) but this central government is ruining the life of youngsters of the country," he said while adding that there is vacancy of more than 60 lakh government jobs but the government is patting back with just 71,000 jobs. "If youngsters of the country are demanding jobs, they are being beaten up by the sticks" he said and added the unemployment in BJP ruled states is much higher. He said that there is a shortage of more than 15 lakh teachers in the country but BJP is trying to provide benefits to their near and dear ones through the new education policy.

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## Divisional level Kala Utsav 2022-23 concludes

200 students from across Jammu Division display their talent at 3-day event

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Divisional level Kala Utsav 2022-23, organized by the Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ), concluded here today at Teacher Bhawan, Jammu.

Around 200 students displayed their talent over the last three days starting from 21st of November 2022. The winners of district level competition participated in the divisional level contest in 10 different art forms - Vocal Music (Classical), Vocal Music (folk), Instrumental Music (Percussion), Instrumental Music (Melody), Dance (classical), Dance (Traditional), Visual art (2D), Visual art (3D), Traditional Toys and Games and in Solo Acting category.

The winners of the Divisional Level Competition are Master Hanish Kasotra from district Kathua amongst males and Bharti Devi from district Kathua amongst females in Vocal Music Folk category; Master Sahil Kumar from district Kathua in Visual Art 2D category; Dheeraj Gouria from district Doda and Ritika from Samba in 3D Sculpture, Rahul Andotra from district Kathua and Tanushi from district Udhampur in Solo Acting - Drama Category. These 20 winners will now compete at the UT level Kala Utsav Competition. Speaking at the valedictory function, Director School Education Jammu, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma congratulated the winners and wished them good luck for

the coming UT level competition. He said that the Kala Utsav is a platform for the students to display their talents and harness them to succeed in various fields of fine arts which nowadays are providing very good career options. Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma appreciated the team Cultural and Education Cell DSEJ for organising the event in an exceptional manner and asked them to keep working hard in future as well so that the students can gain maximum benefit out of such events and activities. Amongst others, the event was guided by Joint Director Ms. Subh Mehta, Deputy Director (Planning) Ms. Mamata Sharma, CEO Jammu Mr. Suraj Singh Rathore and Deputy CEO

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## Power shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCJ Jammu has informed that the power supply to Palli, Barwal, Nagri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Lakhri, Thara Kalyal, Gurah, Ludera, Garh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to BSF, Pindi, Aldehar, Baba Chamlyal,

Suhagpur, Kotlajabowal, Part of Arnia, Trewa and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sunderpur, Purana Pind and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandral, Sarore, Jakh, Jogpur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 24 from 8 am to 2 pm.

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## American Oncology Institute celebrating 3 yrs of Cancer Care in J&K

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, NOV 23: American Oncology Institute (AOI), one of South Asia's leading chains of cancer hospitals marks its journey of 3 years with 7000+ cancer screenings in Jammu & Kashmir. AOI is one of the fastest growing health care services and is privileged to serve the people of J&K region.

As per Union Health Ministry's figures, Jammu Kashmir has reported an estimated 39041 cancer cases, of which 12675 were recorded in 2019, 13012 in 2020 and 13354 in 2021. Stomach cancer is the most reported cancer followed by colorectal cancer and lung cancer among males. For females, colorectal cancer, breast cancer and stomach cancer were the most frequently reported cancers. With the latest technology and state-of-the-art facility, AOI regularly organises cancer screening camps and offers precision cancer care solutions for pre-cancer and cancer patients in J&K region.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Neeraj Bishnoi, Regional COO AOI, said, "The successful completion of 3 years of AOI is a mark of



dedication and pride in providing precision cancer care for the people in the Jammu & Kashmir region. Healthcare in India has experienced a new wave of opportunity in the past decade. By seizing the pulse of technology, AOI has brought healthcare services closer to the patients. Continuing our commitment to offer best-in-class clinical expertise, technological superiority, and service excellence, we constantly enhance operational capabilities at AOI. This further ensures the highest standards of patient care in tune with the emerging requirements."

Revolutionising cancer treatment with first and

only PET-CT scan and much more, AOI continues to achieve higher milestones. As one of the frontrunners in precision cancer care delivery in Jammu & Kashmir, American Oncology Institute is empanelled with Ayushman Bharat Scheme and all leading TPAs to offer best cancer care services to the patients.

Improving the diagnostic and treatment care facility, AOI further offers free tests and services like Mammography, Bone Densitometry, Pap Smear, PSA, and other lab tests along with free Oncology, Gynaecology, and general consultation at the cancer screening camps.

Speaking on the event, Vikrant Thakur, Facility Director AOI Jammu, said, "It is a momentous occasion for us today as American Oncology Institute (AOI), Jammu celebrates its 3rd anniversary since its inception in 2019. The patient is the focus of all our initiatives to deliver cutting-edge treatments and bring advances in medical technology. AOI has always been at the forefront of providing quality healthcare that is on par with state-of-the-art infrastructure and international standards. We aim to deliver high-quality, faster patient outcomes and consistently strive to make healthcare accessible for all."

## BJP Govt. fail to provide eradicate unemployment : Chib

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

UDHAMPUR, NOV 23: RS Chib, Former Minister and General Secretary of Democratic Azad Party, while addressing a public meeting at Panthal Block of Katra, said that the elections for J&K Legislative Assembly should be held at the earliest, after restoration of the statehood. He described it as the most unfortunate that such an historical and geographically important state has been brought to the lead of Union Territory. He further added that the efforts are being made by the BJP Govt. at centre to snatch away the rights of local population over our land and the Govt.



Jobs. While speaking about the failure of the BJP Govt. on the employment of youth, steep price rise for the essential commodities lack of development in Rural areas and corruption in all sectors of the Govt., he compared the present state of affairs with the period of Chief

Ministership of Gulam Nabi Azad, Chairman of the Democratic Azad Party. He said that period was a golden era of development. He further said that the Democratic Azad Party is fully committed for the restoration of Statehood and to fight for the jobs and land for the local population

only. Jugal Kishore Sharma, while addressing the meeting, which was organized by him, said the construction of Bus stand at TARAKOT and Ropeway will be dangerous for the people of KATRA, in future. He said, it was me who stopped the construction of more than 350 Shops, but after 2008, when the people voted for BJP M.L.A. the road to TARAKOT was completed, and a parking space for 200 vehicles was created, which is against the interest of the people of KATRA. He further said that all these anti-people decisions will be undone, after our party is voted to power.

## DC Jammu reviews implementation of SBM (G), revenue matters, services

Asks officers to ensure door to door garbage collection in rural areas

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: For effective and time bound implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) in all Panchayats of the District, a meeting of concerned Officers was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of different developmental components of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon the officers to ensure door to door garbage collection in rural areas by November 30, 2022.

She also asked them to ensure timely completion of all the works with judicious utilization of funds and to ensure quality of work to create durable assets for making all villages healthy and clean.

The DC directed the concerned Officers of the District to work in missionary zeal to create requisite infrastructure for disposal of domestic



waste. She asked the officers to fully involve the local PRIs for the effective implementation of the Mission. Later, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the revenue related matters/services along with status and progress of different development projects and schemes being implemented in the district. The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review regarding writing up and digitization of Jamabandis, implementation of SVAMITVA scheme, status of eviction of unauthorised occupants from state land, disposal of revenue

court cases on RCCMS portal, issuance of online Fard Intilhab and other services, attestation of pending Mutations etc. Reviewing the progress regarding writing up and digitization of Jamabandis and its attestation, attestation of mutations and writing of Giridawaris, the DC directed the Tehsildars to complete the same at the earliest. She set timelines for the concerned officers for speedy submission of details of mutations and up-dation of Jamabandis/Giridawari. Regarding disbursement of e-rent, the Deputy

Commissioner instructed the officers to disburse the rent to the beneficiaries without further delay. The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Tehsildars for speedy disposal of court cases related to revenue and upload accordingly. ADC (L&O) Harvinder Singh, ADC (ADM) Sandeep Soanetra, CPO Yoginder Katoch, ACP Meenakshi Vaid, ACD Preeti Sharma, ACR Piyush Dhora along with Tehsildars, BDOs and senior officers of concerned departments were present in their respective meetings.

## People have rejected divisive politics in J&K: Altaf Bukhari

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, NOV 23: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said people have rejected the divisive politics in Jammu and Kashmir which was responsible for seven decades of suffering.

Addressing a joining programme here at the Apni Party Office, Gandhi Nagar, Altaf Bukhari said that Apni Party is committed for equitable development without playing with the emotions of the people.

In this programme, prominent social activist and former general secretary of Bar Association, Samba, Lovely Mangol joined Apni Party with his supporters. They were welcomed into the Party by Altaf Bukhari sahab. Apni Party State General Secretary, Vijay Bakaya, Provincial President, Jammu, S. Manjit Singh and other leaders of the party were present on the occasion.

In his speech, Bukhari hoped that his joining would strengthen the party in Samba district and expressed gratitude towards the people who have expressed their faith in the party and its leadership.

He said that the people have accepted the politics of development and rejected the politics of hate and divi-



sion. "We promise what is achievable without misleading the people to gain their support. The people of J&K have remained the victim of these traditional political parties who promoted divisive politics and restored to emotional sloganeering," he said. He said that "We believe that the issues of Jammu as well as Kashmir Regions are similar and their concerns must be addressed equally by providing them equal opportunity with regard to development and employment." He said that the unemployment which has grown from the last several years needs to be addressed timely before it is too late by the Govt but the LG administration has failed on all fronts. "The bureaucracy has been creating hurdles and

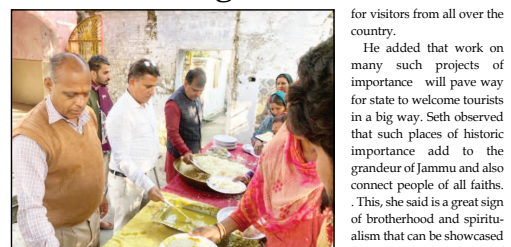
delaying the development. Shockingly the recruitments turned out to be major scams in J&K and it has shaken the faith of the unemployed youth on the recruitment agencies. It was claimed that the recruitments would be conducted with honesty and transparency but the opposite is happening," he said. He said that "These things can be corrected when there is a popular Govt in J&K. Hence, the holding of assembly elections is a must and the restoration of statehood will restore the lost faith of the people in the Govt and in the administration." He said that the Apni Party is committed to protect the rights of the people and the natural resources of Jammu and Kashmir for the local residents. "The people in Kathua,

Samba, Jammu and other districts have serious objections against the outsiders grabbing their natural resources, contracts and other sectors due to which the locals have lost their source of earning," he said. He said that the industrial sector established in Samba and Kathua districts have employed outsiders. "Employment must be reserved for the local unemployed youth in the industrial sector in J&K and accordingly required skills should be provided to them so that the growing unemployment issue can be addressed," he said. He also demanded advertisement of all the vacant posts in various Govt Departments for fast track recruitment and special on the spot recruitment drives for the border residents of J&K in security forces.

## Vishal Khatri Sabha organizes Bhandara

**JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, NOV 23: Vishal Khatri Sabha today organized Bhandara at Uterveni to mark Amavasya. Vishal Khatri Sabha J&K President Devender Seth along with other members of Sabha served langar among devotees. Seth on the occasion prayed for the betterment of society and developing all regions of J&K equitably. Earlier Bhandara was attended by devotees in large numbers. Common people and locals including shopkeepers of the areas irrespective of their cast, creed, region or religion attended Bhandara and had community meal (Langar). After payers and rituals, Seth prayed for peace in



J&K and said that such events bring people closer to each other. He said Sabha is committed to strengthen their resolve and continue to serve community regularly. He also said that more such

events must be organised to strength social bonding in our state. Seth further said historically rich Jammu has many temples, palaces, water bodies and buildings that if developed can become places of attractions

for visitors from all over the country. He added that work on many such projects of importance will pave way for state to welcome tourists in a big way. Seth observed that such places of historic importance add to the grandeur of Jammu and also connect people of all faiths. "This, she said is a great sign of brotherhood and spiritualism that can be showcased around the globe. Praying for happy and healthy life for people of J&K and also for peace to be dawned here, Seth said that the routine Aarti and chanting of hymns here reverberate in the air thereby sending positive vibes.



## Day long awareness camp on PMFME scheme held at Basht Chenani

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 23: A day long awareness camp on Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME), was organised by Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department Udhampur, here at Panchayat Ghar Basht in block Chenani. Prakash Chand Chairman BDC Chenani, Usha Devi DDC Member Chenani were the Chief Guests. A number of local farmers, Self help group members, prominent citizens and PRIs representatives attended the awareness camp.

Apart from the Chairman BDC, DDC Member, Sarpanch of Basht Panchayat, Joint Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing Department, Area Marketing Officer Udhampur (District Nodal Officer for PMFME), Assistant

Director Planning, District Agriculture Officer Udhampur, Branch Manager J&K Bank Chenani & Sudh Mahadev, Senior Scientist SKUAST Jammu addressed the gathering and made people aware about different aspects of the scheme.

On the occasion, the participants took an oath to contribute in making India Atma Nirbhar.

The Area Marketing Officer informed about the PMFME scheme. He added that the scheme has a number of benefits like 35% subsidy, complete hand holding for registration under Udhym, FSSAI, GST alongwith full guidance about Packaging, Labelling, Branding and Marketing.

The Joint Director encouraged the people to take benefit of the PMFME scheme which not only opens a number

of opportunities for them to export their products to different parts of the country outside J&K but also to different countries outside India.

The Member DDC appreciated efforts of the government for reaching out to people living in far flung areas at their doorsteps to educate them about different employment generation schemes of the government of India.

Chairman BDC exhorted people to avail benefits of the PMFME scheme and process local agricultural products to increase their shelf life as well as add considerable value to these products. The BDC Chairman informed that the government is going to open a chain of marketing kiosks all along national highway, in Udhampur district for facilitating SHG members and PMFME scheme beneficiaries.

## Udhampur admin organises Weekly Block Diwas programme at Dudu- Basantgarh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 23: District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna today conducted weekly Block Diwas cum grievances redressal camp at Mini Stadium Dudu- Basantgarh and listened to public issues and demands there.

Ashri Devi, DDC Councillor and Kewal Singh Parihar, BDC, Chairman, District and tehsil heads of various departments, besides PRI members and general public of adjoining panchayats participated in the weekly Block Diwas.

They put forth their issues and demands like Shortage of staff in various government educational and

health institutions, Land compensation, Attestation power given to SDM, Basantgarh for issuance of live certificate to pensioners, Dilapidated condition of road from Ramnagar to Basantgarh, Opening of new Anganwadi Centre at Mung, Paucity of drinking water in many areas, Establishment of new Bank Branch /ATM at Gandhoptop area, Additional funds for lifting the dust during rainy season from Gandhoptop sliding area.

Storage of ration, Construction bridge over Nallah Ujh, Replacement of wooden poles, Providing Hostel facility for boys and girls students in HSS, start new bus service for Chakal

to Lunga road etc.

During the proceedings, the PRIs and locals raised several issues some of which were resolved on the spot while rests were forwarded to the concerned departments for timely redressal.

The DDC urged the officers/ officials of the departments to educate people about the individual beneficiary oriented schemes and appealed to people to take benefit of such schemes that are meant to improve their financial condition.

The event witnessed participation of people and PRI members of different Panchayats throughout the block and apprised the DDC about their grievances and

sought early redressal of the same.

The DDC asked the officers concerned to mitigate the sufferings of the people on priority and stressed upon the officers to work with dedication and sincerity and redress genuine grievances of the people pertaining to their respective departments at their level within the specified time frame. She also called upon the people to lend a helping hand to officers in speedy execution of development works.

Later, the DDC distributed Kissan Credit Cards among the Farmers at Basantgarh sponsored by Agriculture Department Zone Rasli.

## GDC Neeli Nallah organises Awareness Programme on 'College Safety'

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 23: Government Degree College Neeli Nallah Udhampur, in collaboration with NDRF Unit Udhampur, J&K (UT), today organised Awareness Programme on 'College Safety' on the college campus here under the Guidance of Prof Hans Raj, Principal of the college.

On the commencement of the programme, Javed Iqbal, Assistant Commandant, NDRF Unit Udhampur, J&K, in his message said

that NDRF carries out rescue and relief operations during natural disasters. Till Date, NDRF has carried out 73 operations in the country and saved approximately 1.3 lakh human lives. In addition, NDRF has capability to respond to nuclear, biological and chemical disasters.

The session started with an awareness lecture on first aid in case of injury, accident, disaster etc. Further lecture & practical demonstration on fire safety was also delivered to the stu-

dents. An awareness lecture was delivered by Constable Divakar Kumar on the theme "College Safety and Awareness Programme" valedictory session was conducted where NDRF team visited the institution as a part of the programme and showed the students how to rescue a victim during floods.

The NDRF team also provided a First Aid Kit to the College.

Principal of the college congratulated the NDRF team and other stakeholders

for this initiative as it prepares the young youth for selfless activities.

The session ended with an interactive session where students actively participated. Prof. Shaista Yasmeen was the convener of the programme.

Prof. Swati Dutt, Dr. Radha Rani, Dr. Ranjeeta langher were the members of the Organizing Committee.

Dr. Renu Gupta, Dr. Parul Chibber, Dr. Imtayaz Bhatti, Manisha Kachru, Shalu Jamoria, Riya Bajral were also present.

## Reasi: Weekly Block Diwas held at Panchayat Seela

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
REASI, NOVEMBER 23: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Reasi, Babla Rakwal today visited Panchayat Ghar Seela of Block Reasi and listened to scores of public issues and demands at the weekly Block Diwas programme.

During public outreach program, PRI members and general public of adjoining panchayats raised several issues related to road and construction of passenger Shed at W.No.3, 4& 5, Land compensation, Monkey

menace, Hiking of milk rates, Acute shortage of drinking water supply to W. No 5 etc.

The DDC also inspected new garbage dumping site of Municipality at Seela, NABARD funded road, GRS of JIM, RDD works, Anganwadi Centre at Seela and directed to maintain records pertaining to health of beneficiaries in more details and maintenance of Poshan Vatika in all Anganwadi Centres, so that healthy nutritional diet can be given to children.

The DDC exhorted the general public and their representatives to work in tandem with the line department for effective execution and monitoring of the schemes in the larger intercity of the general public.

She added that PRIs shall focus on sanitary needs of their Panchayats by constructing Soakage/ Composed pits under MGNREGA and Swacch Bharat Mission Gramin.

While interacting with the PRIs and general public of the area, the DC said that

such platforms enable the District administration to know the problems being faced by the people.

She asked the officers to inform the people about income generating and beneficiary oriented schemes launched by the Government of India and UT Government.

Among others, ADDC Jyoti Salathia, ACD Reasi Anurudh Rai, CHO, CAHO, DSHO, Ad Fisheries, Tehsildar, BDO and a large number of PRI members of Panchayat Seela.

## Weekly Block Diwas programme: DC Kishtwar listens to public grievances at Village Sewa in Block Inderwal

*Redresses local issues projected during B2V4 programme*

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR NOVEMBER 23: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today listened to the grievances of people here at Village Sewa of Panchayat Inderwal A, Block Inderwal during the block diwas programme.

SDM Chhatroo, Inderjeet Singh Parihar, ACP, Zakir Hussain Wani, DPO, Sunil Bhutayal, DSWO, Zubair Ahmed, CAHO, Dr Sanjay Sen, District Nodal Officer AYUSH, Dr Vikram Gupta, Tehsildar Chhatroo, Suman ji Sharma, BDO Chhatroo, Tasleem Wani, locals and PRIs of adjoining Panchayats besides District, Sectoral and Block level officers were present on the occasion.

A group of students of GDC Kishtwar, assigned the work of data collection of infrastructure needs in the panchayat during Back to Village phase-IV as Mini Internship rolled out for the College students, also attended the block diwas programme.

During the programme, the locals and PRIs of and adjoining areas highlighted their demands. They demanded up-gradation of road connectivity,

provision of adequate Power and water supply, besides provisions to meet the infrastructure deficit in health, Education and Jal Shakti sectors in their respective Panchayats.

The DC listened to their grievances patiently and assured that their genuine demands and grievances will be redressed in a time bound manner.

The DC passed directions to the concerned officers and many grievances were also resolved on spot with the intervention of concerned District/Block level functionaries.

Meanwhile, a number of issues pertaining to infrastructure gaps recorded by the Visiting Students during the recent Back to Village phase fourth programme, were also discussed and read out before the people.

The DC assured timely intervention to resolve the issues to mitigate the sufferings of the local people.

Meanwhile, the Animal Husbandry Department distributed poultry chicks among the farmers in presence of Deputy Commissioner and other District officers.

The DC also distributed Land

Passbooks among legal landowners of the Panchayat under Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani and also handed over the prosthetic aids to beneficiaries provided by the District Social Welfare Department.

Distribution of golden cards and plantation drive was also conducted during the programme in presence of DC Kishtwar.

Later, the DC inspected the Government Middle School Sewa and took stock of its functioning and infrastructure gaps. He also presented gifts to the students.

The Deputy Commissioner along with BDO Chhatroo and other District officers also inspected the RDD works, including houses sanctioned under Awas Plus, Soak Pits, IHHL unit and Capex works. The DC also interacted with Awas Plus beneficiaries.

En-route the DC inspected Anganwadi Centre Sewa, PHC Chhatroo. He directed the concerned officers to ensure the completion of electrification work of the Health centre immediately for the safety and ease of patients.

## KVK Anantnag organises District Level Mega Awareness cum Kisaan mela

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 23: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Doru Anantnag today organised a mega awareness cum Kisaan mela on Natural farming at KVK Doru. Stalls of various departments were installed in the Kisaan Mela besides the stalls of SHG, NRLM SHG entrepreneurs raised to the charm of the event.

Director Extension SKUAST Dil Mohd Muqddumi while accompanying the DC Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom, gave a detailed introduction and highlighted achievements in

various fields by the SHGs, entrepreneurs, and the departments who have installed their stalls in the mela. Director also highlighted the scientific role and contribution of KVK in providing all possible technical guidance, training awareness, etc for progressive farming besides the role played by the SKUAST in over all development of the agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr Ishfaq Khan, the head of KVK, briefly discussed the developmental scenario of the KVK and the role played by this center for technical support, training, awareness to the

farmers of Anantnag and to the SHGs.

He said that the centre is providing support to enable the farmers to adopt ecologically sustainable and economically viable techniques. He laid stress on the natural farming and methods for sustainable expansion in agriculture and allied sectors.

Deputy commissioner Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom while speaking on the occasion said the KVK has done a commendable job and will continue to work for skill development, training and upgradation of the agriculture and allied sector.

man people in this regard.

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## Anantnag: Block Divas held in Vessu & Achabal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 23: Public outreach programme was held in Vessu and Achabal blocks of district Anantnag today. At Vessu the public darbar was presided over by ADDC Anantnag Bashir Ahmad Wani and at Achabal, ADC Anantnag Gulzar Bhat presided over the event.

Several delegations met the presiding officers and aired their demands of water supply, electricity, construction of roads, upgradation of schools, health facilities among

other.

The departmental representatives briefed the meeting regarding status of grievances and the action to be taken for redressal. The public assured of time bound redressal of projected grievances.

ADD while speaking on the occasion said gram panchayat development plan formulation has been completed in the recent Back to Village program. He said the role of gram sabhas in ensuring quality completion of works and social audit is essential.

He said that people must also ensure that they benefit from the various online services being provided by the Government which have reduced the need for the common man to visit offices physically.

He said that review of benefits being provided under welfare schemes and coverage of all genuine beneficiaries is must and social audit of these welfare programs is within the purview of Gram Sabhas and they must exercise this right. He impressed upon the PRI members to guide the com-

mon people in this regard.

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## Army disclosure of terrorist's presence, cause of concern: Congress

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 23: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress has expressed deep concern over the revelations of army regarding presence of large number of around 300 terrorists within UT and over 160 ready to infiltrate from across the LOC and demanded that the government and army/security forces should to evolve some effective strategy to check new phenomenon of targeted killings of minorities and others in valley than merely making claims of normalcy. In a joint statement Senior Leaders of JKPC expressed serious concern over presence of large number of terrorists as disclosed by army in view of the growing threat of targeted killings of innocents especially minorities and outsiders, which has emerged in couple of years. They demanded the government to check dangerous designs of forcing minorities and outsiders to leave Kashmir, as fresh migration of Kashmiri pandits has been noticed in recent past besides fleeing of Jammu employees agitating for five months seeking proper adjustments for safety. Signatories

include Working President Raman Bhatta, Senior Leaders Shri Mula Ram, Kanta Bhan, Ravinder Sharma, Yogesh Sawhney, Manmohan Singh, Shah Mohammed Chaudhary, Shabir Khan, Rajnishi Sharma, Shah Nawaj Chaudhary, Ex - Legislators Indu Pawan, Krishna Bhagat Th Balbir Singh, Ashok Dogra, G L Chaudhary, Hari Singh Chib, Pranab Shagotra, Kuldeep Verma, Pankaj Dogra, Sanjeev Sharma, Rajesh Sadotra, Shashi Sharma, Pawan Raina, Sanjeev Panda, Manjit Singh Jati, Ashok Gupta, Vijay Sharma, Uday Chib and others.

The army revelations about the presence of over 300 terrorists within and over 160 in POJK, ready to infiltrate, is very dangerous and contrary to the claims of centre government. I.G administration and police that terrorism is on last leg. The targeted killings of innocent especially minorities and outsiders is very nefarious phenomena and dangerous design like 1990s and authorities including Army should evolve more effective strategy to safeguard them and check migration of minorities who had stayed back in the

valley, all along thirty years but being killed or targeted in the recent times and are living in constant fear. The party suggested that all KP and Jammu employees in the vulnerable areas of valley should be treated as migrant employees, like in the 1990s and attached in respective fields/department in Jammu province till situation improves and they feel secure to serve. For the last more than a decade thousands of migrant KP employees besides those selected under PM package and others selected under various reserved categories, willingly joined and served in various parts of Kashmir valley but now they are on continuous strike agitating for their transfer and safety but government fails to find solution but only claims improvement in the situation, the congress leaders said. Senior Jkpc leaders urged the government to further strengthen the coordination among the army and security forces to defeat nefarious designs of Pakistan sponsored terrorists and their sympathisers especially the nefarious designs of forcing minorities and outsiders to migrate from valley.

## DC Samba holds Public Outreach programme at Bari-Brahmana

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 23: As a part of Public Outreach Programme of UT of JK Government, Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta, today held a Public Outreach Camp under "Weekly Block Divas" at Block Development Office Bari-Brahmana and listened to the issues and Development aspirations of Public representatives as well as locals.

The Deputy Commissioner, during the

block Diwas sought officers to take requisite action on the public grievances noted in the ensuing Block Divas. DC laid emphasis upon maintaining close coordination with PRI members so that public issues are addressed immediately especially related to drinking water, power supply and ration supply.

Among the issues raised on the occasion included non-payment of RDD works, Non completion allotted tendered works, non

availability of drinking water, maintenance of power supply, besides other issues including revenue Department, social welfare and others.

Deputy Commissioner listened to the public grievances and directed district officers to take immediate corrective measures including making water tankers available, regular monitoring of power supply. He also assured to take up remaining grievances at appropriate platforms.

The DC laid emphasis upon expediting the public services delivery through online mode of revenue services including caste certificates, income certificates, domiciles, farms etc.

Later, the DC inspected the Rural Development works including Lane Drain, CFC, and others works in the local panchayats. DC directed executing agencies to adhere to the fixed timelines strictly besides maintaining the quality aspects of the works.



## Dir Horticulture visits Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora, Fruit Plant Nursery Bijbehara

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23: Director Horticulture Kashmir, who is also Mission Director, Integrated Development of Horticulture, G. R. Mir today visited Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) Lassipora, Pulwama and Fruit Plant Nursery Bijbehara Anantnag. He was accompanied by Deputy Director Horticulture and respective Chief Horticulture Officers.

During his visit to IGC Lassipora, Dir inspected various CA stores, grading lines and other post-harvest infrastructure and took stock of functioning of these infrastructures.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mission Director said that the Department is committed to strengthen the post-harvest infrastructure in the valley and is exploring every possible opportunity



to have the infrastructures like CA stores, Processing Units etc.

He further stressed on use of mechanization at all stages for enhancing the work productivity rather than depending upon manual work.

He further advised CA Store owners to create growth friendly atmosphere and urged them to provide quality services to the growers.

He further added that currently we have CA storage capacity of around 2.00 lakh metric tonne and enjoined upon the entrepreneurs to come forward and set up more CA Store and other post-harvest units as we still have low CA storage capacity when compared to the annual production which results in distress sales. Earlier, Director Horticulture visited Fruit

Plant Nursery Bijbehara, Anantnag where he took stock of various operations being carried out in nursery and enjoined upon the staff to focus on production of quality plant material which is the basic mandate of the department.

He further added that the nursery should become self-sufficient and cater the farming community of the adjoining areas.

## DC Srinagar holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Balhama

**Sanctions funds to construct Transit shed for halt of devotees at Shri Mata Bala Deviji temple 62 Mushroom Units established at Balhama to spur rural entrepreneurship**

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23: Continuing its endeavour to bring Administration to the door steps of the people particularly living in remote areas of the District, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Ajiz Asad today presided over a Public Grievance Redressal Camp under weekly Block Diwas programme at Balhama in Panchachowk Tehsil of the District for on spot resolution of public issues and listen developmental demands of the local people.

The Grievance Redressal Camp was attended by local public representatives including DDC Member Balhama, Engineer Ajaz, BDC Member Khomoh, Manzoor Ahmad, other PRI members and a large number of people of Balhama, Zafraan Colony and other areas. While Programme Officer, ICDS, Chief Planning Officer, Srinagar, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Assistant Commissioner Development, Zonal Medical Officer, Tehsildar Panchachowk, Lead Bank Manager and other District Officers were also present on the occasion.

During the Grievance Redressal Camp, local PRI

representatives, public delegations and individuals projected various issues and demands before the DC including upgradation of Health Centre to NTPHC, construction of multipurpose Community Hall, retaining walls, Playground, augmentation of drainage system, resumption of work on dewatering pump station, upgradation and macadamization of link & inner roads, providing ATM facility and other issues.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, sought on the spot response from the concerned District Officers present during the Grievance Redressal Camp. He also assured them that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be taken up with concerned to ensure their fulfilment.

The DC also gave on the spot direction to the concerned officers for time bound redressal of the public issues.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said the purpose of holding such grievance redressal Camps is to take appraisal of local issues from the general public for precise and unground assessment for their time

bound redressal. He said various developmental works are being executed in Balhama area under Annual Development Plan at a cost of Rs 1.23 crore for overall development and welfare of the area.

Responding to the demand of upgradation of Health Centre to NTPHC, the DC said that the District Health Centre is under construction at a cost of Rs 3.50 crore has already been made to fulfil the long pending public demand and a suitable land has also been identified in Balhama to provide better healthcare facilities to people in locality.

Regarding the provision of ATM facility, the DC asked the LDM to check the feasibility for the same and take necessary measures in this regard so that ATM facility is provided to local people at the nearest point.

Earlier, DDC members and the people of the area expressed their gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for bringing the District Administration to their doorsteps by holding Block Diwas at Balhama area. They also thanked District Administration Srinagar for fulfilling various developmental demands brought into the notice of administration a few months ago.

After the culmination of

Block Diwas, the DC visited Shri Mata Bala Deviji temple Balhama to have on spot assessment of works to be taken for its development and beautification.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned Officers to take up the works for construction of the sitting area/Transit shed for the halt of devotees paying homage to Shri Mata Bala Deviji at the Temple, besides face lifting and beautification of the site. He also visited a local shrine and assured of funding for temporary halt facility.

Later, the DC also inspected various Mushroom Units at Mushroom Village established in the area by the Agriculture Department under PMKKKY at a cost of Rs 10 lakh.

On the occasion, the DC interacted with the local young entrepreneurs who expressed their gratitude to the District Administration for providing such employment opportunities to earn day to day livelihood for themselves and their family through low-cost business ideas with high profit.

Speaking at the site, the DC said as many as 62 Mushroom Units have been established in Balhama area to improve self-sustainable local rural economy.

## Animal Husbandry Department Jammu organises Workshop cum Seminar for Dairy Farmers

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: To acquaint dairy farmers with latest schemes and improved techniques in the dairy sector, Animal Husbandry Department Jammu today organised a day-long workshop cum Seminar for capacity building of Dairy farmers at Kisan Bhawan, Talab Tillo - Jammu. A large number of farmers participated in the event. Director Animal Husbandry Department Jammu, Dr. Shubhra Sharma, was the chief guest, while Director Sheep

Husbandry Department Jammu, Krishan Lal was the Guest of Honour.

Senior functionaries of the Department of Animal Husbandry Jammu, district and sectoral officers were also present on the occasion.

Experts from SKUAST-Jammu and different wings of the department of Animal Husbandry Jammu delivered lectures and educated the farmers present about the latest scientific techniques in dairy farming aimed at enhancing the productivity of the sector. They also threw light over disease

management of farm animals which often cause heavy economic losses to dairy farmers.

During his address, the Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu talked about the importance of composite agriculture involving Dairy, Agri and Sheep Husbandry in order to improve the income levels of farmers associated with these sectors.

The Director Animal Husbandry Jammu in her address complimented the farmers for their participation in the event and

stressed upon the concerned officers to disseminate awareness among farmers regarding various welfare schemes being run by the department. The Director further took feedback from the farmers present and assured them that all their genuine grievances shall be taken up on priority for their redressal.

She assured the farmers that the department of Animal Husbandry Jammu is committed to work relentlessly for the socio-economic upliftment of the farming community.

## Ensure benefits of Central schemes reach to every eligible person: MP Jugal Kishore Sharma to Officers

**Chairs DISHA meeting at Jammu, reviews progress of development works Asks officers to work as a team to achieve optimum results**



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Jugal Kishore Sharma today chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DDCMC) 'DISHA' here at PWD Guest House to review status and progress made under Central programs in Jammu District.

MP (Rajya Sabha) Gulam Ali; Chairman, DDC Jammu, Bharat Bhushan; DDC Vice Chairman, Suraj Singh; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anur Lavasa; JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav; ADDC, Ramesh Kumar; CPO, Yoginder Katoch; ACP, Meenakshi Vaid; ACD, Preeti Sharma; Deputy Director Information (PIR), Vikas Sharma, Members DISHA Committee, Anjali Sharma, Tara Chand and Sunil Sharma, besides other concerned district officials were also present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Member Parliament reviewed the action taken report of the previous DISHA meeting.

The MP took a comprehensive review of physical and financial achievements of centrally sponsored schemes PMGSY, 14th FC, RRBAN, Amrit Sarovar, PMGSY, JJM, MPLADS, B2V3, Langushing Projects, Ayushman Bharat, NRLM, PMAY-G, MGNREGA, Swachh Bharat Mission, etc. The MP also reviewed the achievements under various schemes implemented by the PWD, PDD, Jal Shakti

Department, Agriculture, Horticulture, Education, Social Welfare, Labor Department, Urban Development Department and others.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a powerpoint presentation on the achievements and progress under different schemes and the status of the developmental projects being executed in the district by different agencies.

The Deputy Commissioner informed the Chair that against 498 works approved under B2V3, 460 works are tendered, 456 allotted, 406 completed and 37 are under progress, while against 5272 houses under PMAY-G, 4848 have been completed and against 153 works under RRBAN mission 92 have been completed.

The Deputy Commissioner further apprised that out of total 8178 works under MGNREGA, 7228 are in progress, while 950 have been completed.

The Member Parliament was further apprised that 5421 candidates were enrolled under Himayat of which 406 have completed their training and 2173 have been placed in different jobs, while 242 candidates are presently undergoing training.

Regarding Ayushman Bharat scheme, the Deputy Commissioner informed the MP that against 1171296 beneficiaries in Jammu district, as many 92512 have been registered and 928916 provided Golden Cards.

The chair also reviewed the progress

of CRF projects being executed in the district and directed the officers to closely monitor the pace of work.

Regarding MPLAD, the Chair was informed that out of 704 works 699 have been completed.

The MP was also apprised that 75 Amrit Sarovars were identified out of which work on 50 has been completed. Inquiring about progress achieved on Jammu-Akhnour Highway and Ring road projects, the MP was apprised that 99% work under package II and 60% under package III of Jammu-Akhnour project has been completed. It was also informed that 79% work of Jammu Ring Road has been completed which includes 5 major bridges, 28 minor bridges and 209 culverts. The concerned official informed the Chair that remaining work would be completed within a few months.

It was further informed that out of total 6848 works under 14th FC, 5338 have been taken up and 4990 have been completed.

Similarly, out of 154 PMGSY schemes, 135 have been completed. It was further informed that out of the total 726.84 length road, 723.61 KM has been achieved.

The MP emphasized on optimum utilization of available resources and instructed the concerned officers for close monitoring and follow-up of all ongoing development works to achieve quality parameters.

Appreciating the efforts of district administration, the MP expressed satisfaction about the overall progress of the district in the implementation of the centrally sponsored schemes. He also advised the PRI and MC members to effectively monitor and help administration in successful implementation of the schemes.

The MP directed the officers concerned to resolve the bottlenecks, if any and exhorted the officers and field functionaries to work as a team for better results and efficient delivery of services to the people.

## DM, SSP Doda conduct checking of vehicles on NH244

**Ask authorities to ensure Speed Governors, GPS on every commercial vehicle**

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 23: Taking cognizance of the complaints received from the general public, recent unfortunate road accidents and to enforce safety regulations ahead of winters, District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan along with SSP Abdul Qayoom and ARTO Kuldeep Singh today conducted random checking of vehicles on NH

244 (Batote Doda Kishtwar Highway).

Vehicles were checked for validity of papers and Driving licences. The commercial vehicles were checked for Speed Governors and GPS as mandated under norms.

The DM and SSP conducted counselling of drivers enroute and sensitised them about safe speed and other road safety rules.

They also took stock of the nuisance of wrong parking and roadside encroachments.

The DM directed the authorities to take strict action against the traffic violators, wrong parking and roadside encroachments. He also directed to ensure 100% installation of Speed Governors and GPS on commercial vehicles.

The DM directed the

Traffic Police, ARTO, Police, and Revenue authorities to work in close coordination and act tough against traffic rules violators. He directed the concerned officers to devise an effective mechanism for better traffic regulation especially during winter season.

The DM appealed stakeholders to follow traffic rules for better traffic management.

## 2-Day workshop on Mulberry cultivation commences at Shri Krishan Chander GDC Poonch

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
POONCH, NOVEMBER 23: A two day workshop on "Farm Mulberry Cultivation Practices" was today organised by the department of Sericulture, Shri Krishan Chander Government Degree College Poonch.

Prof. Jasbir Singh, the College Principal was the Chief Guest, while Prof. Gurdinder Raj Verma, HOD, Sericulture was the guest of the honour on the occasion.

Prof. Dipanker Sen Gupta, Director - Jammu University, Poonch Campus and the Coordinator of the Workshop, inaugurated the workshop along with Chief Guest and other reputed academicians from University of Jammu and other educational institutions.

Prof. Seema Langer, Dean Life Sciences and Head Department of Zoology University of Jammu, besides Dr Arti Sharma, Dr Sarabjeet Kour, Dr Rakesh Panjalia from department of Zoology were special invitees at the inauguration ceremony, as they attended the event through online mode.

In his address, Director Poonch Campus, thanked all the special invitees for their valuable lectures. "I on behalf of Poonch Campus thanks all the guests, espe-

cially special invitees from University of Jammu and their valuable feedback regarding the Farm Mulberry Cultivation Practices." He further said that such workshops/seminars are always helpful for not only the students but also for the faculty of the concerned department.

He said that Poonch Campus will continue to strive to become one of the premier intuitions of this region. "Department of Sericulture Poonch Campus is to be complemented for organising such seminars / workshops," he added.

He further assured the participants that the department of Sericulture will soon be shifted to newly constructed IT of Science and technology and all the facilities will be provided to it in coming times.

Prof. Seema Langer Dean Life Sciences and Head of Zoology University of Jammu in his address said that the students will learn each and everything about Sericulture. She congratulated Poonch Campus for organising this workshop.

As many as 115 participants, including UG and PG Scholars registered for the workshop to get practical exposure on the various

aspects of mulberry cultivation. Dr Suraksha Chanotra, Incharge Sericulture, Poonch Campus, Convener of the Workshop, in her address presented the welcome address. She also underlined the objectives of the workshop. She said that the seminar is being organised with prime objective to provide the participants the practical exposure on Mulberry Cultivation Practices.

Dr. Chanotra also delivered an elaborate lecture on Mulberry cultivation and scope of sericulture.

Campus Officer and Lecturer department of Sericulture, Dr Rubia Bukhari, in her address said that this workshop will help to explore the possibilities to promote Sericulture in twin

border districts of Rajouri and Poonch. "This practical exposure will help the stakeholders to strengthen the potential bivoltine, sericulture industry," she added.

Dr. Rubia also delivered a lecture on Cultural operations in mulberry cultivation in the first session.

Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, Lecturer, Department of Sericulture gave an elaborate lecture on Introduction to Sericulture in the second session Ms. Kalpa Sudan, Teaching Assistant, Department of Sericulture JU and Ms. Sumya Kapoor, Teaching Assistant, Department of Sericulture delivered lectures on IPNM in mulberry cultivation and By-product utilization in mulberry cultivation.

## Vehicles sans Speed Limiting Devices challaned in Samba

**42,000 fine recovered from violators**

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBA, NOVEMBER 23: Motor Vehicle Department Samba today conducted checking on NH 44 and challaned/componed 22 vehicles under various provisions of MV Act. ARTO Samba, Rehana Tabassum, informed that 15 vehicles out of 22 were found without Speed Limiting Device and overloading of passengers. "A fine of Rs 42000 was realized from violators on the spot" added the ARTO.

The ARTO informed that the Department would continue to conduct such drives to minimize traffic violations.



## Weekly Block Diwas: DDC Rajouri listens to people's issues at Kalalkass in Dhangri block

*Appeals public to join hands with admin in fight against drug menace*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 23: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a Block Diwas public outreach camp here at Kalalkass of block Dhangri.

BDC Dhangri, Tazeem Akhtar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Vijay Kumar; SE Hydraulics, JP Singh; CAO, Sohan Singh; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar; CEO Education, Shaishah Kumari; DSHO, Dr Sarfraz Naseem Chowdhary; DSWO, Waked Ahmed Bhatt and other district and sectoral officers were present on the occasion.

During the event, the public and their representatives highlighted a wide range of issues and demands of their areas. They demanded macadamization of roads, up-gradation of government institutions, meeting paucity of staff, provision of better health care facilities etc.

Specific issues projected during the event included sanctioning of JK Bank Branch, meeting scarcity of water, speedy implementation of JJM, construction of bridge at HS Kalal Kass, speedy completion of Jamola-Rethala bridge, road connectivity to Ladyote Panchayat etc.

The PRIs also demanded electricity poles, renovation of GHS Ladyote and filling of vacant posts of teachers in

the school, Panchayat Ghar and dispensary at Ladyote, construction of road from Churra Gali to Ladyote, Renovation of road from Palma to Kalal Kass etc.

Officers of different departments also briefed the public about the government schemes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same. They also responded to the queries pertaining to their departments raised by the public during the event.

While responding to the issue of scarcity of water, the SE Hydraulics, JP Singh informed that 17 schemes have been approved under JJM at an estimated cost of Rs 97 crore for block Dhangri. The tenders for 06 schemes out of 17 schemes have also been allotted.

Responding to the shortage of electricity poles, the concerned officer from PDD assured that an adequate number of electricity poles would be provided under the RDSS scheme.

The Chief Medical Officer, while responding to the demands regarding Health Sector, apprised them about a number of schemes of the department. He also highlighted Nishay Mitras initiative which aims to ensure three-pronged support to the TB patients including Nutritional, Additional diagnostic and Vocational support.

The DDC gave a patient

hearing to all the issues projected by the public during the event and assured them that all their genuine concerns would be redressed in a phased manner.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC said that the Block Diwas ensures doorstep public service delivery and redressal of the genuine grievances of the common man.

The DDC also said that the district administration is working on a multipronged strategy for the holistic development of all the areas of the district and every sector is being pushed to achieve the desired results on ground.

He called for coordination among the departments and PRIs to achieve desired development objectives besides timely intervention and action to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

Underlining measures being taken to make service delivery mechanisms easily accessible to the public, he said that all the departments of the district are working with proper dedication to ensure that the benefits of government services reaches to the last beneficiary of the district.

He also highlighted services being provided by different departments through online mode and urged the public to avail the benefits of the same.

Stressing on covering all eligible beneficiaries under AB-PMJAY SEHAT, he

asked the officers and PRIs to work in tandem and ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left from availing the benefits of the scheme.

Discussing the measures to eradicate drug abuse, the DDC urged all the officers to devise a multi-pronged strategy covering the identification of addicts, their rehabilitation and counseling, and awareness campaigns. He also sought the active cooperation of the general public in this regard.

Enumerating the measures being taken for the solid waste management in the rural areas, the DDC said that 178 segregation units have been approved in the district where segregation of solid waste would be carried out.

He also asked the officers to make dedicated efforts for the effective management of grey water in rural areas. Regarding repair and renovation of school buildings, he assured that appropriate measures would be taken in this regard.

While responding to the public issues, the DDC said that timely and quality disposal of the issues of the general public is the top priority of the district administration.

He also passed on spot directions to the concerned departments for ensuring the redressal of the issues highlighted by people on priority and in a time bound manner.

*Weekly Block Diwasin Doda*

## DC, SSP other district officers listen to public issues at Malano (Kahara)

*Conduct plantation, Inaugurate Community Hall, Interact with students, PRIs, Public and Farmers*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, NOVEMBER 23: In continuation to the weekly public outreach programme, District Administration Doda today resolved several public issues and addressed individual and community grievances under the aegis of Block Diwas meetings held at the designated locations.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, SSP, Abdul Qayoom, District heads of the line departments conducted the public outreach programmes across the district to listen to the issues of public and the PRIs.

This Wednesday Block Diwas program was held at Panchayat Champal of Sub Division Gandoh, Panchayat Gar Kuthyara of Sub Division Assar, Panchayat Guraka of Sub District Baderwah and Higher Secondary School Malano, Kahara of Sub Division Thathri.

Deputy Commissioner along with SSP and other

district heads took stock of public grievances at Panchayat Malano, Kahara. They also interacted with students and staff of Government Higher Secondary School Malano.

The public of Malano and adjoining areas participated in the block Diwas with enthusiasm. The DC told the students to keep the school neat and clean and urged them to stay vigilant against menace of the drugs.

The DC also inspected the conduct of online classes in the school and urged the students to work hard to achieve their dreams.

The DC along with SSP, BDC Chairperson Kahara, Fatima Farooq, SDM Thathri Athar Amin Zargar and ACD Doda Phulail Singh inaugurated a newly constructed Community Hall at Panchayat Goila of Kahara Block. They also conducted a tree plantation drive at Kahara Block under the Go Green initiative.

The DC interacted with

PRIs and the public. A number of demands/grievances were put forth by the PRIs and general public. On the spot directions were issued for the time bound redressal of the genuine demands.

Later, the DC and SSP and other officers inspected the local varieties of vegetables and pulses grown by local farmers. They also interacted with farmers associated with Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry. The DC advised them to shift to high yield variety crops and high density and improved variety of fruit trees under the technical guidance of experts from the concerned departments.

DC reiterated that Agriculture and Horticulture has great potential in the area which must be tapped for general prosperity of the area. He also asked public to participate in Swachh Gaon Suraksha and Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Doda, SDM Thathri, ACD Doda, SE PWD, SE PMGSV, CMO Doda, CEO Doda, CAO Doda, DSHO, CAHO Doda, PRIs and other district and sectoral officers.

At other designated locations, the day long Block Diwas proceedings also witnessed Grievances redressal camps and other services.

The Public and PRIs put forth a range of issues/demands. They demanded augmentation of water supply and electricity, macadamization of roads, completion and augmentation of road infrastructure, meeting dearth of staff in schools and hospitals, upgradation of schools, banking facilities in rural areas, release of pending wages under MGNREGA etc.

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

## DDC Chairman Rajouri inaugurates much awaited Abdullah Bridge

*120-meter-span Overpass provides vital link to major parts of Township*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 23: Chairman Development Council Rajouri, Chowdhary Naseem Lyaqat, in presence of DDC, Vikas Kundal today inaugurated the much awaited Abdullah bridge completed under languishing scheme.

The 120-meter-span bridge completed at a cost of Rs 720 lakh provides an important link connecting Gujjar Mandi with Old Bustand.

The completion of the bridge has met a longstanding demand of the public as it will ease the traffic congestion in the Rajouri town.

Locals present on the occasion thanked the administration for completing this languishing project and throwing it open for the public.

The DDC Chairman, while speaking on the occasion, congratulated the public and said that the Government is



committed towards providing the best possible relief to the general public in terms of connectivity to benefit the commuters.

The DDC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal also congratulated the public and said that the bridge will help to reduce traffic jams in Rajouri town.

Officers present on the occasion were ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria and ExEn PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; Ward councillors including Rajinder Gupta; Rajesh Gupta; Sanjay Sharma and Pushpinder Gupta.

## DIET Kishtwar hosts training workshop for HOIs on Disaster Management

*Principal calls for effective orientation of Children in Disaster Management*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 23: District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIET) Kishtwar hosted two day training workshop for Head of Institutions (HOIs) of all Higher Secondary Schools and High schools of district Kishtwar on "Disaster Management, Child Centric Vulnerability, enhancing capacity and promoting Resilience" amid disasters.

At the outset, DIET Principal, Ashok Kumar motivated the participants with his kind words and expressed his gratitude to other stakeholders for cooperating with DIET in hosting the most relevant training for HOIs as district Kishtwar and J&K as a whole falls under seismic zone-V and is most vulnerable topographically.

In all, 72 HOIs of different HSS/HS participated and were acquainted with different techniques and knowledge about how to minimize the loss of life and property during Disasters.

The training programme was aimed to impart practical expertise and applied knowledge to equip the officers with all relevant skills and tools needed in order to effectively respond to both



natural and man-made disasters and resulting in complex emergencies.

The course utilized existing strategies and tools, practical exercises, case studies, and interactive multicultural discussions to explore the key issues faced while handling disaster situations. Sr. Lecturer DIET Kishtwar Riaz Ahmed Butt gave a detailed presentation on "School Safety Policy, suggestive frame work and safety under National Disaster Management Guidelines 2016." He appraised the HOIs about the recent circular issued by School Education Department Jammu and Kashmir regarding the

adherence of School Safety Policy in schools and the role and responsibilities of HOIs towards ensuring the safety of school children who are the most vulnerable during disasters.

On second day of the workshop, the guest Lecturer from Govt., Degree College Kishtwar Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Assistant Professor Environmental Sciences gave a presentation on the Disaster Management Act 2005, Disaster Management Plan - 2016 and appraised the trainees in detail about the impact of such disasters and handling the disaster situations. She also dwelt on the fact that children and

women are the most vulnerable during any disaster.

Another Expert, Rashida Shaheen, B.Ed Councillor in her presentation, appraised the HOIs about Disaster Management, its impact, consequences and mitigation measures.

Simultaneously, she gave live/practical demos on how to prepare temporary stretchers during emergencies and also explained practically the concepts of flood burst and floating houses etc.

Each day presentation of the speakers was followed by a question answer session, wherein Resource Persons directly interacted with the participants and answered their questions and also took their feedback.

Upon successful completion of the two-day workshop, Principal DIET thanked the HOIs and requested them to follow the guidelines of the School Education Department in letter and spirit and implement the same in their schools etc. He also instructed them to train the teachers and students in their respective schools and make them aware and prepare about such disasters and how to mitigate them timely.

## DE&CC Kishtwar organises awareness cum registration Programme at Chatroo Kishtwar

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 23: District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kishtwar today organised an Awareness cum Registration Programme for the youth here at Telsil Office Chatroo (Inderwal).

The event was conducted as a follow-up to BV24 programme wherein educated youth showed keen interest for various self employment schemes. Programme was organised speci-

cally for those Youth who were registered during BV24 from different panchayats of Telsil Inderwal.

Various government Self Employment Schemes, specifically Mission Youth Schemes like Mumkin, Tejaswini, Spurring Entrepreneurship Scheme, Rise Together, Tourist Village Programme (Home Stays) etc were discussed in detail in the today's event.

On the occasion, AD Employment, Amit Kumar (ALC Kishtwar) high-

lighted various Mission Youth Schemes with the participants.

Employment Officer, DE&CC, Waseem Hassan also explained in detail various Schemes and the criteria, procedure for applying for the same. The Youth were also informed about different training programmes and start up ideas.

The event ended with on spot registration of interested youth under Mission Youth Schemes.

## JKLSA provides Law books to Legal Aid Defence Counsel offices of Jammu Div

*Justice Sanjeev Kumar hands over books to Chief Defence Counsel Jammu*



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Under the guidance of Patron-in-Chief JKLSA, the Chief Justice, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Executive Chairman JKLSA, Justice Tashi Rabstan, the Legal Aid Defence Counsel offices of Jammu province were today supplied with a set of law books. Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Administrative Judge for District Jammu, handed over these books to the Chief Defence Counsel

Jammu, Anil Sharma in presence of Advocate General, D.C Raina.

These books were made available by D.C Raina Advocate General of Union Territory of J&K & Ladakh. While interacting with the officers of Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Justice Sanjeev Kumar stressed upon the officers of Legal Aid Defence Counsel to take maximum benefits out of these books, while defending the cases allotted to them by DLSA.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar further directed the officers of Legal Aid Defence Counsel to ensure that the cases being represented by them are taken with full dedication and commitment and ensure timely justice to the litigants represented by Legal Aid Defence Counsel.

Supplying books to the office of Legal Aid Defence Counsel is a step forward to provide aid to the Legal Aid Defence Counsel offices established in the country under the initiative taken by NALSA to represent the cases of unrepresented and downtrodden class who have no source to hire the advocates. These books were also supplied to other Legal Aid Defence Counsel Offices of Jammu province.

Chairman DLSA Jammu, Sanjay Parihar and Secretary DLSA Jammu, Yahaya Firdous, besides office bearers of Jammu Bar Association and young lawyer Association were also present on the occasion.

## PSPS Govt College for Women organises "Name Your Eco-club" contest

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: "Name Your Eco-club" competition was today organised by the Eco-club of the Padma Shri Padma Sachdev PG College for Women to spread awareness among the students and further boost the activities of the Eco-club.

A total of 13 students participated in the competition conducted in the Department of Botany. The Jury mem-

bers for competition were Prof. Mala Bhasin, Dr. Vijender Kumar and Dr. Bhagwati Devi. Savi, Manasvee Choudhary and Vanshika students bagged 1st three positions, respectively. The jury recommended the name "Harshyaali" for the Eco-club of the College Principal of the College, Prof. Minu Mahajan, applauded the Ecoclub for conducting such awareness activities. She congratulated the

winner and encouraged the students to inculcate eco-friendly behavior in their day to day routine. The activity was well coordinated by Dr. Harjeet Sodhi (Convener, Eco-club) and other members including Dr. Rahul Sharma, Prof. Nisha Bhagat, Prof. Shivani Sawhney, Prof. Eisha Gohil, Dr. Suraj Mohani, Prof. Sugandha Mahajan, Prof. Swarn Singh and Dr. Ravinder Kumar.



# Dulloo conducts field visit of RS Pura, interacts with farmers

*Urges farmers to adopt diversification of crops for round the year earnings*

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today conducted an extensive tour of RS Pura area of Jammu.

On the occasion, he was accompanied by Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak, PRI members and other officers of the department.

During the tour, the ACS inspected the orchards of Lime, Strawberry, Guava, & Fig of the beneficiaries namely S. Attar Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Kulbir Singh, Raman Gupta, at villages Kadyal and Badyal of RS pura zone.

Dulloo also planted a sapling of Guava cv. Taiwan pink in the farmer's field at Kadyal for plantation of Guava in 100 kanal area. The ACS also chaired a Interaction Programme in the field of a progressive farmer namely Sukhdev Singh at Kadyal who has



adopted a multi-tier cropping pattern by planting Teak, Strawberry & Guava in his field.

While speaking on the occasion, ACS said that there is a great scope of horticulture sector in the area especially Strawberry and plantation of High Density orchards of Guava & Litchi. Moreover, the department is supporting the farmers both financially and technically and they should take bene-

fit of this. He asked the farmers to adopt the diversification of crops in their fields so that they can earn during the whole year.

During the programme Director Horticulture Jammu apprised the ACS about the progress being made in respect of plantation in sub-tropical areas of Jammu division under various departmental schemes. He informed the gathering of farmers about the incentives

available under various centrally and state sponsored schemes of the department and urged them to come forward and avail the benefits on different components viz: Bore Well, Geo-tanks, Custom Hiring Centres etc. for upliftment of their socio-economic status.

Atal Dulloo laid emphasis on plantation of Strawberry as this is a short duration crop and by adopting cultivation of this crop, the farmers can enhance their income manifold.

He also interacted with the farmers who informed the chair about the income they are generating from plantation of horticulture crops especially strawberry and also about the benefits from the horticulture department.

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The ACS also handed over the sanction letters to the beneficiaries of RS Pura zone for "On farm handling unit (pack house)" & "Power tiller".

Later, Atal Dulloo visited the Govt. Grape Farm Maralia and inspected the bower system of grape.

He impressed upon officers to enhance production of Grape plants and also laid thrust on production of quality planting material so that the common farmer is benefitted.

# One day Awareness camp on PMFME held in Ganderbal



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
GANDERBAL, NOV 23: An awareness camp under the aegis of Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing (PM-FME) was organized by District Administration Ganderbal today at Farmer's Training and Education Centre, Ganderbal.

The Training programme was attended by the members of District Steering Committee, besides the officers from Bank, Participants from Agriculture, Horticulture, NRLM, Animal, Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Departments.

District Nodal Officer, PMFME Dr. Salman Rauof Chalkoo briefed the audi-

ence regarding the Scheme, its scope and benefits.

The audience was briefed about the scope of Food Processing Industry in District Ganderbal and they were encouraged to get financial cover under the Scheme, where handholding will be provided by all the steering Committee members.

The programme witnessed huge participation and several interested participants were covered under PMFME Scheme onspot.

Chief Horticulture Officer, Ganderbal briefed the audience about the ODOP Walnut, its scope and potential.

# NABARD, GDC Ang hold workshop on Agri-preneurship

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 23: The Botany Department of Government Degree College (GDC), Anantnag organized a one-day workshop on "Agri-preneurship" in collaboration with NABARD.

On the occasion, District Development Manager NABARD, Rouf Zargar was invited as guest speaker while Prof. Abdul Majeed Chalkoo, Head of the Department chaired the session. Abdul Ahad, a successful Agri-preneur from Future Agro was specially invited to the workshop.

The session was attended by students of the department and faculty members. Speaking on the occasion, DDM NABARD said that NABARD has been imple-

menting various schemes of Govt of India which aim to provide business opportunities to unemployed graduates and the doorstep delivery of agricultural extension services to farmers to cater to their local needs and affordability.

He stated that through the schemes of the government, we want to motivate students to adopt agriculture as their profession rather than looking for white collar jobs.

These workshops are the means of reaching out to students and make them aware about the opportunities in new markets for agri products.

He gave a detailed presentation about the central sector Agri Clinics Agri Business (ACABC) Scheme

which has a subsidy component of 44% for Agri related science graduates for setting up of Agri-business ranging from 10 Lakh to 1 Crore.

Prof Chalkoo, HoD Botany appealed to students to adopt innovative ways of modern agriculture with special reference to herbal and medicinal plants. He talked about how demand for organic farming has increased manifold in recent years and is certainly to remain high in demand.

On the sidelines of the workshop, Abdul Ahad, a progressive farmer and Agri-preneur was felicitated for his achievement in setting up of own agri-enterprise under the banner Future Agro.

# SKUAST-J, KVIB discuss establishing of Agri Enterprises among unemployed JK of youth



**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 23: An Interface interactive session was held today at SKUAST Jammu. The interactive session was presided by Dr. J. P. Sharma Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu and officers with Dr. Hina Shafi Vice Chairperson J&K KVIB.

Among other officers present were Secretary/Chief Executive Officer J&K KVIB, Director Extension SKUAST Jammu and officers of KVIB and university.

In the meeting the convergence programme was discussed in order to work together. The SKUAST Jammu will facilitate the

skill development programmes and KVIB will help the skilled unemployed youth to establish their Agri Enterprises, which shall generate employment avenues.

The schemes will be environmental friendly and shall have a great impact on the economic sustenance of Agri entrepreneurs.

The Vice Chairperson along with the Vice Chancellor visited different departments viz. Entomology, Mushroom Cultivation, department of Animal Husbandry, department of Vermi-compost, given to understand that if skill development under the

said scheme is undertaken, it will create a great hub of employment under the Agri entrepreneurship.

During the meeting, under implementation SFURTI Clusters being established in Jammu Division was also discussed and it was reiterated in meeting that SKUAST Jammu being the Technical Agency for the beekeeping clusters of Jammu, the completion of the projects will be ensured in a time bound manner. The Vice Chancellor insisted upon the stakeholders to enhance their working and expertise, so that the projects will be completed in timeline.

# GDC Bishnah organises Workshop on Solid Waste Management

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, NOV 23: Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Department of Environmental Sciences of Government Degree College, Bishnah in collaboration with Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu organized a workshop on "Awareness Campaign Regarding 3R's on 23rd of November 2022.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Manohar Lal, Principal GDC Bishnah. Ms. Pooja Chib from Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu, was the resource person of this programme. In her elaborated lecture she explained in detail different techniques for solid waste management and urged students to adopt



3R's Principal. Further, Ms. Rekha Sharma from Directorate of Urban Local Bodies also interacted with the students. Dr. Alka Sharma, Convener, IQAC of the college started the programme with welcome address. This workshop was attended by nearly 80 participants, followed by an interactive session where all

the queries of the participants were addressed.

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# DC B'la Chairs DLTFC Meeting, discusses Fixation, Revision of sale Price of Minor Minerals

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
BARAMULLA, NOV 23: In order to refix the rates of the minor minerals both Raw and Processed in Baramulla district, a meeting of District Level Task Force Cell was today held at DC Office here under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar.

The meeting was convened to discuss various measures for the fixation/revision of sale price of Minor Minerals including sand, gravel, bajri and other related raw materials. At the outset, a detailed discussion on various mat-

ters was held during which it was informed that the price/sale of minerals shall be evaluated keeping in consideration various parameters including bidding cost, mining cost, royalty DMF, loading & unloading cost, transportation cost and other miscellaneous costs.

Deputy Commissioner, who is also Chairperson of DLTFC, directed the concerned officers to implement the rates of minor minerals at source level in letter and spirit so that common people and the stakeholders do not face the brunt of exorbitant rates.

She also directed Police, District Mineral Officer Baramulla and other concerned agencies to strengthen the mechanism of checking illegal excavation of sand and other minerals from river beds and directed for immediate installation of nakkas at already identified locations.

Additional SP Baramulla, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad, District Minerals Officer Peer Zahid, Divisional Forest Officer Parveez Ahmad Wani and various other concerned officer were attend the meeting.

# 24 Dy. SSP probationary trainees visit SDRF Kashmir Headquarters, get acquainted with Disaster Management

**JJ NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 23: About 24 Dy.SSP probationary trainees including four Dy. SSPs of Jharkhand police who are presently on Bharat Darshan Tour and are attached with different CRPF units visited SDRF Kashmir Headquarters, Srinagar to get acquainted with Disaster Management and the role being played by SDRF in the UT of J&K.

During the visit, the Dy. SSPs interacted with senior officers of SDRF 1st Bn who briefed the visiting probationary officers about the role and working of SDRF during disaster including

pre-disaster preparedness, response & operations during disasters as well post-disaster assistance in relief and rehabilitation.

On the occasion, the High Value Rescue equipments were also displayed and their utility was explained to the probationary officers besides they were given tips regarding Basic Life Support and Search & Rescue methods.

The visiting officers also attended the session where Aapda Mitra Volunteers were being imparted skills regarding Disaster Management at SDRF 1st Bn Srinagar.

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