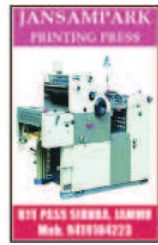


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AC approves land transfer for different public purposes

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JAMMU, NOV 29: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the proposals of different departments for transfer of land for various developmental projects.

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

The Administrative Council approved the proposal for transferring State (Mehfooz Kahcharie) land measuring 60 Kanal situated at village Badala, Tehsil & District Kathua in favour of Skill Development

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I&B Minister Anurag Thakur cautions media on reporting on terror attacks



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NEW DELHI, NOV 29: Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday advised caution while live reporting terror attacks, saying it should not provide clues to attackers and their ill motives. "Media needs to report with

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AC accords Admin Approval to Fly Over Bridge Jammu and CA Store Bldg

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 29: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded administrative approval to several projects of public importance.

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

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AC approves HR Policy for AWWs & Helpers

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 29: As a major step towards the empowerment of women in the UT the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the HR policy for female Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers working in the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) of J&K.

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

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Lt Governor launches key initiatives of NEP-2020

NEP will play a significant role in making India a Knowledge Superpower, says the LG

Inter-disciplinary curriculum & multi-disciplinary education are at the heart of National Education Policy to train future innovators & leaders: LG



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 29: The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched key initiatives of National Education Policy-2020 today at an event held at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

In order to supplement the successful implementation of NEP-2020 in a paperless mode, various digital initiatives have been launched such as, e-Samarth portal, feedback portal, Biometric attendance portal, Sparrow portal, and Annual Transfer Portal to bring transparency and accountability in the department.

The Lt Governor underlined that Inter-disciplinary curriculum and

multi-disciplinary education are at the heart of National Education Policy to train future innovators and leaders.

Environmental, scientific, technological transformation & globalisation has increased the pace of socio-economic changes. Problem-based learning will make the students familiar with real-world situations & develop thinking and creativity skills," the Lt Governor said.

National Education Policy will play a significant role in making India a Knowledge super power. Since, the government educational institutions are equipped with requisite tools and resources at par with private institutions, we need to assess our national and global ranking and take corrective measures,

Environmental, scientific, technological transformation & globalisation has increased the pace of socio-economic changes. Problem-based learning will make the students familiar with real-world situations & develop thinking and creativity skills: LG

Recommendations implemented in UG Program of all the colleges from 2022-23 session will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge & practical skills, provide resources and choice for research and flexibility in completing degree programme: LG

Future higher education & learning will be more dynamic, adaptable and personalized like a liquid learning model platform to seamlessly blend the ideas from different disciplines to prepare students for varied & comprehensive knowledge in rapidly shifting world: LG

observed the Lt Governor. The recommendations implemented in UG Program of all the colleges from

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Kashmir Handicraft Artisans honoured with 2 Shilp Guru, 6 Nat'l awards



AGENCY

NEW DELHI, NOV 29: Handicraft artisans from Kashmir have brought laurels to the Valley by bagging two Shilp Guru and six National level awards in different craft categories.

The Shilp Guru Awards are given to legendary master crafts persons in recognition of excellent craftsmanship, product excellence and the role played by them as gurus in the continuance of crafts to other trainee artisans as a vital part of traditional heritage.

The Awards were started in 2002, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the resurgence of Handicrafts in India. The Award consists

of a gold coin, Rs 2 lakh prize money, a Tamrapatra, a shawl and a certificate.

The National Awards are being awarded since 1965 for outstanding craftsmanship in different craft categories. The Award consists of Rs.1 lakh prize money, a Tamrapatra, a Shawl and a certificate.

The Shilp Guru awards was conferred by Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar while as the National Level awards were conferred by the Union Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal at Vigyan Bhawan here.

The award categories were announced for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019

amidst an august gathering that included Officers from the office of Development Commissioner Handicrafts.

Addressing a gathering after presenting Shilp Guru and National Awards, the Vice President said that the unique talent of our master craftsmen is representative of Bharat. "With your subtle workmanship, you embellish and enrich India's cultural diversity. You represent India's rich tradition of skills and craftsmanship," he told the Shilp Gurus awards.

Shri Dhankhar described Indian craftsmen as the impactful ambassadors of our culture and creativity and said that by honouring them, the nation is honouring those generations of unknown skilled craftsmen, who have left behind such a rich legacy.

While congratulating the Prize winners, he assured artisan community of the country of all possible support. He also stressed upon preserving this unique skill that is responsible for the

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Cross-border, ISIS-inspired terrorism continue to pose threat: NSA Doval

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NEW DELHI, NOV 29: National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Tuesday highlighted that cross-border terrorism and ISIS-inspired terrorism continues to pose a threat to humanity.

Addressing a conference in the national capital on the role of Ulema in fostering a culture of Interfaith Peace and Social harmony in India and Indonesia, Doval said "As you all are aware, both our countries have been victims of terrorism and separatism. While we have overcome the challenges to a



considerable extent, the phenomenon of cross-border and ISIS-inspired terrorism continues to pose a threat. Cooperation of the civil society is essential in countering the threat from ISIS-inspired individual terrorists and returnees from theatres like Syria and

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Religious Politics Has Deeply Harmed India, Says Ghulam Nabi Azad

AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 29: Democratic Azad Party chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Tuesday said politics based on religion has "deeply harmed" the country and asked the voters to check the track record of every candidate and his party before casting their ballots to defeat the "divisive" elements.

He termed the prevailing trend of infusing religious divide for political gains by some parties as "unfortunate" and

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Lt Governor chairs review meeting of Power Development Department

Department needs to address the problems of common man with seriousness and commitment: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 29: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a review meeting of Power Development Department today at the Civil Secretariat.

The meeting discussed various measures for enhancing sustainability, resilience and efficiency of the power sector and steps to achieve targets to reduce AT&C losses.

Issuing directions to the PDD officers present in the

meeting, the Lt Governor said that monitoring mechanism of power projects should be strengthened to meet the energy goals and aspirations of the people and businesses.

We need to have multi-pronged strategy for energy security and decisions taken during winter preparedness meetings should be followed in letter and spirit, he further said. The Lt Governor impressed on the Department to address the problems of common man

with seriousness and commitment.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor sought the status of the steps taken to meet power demand; required energy and peak availability; demand-supply deficit, status of ongoing projects; implementation of the short-term, medium term and long-term action plans. Earlier, Sh. H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department gave a detailed

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Police seizes drone capturing photos in Jammu

AGENCY

JAMMU, NOV 29: Police on Tuesday seized one drone capturing photographs of vital installations in Jammu.

Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu Chandan Kohli said that in the evening, police has seized a flying object (drone) that was flying near a vital installation in Jammu.

"Prima facie it has come to fore that it was being

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CS reviews progress of development of important Roads & Highways in JK

Asks the department to explore the possibility of Ring Road for Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOV 29: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta held a meeting to review the progress of development of various roads and highways connecting different parts of the UT.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PWD; PCCF; Commissioner Secretary, Forests; Commissioner Secretary, Revenue;

Secretary PD&MD; Secretary, Transport; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; DG Budget; RO NHAI, DCS of Jammu, Kathua, Udhampur and Samba. Outstation based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to complete the Semi-Ring Road for Jammu up to March next year and explore the possibility of Ring-Road

around the city for the easement of commuters. He asked them to prepare a DPR for the same.

The Chief Secretary also stressed on the officers to prepare a DPR for Kathua-Bani-Sarthal-Bhadrawah-Doda Road without any delay. He told them that it is of great significance with respect to giving boost to tourism in these areas. He directed for

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Progressing J&K

Beekeeping ventures emerging as new hope for J&K youth

NBHM AIMS TO PROMOTE BEEKEEPING, SELF-SUSTAINING EMPLOYMENT AVENUES IN RURAL AREAS

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOV 29: Beekeeping ventures across J&K have emerged as epitome of new business among the local unemployed youth.

Many people in Jammu and Kashmir, most of them youth, are able to earn a livelihood, because of honey bee colonies that have come up in different regions across J&K. With time, more and more young men and



women are turning towards beekeeping as dozens of local honey

brands have earned good reputation across the markets.

Honey processing units established under the apiculture development scheme will go a long way in helping the beekeepers as the department is facilitating the processing of crude honey produced by the farmers free of cost. The beekeepers are provided with a logo as well as testing for successful marketing of honey for remunerative returns.

The honey processing units consist of automatic honey processing plant, moisture reduction unit, storage chamber, and bottling unit. It performs multiple functions, including preheating, processing, moisture reduction, filtration and bottling of the honey.

Presently, the department is promoting Ramban white honey of autumn season under 'one district one product', which is known for its best quality, colour

and taste.

Beekeeping forms the potential part of integrated farming and can play an important role in doubling the farmer's income, being a non-competitive off-farm activity. It also has a potential of employment generation due to wide agro-climatic diversity enabling round the year bee flora availability. Notably, the National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) aims at

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Div Com chairs Board meeting of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board

Directs concerned officers to prepare master plan for development of shrine area, facilities for pilgrims



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, today chaired Board meeting of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board.

The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Anshul Garg, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi (VC SSKSB), Babila Rakwal, Director, Tourism, Vivekanand Rai besides SSP Reasi, officers of JPDCL, PWD and board members.

VC SSKSB gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the overall activities being carried out by the Board besides presenting agenda points.

Pertinently, Shri Shiv Khori cave is situated nearly 3.5 km away from village Ransoo, the base camp of the shrine. The distinct feature of the cave is a 4 feet

high naturally formed "Shivji Maharaj Lingam". Other natural deities inscribed on the stones are also present inside the cave. The road distance from Jammu to Ransoo-via Katra is 129 km, via Akhnoor-Bhambala is 112 km and from district HQ Reasi is 57 Km.

Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, was constituted in 2003, with Deputy Commissioner Udhampur (erstwhile District) as Chairman and SDM Reasi as its Member Secretary.

On 11th February 2008, J&K State Legislature passed an Act-namely "The Jammu & Kashmir Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Act" 2008 for better management, administration and governance of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine. The said Act came into force w.e.f 1st April 2010 vide SRO No. 132 dated 25-03-2010.

construction of two foot bridges for CRPF camp at Ransoo, installation of Chain link fencing near Darshani Deodi and along the track and at Bhawan, construction of overhead shed along the track, Construction of X-Ray room near Darshani Deodi & installation of X-ray machine for frisking of luggage and other material, repair of toilet complexes along the track, Construction of CGI sheets shed along the track, Providing & fixing of chain link fabric fencing at Shivkhori Track at Ransoo, construction of Ladoo Parshad Shop, Repair/maintenance of TRC building (Shiv Shakti Bhawan) at Ransoo etc.

It was informed that most of the works have been completed while others are in progress.

Div Com who is also chairman of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of all ongoing works and ensure their completion in a time bound manner.

Div Com stressed on creating all the basic facilities for the convenience of the pilgrims.

DC B'la chairs MTMP meeting

Directs Officers to ensure better results on Ground

JJ NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, NOVEMBER 29: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today convened a meeting of officers in her office chamber to review the preparations for "My Town My Pride" (MTMP) programme in the district.

The meeting discussed threadbare various aspects of the programme especially the Shehri Jan Abhiyan and other related issues.

It is worth mentioning here that for the Second Phase of My Town My Pride and Jan Abhiyan, the

Government has identified the department-wise deliverables with the direction to submit daily progress reports to the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department for compilation of comprehensive report to be submitted to the Chief Secretary by January 15, 2023.

On the occasion, the DC took detailed review of deliverables and took feedback from the officers related to the Jan Abhiyan activities of MTMP.

She asked Officers to gear up for the Jan Abhiyan activities of MTMP which includes conduct of sensitiza-

tion and awareness camps from 28th Nov 2022 to 2nd December, 2022 in the district. She also exhorted upon the officers to work enthusiastically so that the ambitious programme My Town My Pride could be made a grand success besides ensure achieving deliverables so that better results yield on ground. Additional District Development Commissioner Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, Presidents of MC Sopore, Pattan, Kunzer and Uri, Joint Director Planning M Yousuf Rafter, SDMs of Uri and Pattan, Executive officer of MCs and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

NCC Cadets of GCW Udhampur attends Thal Sainik Camp

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR NOVEMBER 29: Three NCC cadets of Government College for Women Udhampur, brought laurels to the college by attending the prestigious NCC camp. They represented Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Directorate in All India Thal Sainik Camp-2022. This prestigious Thal Sainik Camp is unique in its own way by being a National level camp for Army Wing cadets. This 12-day camp was held at New Delhi after their rigorous training of Pre-TSC Phases at NCC camping ground, Nagrota, Jammu.



Total three Cadets of this Battalion of the College, Senior under Officer Priya Devi, JUO Shashi and JUO Pooja Devi, attended and competed in various competitions during the event. These cadets were selected for OT (Obstacle Training).

Principal of the College, Dr. Monika

Sharma lauded the efforts of the cadets and congratulated them for their achievement. She motivated them to give their best in all walks of life. She

also appreciated I/C ANO Shalva Jasrotia for her hard work and dedication. Later, the cadets were honored by the College Principal.

Day-2 of MTMP: Kupwara Administration conducts series of activities at all 3 MCs

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, NOVEMBER 29: On the second consecutive day of Jan Abhiyan activities for MyTown My Pride (MTMP), Phase-2, District Administration Kupwara carried out various activities during the day in Municipal Council Kupwara, Municipal Committee Handwara and Municipal Committee Langate. At MC Kupwara, the president Municipal Council, Reyaz Ahmad Mir took a meeting with EO and other functionaries.

At Kupwara, an impressive function was held at Town Hall under the chairmanship of President Municipal Council, Kupwara, Reyaz Ahmad Mir. General awareness regarding various schemes was disseminated during the function.

The EO MC Kupwara, Anis Ahmad Chowdhary gave detailed awareness about the different beneficary oriented schemes/plans including PMAY (U) and PM SVANIDH, City Livelihood plan, City Smart Vending, Encroachment free town plan, City

Tourism and Culture plan, Resource Mobilization plan, City Beautification Plan and Green City plan.

The Cluster Head of J&K Bank also delivered speech regarding various self financial schemes. Various other departments including Social Welfare, Agriculture, DUDA participated in the function.

At Handwara, Chairman MC Masoor Ahmad Bandyay convened a meeting of all concerned officers and gave directions for successful conduct of the prestigious MTMP programme.

The meeting was attended by ASP Handwara, Executive Officer and other concerned. At Langate, a comprehensive sanitation drive was held at ward Number 9 of the Municipal Committee Langate.

Similarly, other line departments carried out different activities. The Youth Services and Sports department held various sports activities in Handwara Town. The department of Information and PR Kupwara arranged media coverage of all events at local level.

DIC Ganderbal organises Literary event at Wakura

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 30: The District Information Centre (DIC) Ganderbal in collaboration with Karwan-e-Adab Dab today organised literary event at Sadat Delhi Educational institute Wakura Ganderbal.

Mehfil Mushaira was the most important part of this literary event which was witnessed by locals, students, Teachers of the school and Media fraternity who enjoyed the event.

The event was presided over by Sahitya Akademi award winning writer, Majeed Majazi along with Salim Yusuf and Muhammad Yasin Qadri.

The event was started with the recitation of Quran. After that, Syed Akhtar Hussain Mansoor, President of Karwan-e-Adab Literature, warmly welcomed the guests, after which the mushaira started.

Mehfil Mushaira was supervised by Showkat Shabbaz who expressed gratitude to the District Information Centre

Ganderbal for inviting poets for the Mushaira.

Among the poets who recited their poetry include Syed Manzoor Shadab, Mohi-Ud-Din Saghazi, Gulam Nowgami, Wasim Kazim, Asadullah, Afzal Syed, Syed Rizwan Intiyaz Anjum, Syed Muhammad Madani, Mehtab Manzoor, Bashir Ajaasi, Hameed Ashfaq, Ghulam Hussain Haqwanav, Sabik Ali Sabik and various other poets of the district participated in the mushaira which enthralled the audience.

DC Ramban inspects Fair Price Shops in the district

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 29: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam today inspected various Fair Price Shops of the district Ramban under the "Drive for Oversight of Fair Price Shops" an initiative of the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Government of India.

The Deputy Commissioner along with Assistant Director FCS&CA Ramban, Shoaib Latief, TSO, concerned and PRI members checked available & requirement of infrastructure, stock and supply status of Food items, quality control measures adopted by the FPS operator, beneficiaries' experience with dealers, type of service delivery and transparency as well as grievance redressal mechanism implemented on the ground level.

The DC also took firsthand appraisal from beneficiaries and FPS dealers about their requirements and issues besides seeking their suggestions.

Expressing their satisfaction, the beneficiaries informed that they are getting their entitled ration as per rate & scale under various departmental schemes including NFSA and PMGKAY.

KVK-Anantnag holds training programme on Soil Health Management

JJ NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 29: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag in collaboration with Directorate of Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir today organised a training programme for the senior extension functionaries of production departments (Agriculture & Horticulture) on "Soil

Health Management" vis-a-vis Soil Health Card Implementation" at KVK campus here.

Head, KVK Anantnag, Dr. I. A. Khan, presented the overview of the programme and underlined the importance of soil health cards for the sustainability of soil health.

On the occasion, the guest speaker Dr. Aashiq Hussain,

Professor, SKUAST-Kashmir gave a detailed presentation on soil health management.

During the presentation he emphasized on the need to make use of available resources for improving the soil health. He also spoke on different facets of sustainable farming vis-a-vis soil health management.

A practical demonstration on collection of Soil sampling techniques in the field were also demonstrated to the trainees.

The programme was attended by 30 officers/officials of the line departments besides RHW students. The hard copies of soil health cards developed by the Directorate of Extension were also distributed among the trainees.

FCS&CA recovers Rs.15k fine from 13 erring shopkeepers; seals 01 Mutton shop & 02 Tea stalls

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: In view of complaints regarding overcharging on essential commodities, a team of officials of FCS&CA today launched a drive and inspected 72 business establishments in District Srinagar.

During the drive, a penal sum of Rs.15,100 was collected as fine from 13 erring shopkeepers for violation of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Besides, one mutton shop and two tea stalls were also sealed. The drive was conducted under the supervision of Assistant Director Enforcement (Exe. Magistrate 1st class), Mushtaq Ahmad Wani. It is worth mentioning here that during the current financial year in the valley, an amount of Rs 76,58,880 has been recovered as fine from 16469 erring traders. Besides, 208 establishments have been sealed and police

complaints against 16 erring traders also stand lodged.

Moreover, the erring lot has been reprimanded to remain careful in future. The drive will continue in the same passion in future as well and whoever is found violating the norms will be brought to justice.

In case of any complaint, people may contact the toll free number 18001807011.

Police Martyrs Memorial Volleyball tournament concludes at DPL Anantnag

JJ NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 29: The Police Martyrs Memorial Volleyball Tournament, organized by IRP-11th Bn Anantnag under its annual sports event (2021-22), concluded at DPL ground here, today.

Winning the finals, Spartan Spikers emerged as Champions of the Tournament that was organized in the memory of brave police martyrs who gave supreme sacrifice of their lives for the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

Mohammad Yousuf Gorski, Chairman, District development Council (DDC) Anantnag was Chief Guest on the occasion.

The other dignitaries including SSP Anantnag, Commandant IRP 11th Bn, Deputy Commandant IRP 11th Bn, DYSP DAR DPL Anantnag and other senior officers as well as family mem-

bers of Martyrs and some respectable persons of District Anantnag were also present on the occasion.

The final match was played between Spartan Spikers (a local Volleyball club) and "B" Team of IRP-11th Bn, which was won by Spartan Spikers and claimed the Winner's Trophy.

A total of eight Teams comprising of locals and police across the Anantnag District participated in the tournament and all the matches were played in a highly professional manner under the supervision of trained sports persons.

DDC Chairman, Anantnag and Commandant IRP 11th Bn jointly distributed prizes among the players of winners/runner-up and organizing committee.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest stressed upon the personnel to maintain their physical standard and also empathized that such tourna-

ments should be organized to boost the morale of the players and to choose best talent among them.

Paying a glowing tribute to martyrs of J&K Police, he reminded the gathering of the great contribution made by the martyrs for bringing peace in J&K.

The winners and the runner-up teams were awarded with trophies. Besides this, the family members of the police martyrs were facilitated and supporting sports officials were awarded with mementos. Constable Rayeres Ahmad No 876/IR 11th Bn of runner-up team was declared man of the series, whereas, man of the match went to Umer Ahmad of the winning team.

Lastly, Sandeep Mehta, JKPS, SSP Commandant IRP 11th Bn wished all the best to the participants and organizing committee of the tournament and declared the event closed.

LCMA starts dredging work in 5 Navigation Channels in Dal Lake

Plan is to restore 13 Navigation Channels in Dal Lake by the end of this year: Official

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: The Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) has started dredging five navigation channels as part of the plan to restore around 13 navigation channels in Dal Lake by the end of this year.

As per officials, the dredging has been started in five navigation channels viz. Tengbagh to Bakhuri Mohalla, Tengbagh to Aanchari Mohalla, Jalla

Mohalla to Shamsan Ghat, Imam Barah Hasaan Abad to Gurpora, Babademb outflow channel existing depth is 2 to 3 feet. He said after dredging it will be increased by 8 to 9 feet.

The concerned official said that for the first time dredging is going on in these Navigation channels, 13 outflow channels for approx length of 8.71 kms shall be cleared.

The main cause of silt/sedimentation deposition is 2014 flood-silt, earth,

debris and other waste material which shall be removed.

He added the average breadth of existing channels is 8mtr and after dredging it will be increased to approximately 10mtr.

Also water carrying capacity will be increased. Once the work is completed there will be no more foul smell, the official added.

Meanwhile, locals of the area appreciated the efforts of LCMA.

DC Srinagar reviews preparations for successful conduct of "My Town My Pride 2.0" Programme

Stresses on achieving hundred percent target set by the Government during 'Shehri Jan Abhiyan'

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: In order to discuss the plan for smooth and successful conduct of second phase of My Town My Pride (MTMP 2.0) programme starting from 5th December to 06th December 2022, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad here today at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Vice Chairman LCMA, Dr Bashir Ahmad, who is also holding the charge of Commissioner, SMC was also present on the occasion. While Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, besides, Programme Officer, ICDS, GM DIC, Joint Commissioner, SMC, Secretary SDA, Secretary SMC, CMO Srinagar, SDM East/West, ACR, Superintending Engineers of PHE & R&B and all Zonal & Sectoral Officers

also attended the meeting. At the outset, a detailed discussion was held in order to ensure successful conduct of the My Town My Pride (MTMP 2.0).

During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on activities to be conducted during the Shehri Jan Abhiyan like formulation of City Resource Mobilization Plan, City Livelihood Plan, City Beautification Plan, City Smart Vending Plan, City Tourism and Culture Plan, Green City Plan, City Anti Encroachment & Enforcement Plan etc.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the objectives of the programme and said that the programme is aims at to give the people a sense of dootstep governance, identify the target population for all service, individual beneficiary schemes in order to ensure that the targeted population is widely covered.

He said MTMP 2.0 is a relation between Public and Administration to give boost to developmental activities

and ensure the benefit of all social security schemes is reached to all genuine beneficiaries of the District through "Shehri Jan Abhiyan".

The DC said on the outlines of recently concluded Back to Village-4 programme, the MTMP 2.0 'programme will also envisage time bound delivery of documents like domicile, income certificates, revenue services, besides ensuring benefits under various schemes including pensions, scholarships, PMAY-U, Golden Health cards, Ladli Beti etc through camps to be organised in all 35 Municipal wards of the District.

The DC also emphasised on conducting mass awareness regarding all Government sponsored public welfare and development schemes for overall socio-economic development of people in City and asked the concerned officers to use the MTMP 2.0 programme as a platform to generate awareness about various schemes/initiatives of their respective departments.

My Town My Pride: Shehri Jan Abhiyan activities gaining momentum at Kathua

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, NOVEMBER 29: Under the ambitious programme My town My pride, Shehri Jan Abhiyan activities were held across all Municipalities today in Kathua today.

On the second day of the 'Shehri Jan Abhiyan' under which awareness cum training programmes, plantation drives, special sanitation drives and other activities were carried out by various departments across all municipalities of the district.

At MC Hiranagar, campaigns against anti-littering, inspection of ongoing works and modalities for or-

mutating MTMP 2.0 plan were held under the supervision of President MC and other ward members.

At MC Basohli, a mega camp was organized at Ram Leela ground, Basohli wherein stalls of health, social welfare, BBDA, tourism, JPDCI, J&K Bank, Ayush etc were installed where awareness was imparted among general public about the schemes and programmes of the departments.

At MC Kathua, an awareness programme on departmental schemes was held at Town Hall followed by plantation drive to promote green cover in municipal jurisdiction.

At MC Billawar, President Billawar MC Uma Khan Basotra presided over an awareness camp where Health, Social Welfare, Revenue and other departments installed their stalls to educate people about welfare schemes and programmes offered by the departments.

President MC Billawar also handed over keys to beneficiaries of PMAY (U) during a brief ceremony organised in Billawar. At MC Parole, the day witnessed activities ranging from anti littering awareness drive besides departmental awareness drive in different wards of the parole town.

IIM Jammu hosts session on interactive session on "How to be Productive"

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Anandam, The Happiness Center of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu organized an interactive workshop on "How to be Productive" today at Canal Road Campus.

The session was conducted by Ritvik Mahajan, Holistic well-being coach, Healthcare Business Consultant and Akshita. The session was well attended by the faculty, officers, staff, and students of IIM Jammu. The session commenced with the introduction by Dr. Mahima Raina, Chairperson, Anandam, IIM Jammu.

It was followed by a welcome address by Prof Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu who welcomed Ritvik Mahajan and Akshita to IIM Jammu. In his address, he asked the students to engage themselves pro-

ductively, sleep on time, spoke on the different ways to be productive, do some good work, work out regularly in the gym for staying fit and healthy, various techniques for productivity enhancement, having food on time without being in hurry will pave the way for increased productivity, output and success in their individual lives.

This was followed by some real-time sessions such as storytelling and some interactive mind games for engaging the students. He urged the students to think beyond, imagine the immense possibilities, be result oriented and pen down their thoughts by finding time for introspection and themselves. He asked the students to make pen and paper their best friend for life.

During his address, he also did a real-time activity where he asked the students to pen down their personal,

academic, professional, and self-introspection goals. In all the activities, he undertook as part of the session, make the students understand the need to be more relaxed, to be joyful, practice the art of writing, being effortless in whatever you do leading to better productivity. His address also stressed the basic importance of being active listeners.

Akshita began her session with a series of interactive activities and did a meditation activity with the faculty, officers, staff members, and students at the Institute. The activity was enjoyed and liked by everyone present for the session. The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Eshika Agarwal, Co-Chairperson, Anandam, IIM Jammu. Present on the occasion were Rajat Jain, Financial Advisor and Chief Accounts Officer, IIM Jammu.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI has informed that the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Aqaf Market, Div Com Office, RBL, Bahu Plaza and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 30 from 11 am to 12.30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dumi, Thathi, Pargwal, Channi Tanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal, MES Malpur, Sobka, Suo No. 1, MES (Malpur) and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 30 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Floura, M/C Domana, Machhalian and

adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 30 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Rajinder Nagar Keran, LaxmiPuran, Swarn Vihar, Bharat Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bantalab, Radio Station, BSNL, CRPE, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 30 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Meanwhile, the Executive Engineer, Elect. Division -II JPDCI, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Railway Complex and adjoining area shall remain affected on December 03, 04, 06, 10 and 11 from 10 am to 2.30 pm. However, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCI O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Raj Bagh, Jasrota, Rakh Hoshair, Karandi Kala, Hanpur, Amala, Ganayari, Dhalioti, Chandwan, Saswa, Blade, Thathi, Chan Datyal, Chan Ranga and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 30 and December 01 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Shehri Jan Abhiyaan activities under 'MTMP 2.0' continue on Day 2nd at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, NOVEMBER 29: The preparatory phase of Jan Abhiyan with focus on youth, skills, self-employment, good governance along with Nasha Mukat and Rozgar Yukt J&K continues across the District Bandipora. Under Jan Abhiyan many programs were held at different parts of Bandipora, Sumbal and Hajin.

MC Hajin under supervision of Chairman MC Hajin, Irshad Ahmad Wani along with the Revenue

Department also conducted various activities under Jan Abhiyan.

Chairman MC Hajin, Irshad Ahmad Wani and Tehsildar Hajin Mushtaq Ahmad handed over land passbooks to the land owners.

Chairman MC Hajin while speaking on the occasion said that the initiative of 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' is aimed at facilitating easy online access to the system to view or monitor the status of revenue records.

The day witnessed door to door reg-

istration of Golden Cards under My Town My pride programme to saturate the targets of Ayushman Baharat.

Cleanliness drives as part of Jan Abhiyan activities were also held in view of MTMP across the towns of the district.

Various other activities including plantation drives, erecting of stalls and awareness programmes regarding various public oriented Government schemes were also held across the town areas of the district.

Advisor Bhatnagar reviews progress on finalisation of modalities for imparting training to newly identified youth under B2V4

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajew Rai Bhatnagar today chaired a meeting to review the progress on finalisation of modalities for imparting training to newly identified youth under Back to Village-4 (B2V4) programme at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo; Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon; Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Kumar; Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Dr. J.P. Sharma; Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandep Kaur; Commissioner Secretary, IT, Prerna Puri; Secretary, Tribal Affairs and CEO Mission Youth, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chowdhury; Secretary Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez; Secretary Hospitality and Protocol, Talat Parvez Rohella; Secretary,

Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar; Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, MD RLM; Director SDD and other concerned officers of different allied departments. During the meeting detailed deliberations were held on the formulation of plan for Skill Development of youth with relevant interventions on specific trades and courses having maximum chances of generating employment avenues for the youth across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Advisor during the meeting underlined that the convergence and coherence between different departments is very vital for gainful skilling of youth and therefore we must work in coordination to achieve the desired objectives of this training programme. He impressed upon the officers that the training module for youth should be developed keeping in view the investment proposals being received by the UT Government in different sectors after the implementation of

New Industrial Policy.

Advisor Bhatnagar further directed the officers to carry out assessment in their respective departments with focus on skilling of youth for self employment as well as skilling for placement. Highlighting that the counselling forms the core area for successful implementation of any programme, Advisor Bhatnagar asked the officers to establish a counselling mechanism at block or district level for counselling of aspiring youth so that they can take up the courses of their interest in this training programme. He further directed the Commissioner Secretary RDD to establish a call centre for the counselling of youth.

Pertinently, under this training programme, 20 youths, identified from each Panchayat of Jammu and Kashmir will be trained to make them skilful in different trades and courses having maximum chances of employability.

Training on registration of births & deaths on CRS portal imparted to New Registration Functionaries of District Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 29: A Day-long training program on registration of births and deaths on the civil registration system was today organised here for the Registration Functionaries of stakeholder departments in Kishtwar District.

The event was presided over by the District Development Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav.

Among others who remained present on the occasion were Joint Director Planning Mohd Iqbal, SDM Marwah Dr. Mohsin Raza, DPO Sunil Bhatnagar, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer Akhil Thakur, CMO Kishtwar, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar, all Block Development Officers & BMOs, Master Trainers besides field functionaries of Health centres.

At the outset, Assistant Director, Directorate of Census Operations J&K Manmeet Singh informed that Civil Registration System (CRS) is a single platform for documenting vital incidents of birth, death, still-birth as well as their parameters in a continual, per-

manent, mandatory, and universal manner.

Detailed deliberations on the future roadmap for shifting to online registration through Web Portal of ORGI (Office of the Registrar General of India) for Registration of Births and Deaths and action required to be taken by the line departments for implementation of the Civil Registration System was held during the training program.

During the course of programme, the duties and responsibilities of each of the Registration functionaries was highlighted.

Emphasis was laid on organising public awareness campaign and steps for shifting to online registration through CRS portal. Addressing the event, the DDC elucidated the need for implementation of Civil Registration System- Registration of Birth & Death Rules- 2022 in the district and said that the data provided by a thorough and up-to-date CRS is critical for socioeconomic modeling.

He also highlighted the use and purpose of Birth and Death Certificates along with the importance

of recording the occurrence and the characteristics of the vital events which is subsequently used to study the demographic profile and other features.

The DDC underlined the role of local registrars and areas falling within in their jurisdiction for issuance of Birth and Death Certificates followed by imparting training to the Master trainers/ participants for switching over to the online Registration of Birth and Death through CRS Portal.

During the question answer session, all the queries of the registration functionaries were satisfactorily answered by Master trainers.

Pertinent to mention that the major change introduced in the registration process is that Block Development Officers (BDOs) have been designated as registrars in Rural Areas instead of SHO's of Police, whereas CMO of the district and Executive Officers of ULB continue to be the Registration Authorities.

DESO have been authorised to give permission for delayed registrations after 30 days but within 1 year.

DC Poonch finalizes arrangements for celebration of "International Day of Persons with Disabilities"

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH NOVEMBER 29: Arrangements for World disability day celebrations finalized in Poonch, here in a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet today which laid thrust upon smooth and successful celebrations of the World Disability Day-2022.

Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Dr. Mohd. Tanveer, General Manager DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi, CMO, Shamim Un Nissa Bhatti, Chief Education Officer, Bishamber Das, DSWO, Mohinder Paul, ARTO Poonch, Basharat Mehmood, DYSSO, Mohd. Qasim, XEN PWD (R&B), Harvinder Singh,

TSWO, Mohd Azam Rafter, Chairman Pir Panjal Awami Dev. Forum, Mohd. Fareed Malik, AD Planning and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Arrangement for the various kinds of aids being provided to special abled persons, organization culture activities, medical camp, Ayush Camp, Banners, distribution of Disabled card, blankets, stalls of different departments and various other arrangement related issues were discussed in detail during the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Chief Medical Officer to hold special medical camp on the day for issuance of UDID card. It was decided in the meeting that the District Information Officer and Chief Education Officer will

organise cultural activities on the occasion. The meeting informed that the main function would be held on Government Degree College Poonch on 3rd December. Principal of the Degree College Poonch shall ensure to arrange all necessary arrangements and decoration of hall in advance.

Addressing the meeting the Deputy Commissioner said that the observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. He directed the concerned officers to put in place added efforts and make sure that all the arrangements for the smooth and successful celebrations of the day are put in place well in time.

Mega Youth Convention held in Samba

500 youths took part in the Industry-Youth meet up

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, NOVEMBER 29: A Youth Convention by KAUSHAL SANGAM (District Skill Development and Employment Cell) an initiative of District Administration, Samba was organized in Conference Hall of the DC office, Samba, wherein professionals from the Industry, Trade and budding entrepreneurs interacted with about 500 youth of Samba district.

The Youth Convention was organized to provide direct interface between job seekers and job providers, with government in the role of facilitator. Youth also got opportunity to hear the story of successful entrepreneurs. It provided platform to know about the aspirations of the youth and to make them aware about various Self Employment and Skill

Development Schemes of the Government.

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta was the chief guest on the occasion. She appreciated the efforts of Kaushal Sangam team in organizing Youth Convention and bringing various stakeholders

in Education, Employment and Skill development on a single platform.

She appealed to the youth to become aware of the changing scenario in the Employment and Skill

and keep themselves updated with latest developments and work towards excellence in their chosen field. A large number of professionals from industry/Mega projects attended the Youth Convention prominent being Charanjeet Singh Wallia, Vice President, Alhulla Contracts (India) Ltd,

Surinder Singh Oberoi, Project Manager Dry Port, Besides, officers of NHAI and HR managers of construction companies engaged by NHAI also shared their profiles with participating youth.

The professionals from Industry appreciated about the job requirements/ Skill required in the near future in view of the setting up of new industries and Mega projects like Dry Port, AIIMS, NHAI etc being undertaken in the District.

An open forum interactive session was also held wherein the queries of the youth were addressed by the professionals from Industries.

On the occasion, a job fair was also held by District Employment and Counselling Centre Samba wherein 12 Companies of National repute like Reliance JIO,

RBSIGLOBAL, SBI Life, Geneka Pharmaceutical, Kokuyo-Camlin Ltd, UFLUX Ltd, Jamkash Trucking Pvt. Ltd., Fair Dvd Motors and Workshop Pvt. Ltd. participated and shortlisted 137 candidates for various positions.

21 Sanction letters were also handed over by Deputy Commissioner under different Govt. Sponsored Self Employment Schemes amounting to subsidy of Rs. 23 lakh and loan amount of Rs. 1.30 crore.

289 candidates were also registered for various Skill Development Schemes. Among others Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Dubey, PO ICDS Joginder Singh, CPO Sukhleen Kour, AD Employment, PRI members, locals and about 500 youth participated in the Youth Convention.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

AC approves land..

Department for establishment of Polytechnic College. The Polytechnic College in District Kathua shall provide opportunity to youth of the area to get technical education in different streams and would thus serve an important public purpose.

The Administrative Council also transferred State land measuring 17 Kanal 15 Marla situated at Bhajmasta, Tehsil & District Ramban in favour of Northern Railways for construction of re-aligned portion of approach road from Digdole to Bhajmasta.

It would simultaneously enhance the connectivity to Tunnel T-49 from NH-44 and will cater to the needs of local villagers of Bhajmasta, Urnihal and nearby villages.

NEP will play..

2022-23 session will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge & practical skills, provide resources and choice for research and flexibility in completing degree programme, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor highlighted the transformation taking place in the education sector under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said: The future higher education & learning will be more dynamic, adaptable and personalized like a liquid learning model platform to seamlessly blend the ideas from different disciplines to prepare students for varied & comprehensive knowledge in rapidly shifting world.

The Lt Governor also emphasized that Teachers-Students need to capitalize on the advances in Science & Humanities for reorganizing classrooms and working world experience with focus largely on research and values that provide with skills and knowledge relevant for today and tomorrow.

National Education Policy promotes collaborations between disciplines to foster innovation and creativity. In future sustainable technological advances will be driven by people having an interdisciplinary approach, he added.

The Lt Governor stressed on developing future-oriented skills among the youth, promoting research and strengthening the academia-industry relationship.

Degree Colleges shall be encouraged to start the skill development courses identified from the skill sector council under the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). These courses shall be taught in partnership with industry where component of 12 credits taught by the College as professional knowledge and the component of 18 credits taken as professional training from industry. In the initial stage, 50 colleges have been identified to start the skill development courses, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor asked the teachers and faculty members to promote the start-up ecosystem in Higher Education. He further called upon students to nurture critical thinking.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the need for effective utilization of all the resources for preparing the youth to be future leaders.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary entrusted upon the Educational institutions to empower the students through education and providing them with skills training and advanced learning to adapt to the dynamic needs of the job market. He also called upon the universities to regularly engage in course content revision. J&K will be among the front runners in implementing NEP 2020, right from kindergarten to providing PhDs, he added.

Sh Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department highlighted the steps taken by the Higher Education department towards implementation of NEP-2020. He also spoke on the key features of initiatives launched today.

The occasion also witnessed signing of MoUs between J&K's Higher Education Department with SKUAST-Jammu, SKUAST Kashmir, Jammu University, Kashmir University for sharing of agri based skills, and research based knowledge, life skills courses and mentoring of colleges respectively, to better equip the students.

The Lt Governor launched a book on "Implementing National Education Policy". Principals of different Colleges were felicitated by the Lt Governor for getting NAAC accreditation.

On the occasion, impressive cultural performances were showcased by local artists highlighting the rich culture and heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Prof. Ravinder Kumar Sinha, VC, SMVDU; Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC, University of Kashmir; Dr J.P. Sharma, VC, SKUAST-J; Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, VC, SKUAST-K; Prof. Bechan Lal, VC, Cluster University Jammu; Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges; Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal PSFS Govt. PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar; HoDs, principals of various colleges and students in large numbers were present during the launching ceremony.

Kashmir Handicrafts..

production of world famous Handicraft Products. The awards were given in different categories that included Sozni, Paper Machie and Carpet.

Bashir Ahmad Bhat of Sonpah Beerwah and Iqbal Hussain Khan of Gazi Doori were awarded Shilp Gura awards for the year 2018& 2019 in the Jamawar Shawl craft and Paper Machie respectively.

Similarly, the National awards were conferred upon Muzaffar Hussain Khushoo of Kathi Maidan Srinagar (Paper Machie, 2019), Zahoor Ahmad Bhat of Shalla Bagh Zaidial (Sozni Embroidery, 2019), Safdar Ali Mir of Sonpah Beerwah (Sozni Embroidery, 2018), Smt Parveza Bano of Kathi Maidan Alangari Bazar (Sozni Embroidery, 2018), Akhtar Hussain Rafter of Hawal Kral Pora (Paper Machie, 2017) and Ghulam Ali Sheikh of Shahoo Sachan Kulgam (Hand Knotted Carpet, Double Sided, 2017).

Smt. Rachna Shah, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Shri Shantmanu, Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, awardees from across India and other dignitaries were also present.

Meanwhile, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir, Mahmood Ahmad Shah has extended his greetings to the awardees.

"The Department is aware of the creative talent that is available in Village Sonpah of District Budgam as a result a DPR for developing the Village as the craft Village has been prepared and submitted to GOI" he said.

Religious Politics Has..

challenged them to debate with him on developmental issues. "Religious politics has deeply harmed our country and people have suffered with no progressive roadmap available ahead." Azad said addressing a public meeting at Kastigarh in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Asking the people to reject divisive politics, he said they should vote for candidates and parties on the basis of development.

"They (voters) must check the track record of every candidate and his party before casting the ballot. That is the only way to defeat the divisive designs," he said, adding that in the contemporary world, religious politics has no space. Without identifying any political party, the Democratic Azad Party (DAP) leader said attempts are also being made in Jammu and Kashmir to divide the people on religious lines.

"It is unfortunate some political parties are trying to divide the people on religious grounds to secure their political interests. Instead they shall focus on developmental issues, and create job avenues for our youth. But they know they cannot deliver so they adopt the communal strategy to gain power," he said.

Azad reminded the people of his tenure as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir for two-and-a-half years and termed it "golden developmental era" of the erstwhile state.

"The Chenab Valley was overlooked by successive regimes and no real development had taken place. When I became the chief minister, I built roads, schools, and hospitals for the Chenab Valley. Even a university was established when even schools were unavailable for basic education in this landlocked region," he said.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir and Chenab Valley in particular must reject the divisive agenda and join the DAP to ensure peace, harmony and development of the Union territory," he added.

The Chenab Valley is a river valley formed by the Chenab River. The term is also used collectively for Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts of the Jammu Division. (Agencies)

Cross-border..

Afghanistan." The national security advisor said that the aim of today's discussion is to bring together Indian and Indonesian Ulama and scholars who can take forward the cooperation in promoting tolerance, harmony and peaceful co-existence.

"This will bolster the fight against violent extremism, terrorism and radicalisation," Doval said.

"None of the ends for which extremism, radicalisation and the misuse of religion are employed are justifiable on any ground. This is a distortion of religion against which all of us need to raise our voices. Extremism and terrorism is against the very meaning of Islam because Islam means peace and well-being (Salamati/Asalama). Opposition to such forces should not be painted as a confrontation with any religion. That is a ruse," he said.

"Instead, we should focus on the real message of our religions, which stands for the values of humanism, peace and understanding. Indeed, as the Holy Quran itself teaches, killing one person is like killing all humanity and saving one is akin to saving humanity. Islam ordains that the most excellent form of Jihad is 'Jihad Afzal' - that is, Jihad against one's senses or ego- and not against innocent civilians," Doval further said.

Top Indonesian minister Mohamed Mahfud MD is in Delhi on the invitation of National Security Advisor Doval.

Mahfud, the Coordinating Minister for the Political, Legal, and Security Affairs of Indonesia is accompanied by a high-level delegation of Ulama.

Visiting Ulama from Indonesia will also be interacting with their Indian counterparts. The discussion will be on the 'Role of Ulama in fostering a culture of interfaith peace and social harmony in India and Indonesia'.

"Ulema play a very important role in Islamic society and the objective of such discussion is to bring together Indian and Indonesian Ulama and scholars who can take forward the cooperation to promote tolerance, harmony and peaceful co-existence and counter violent extremism and radicalization," a source said.

There will be three sessions, first on Islam: Continuity and Change, second on Harmonizing inter-faith society: Practice and Experience and last session will be on Countering Radicalization and Extremism in India and Indonesia.

During the visit, Ulama from Indonesia will also be interacting with leaders from other faiths. Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population.

NSA Doval had visited Indonesia for the second Indo-Indonesia security dialogue in March this year. NSA then invited Minister Mehtud to India. (Agencies)

Police seizes drone..

used for photography of a private event and any further detail emerging shall be shared accordingly," said the SSP. (Agencies)

Lt Governor chairs..

presentation on the power scenario of Jammu Kashmir. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr RP Singh, Chairman JKPCCL; Sh. Jagmohan Sharma, Chairman JPDCCL; Sh. Shiv Anant Tayal, Managing Director, JPDCCL; Ch. Mohd. Yasin, Managing Director, KPDCCL, besides senior officers of Power Development Department and Power Distribution Corporations were present.

Indian Army kite..

Army used a kite and a dog to identify the location of enemy drones and destroy them. In this, the dog alerts the Indian Army after hearing the sound of the drone. Whereas the kite works to identify the location of the enemy's drone and circumsise it in the air.

Indian Army troops are using trained Kites to prey on enemy drones in a first-of-its-kind usage of these birds. Indian Army is using trained Kites along with dogs for military operations. Army officials said.

Such a capability can help the security forces to tackle the menace of drones coming from across the border to Indian areas in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

Several cases have been reported where drones coming from Pakistan side have dropped consignments of drugs, guns and money in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

Recently on November 24, Jammu and Kashmir Police recovered a consignment of weapons and Indian currency that were dropped by a Pakistani drone in the Samba district of Jammu.

The Indian Army troops carried out slithering operations from the Mi-17 helicopter during the exercise Yuddh Abhyas.

During the joint exercise, the Indian Army also displayed the unarmed combat skills of soldiers.

The 18th edition of the Indo-US joint training exercise "Yuddh Abhyas 22" commenced in Uttarakhand's Auli on Saturday.

Exercise Yuddh Abhyas is conducted annually between India and US with the aim of exchanging best practices, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures between the Armies of the two nations.

The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (US) in October 2021.

US Army soldiers of the 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army soldiers from the ASSAM Regiment are participating in the exercise. The training schedule focuses on the employment of an integrated battle group under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.

The scope of the Field Training Exercise includes the validation of integrated battle groups, force multipliers, establishment and functioning of surveillance grids, validation of operational logistics, mountain warfare skills, casualty evacuation and combat medical aid in adverse terrain and climatic conditions.

According to the Army, the joint exercise focuses on deploying an infantry battalion group in peacekeeping and disaster relief operations under the mandate of the UN.

The Yuddh Abhyas is a 15-day-long exercise that will focus on high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare. (Agencies)

CS reviews progress..

connecting it with both Jammu-Srinagar Highway and Srinthar-Kishtwar Road for its maximum utility.

He told them that the condition of Srinthar-Kishtwar and Sonamarg Road should be maintained constantly. He called for keeping ready the men and machinery for snow clearance of these roads for their least blocking during winters.

He also made out that the Delhi-Katra Expressway corridor to have an interchange with the Srinagar-Jammu Highway so that people traveling on this Expressway could come out to this highway for proceeding towards Srinagar. He called for expediting the work on Jaisalwar Bridge for lessening the travel time on the highway.

Dr Mehta asked the authorities to improve the overall road surface of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway so that travel time is reduced to maximum of 8 hours. He told them to give daily reports about the trucks laid off on the Highway and the time for which these are made to halt there. He told them to declare the stretches of Jawahar Tunnel and Patnitop as part of National Highway so that these are maintained effectively.

Dr Mehta took notice of the repeated delays made by the Executing Agencies in completing the T3 and T5 Tunnels on the National Highway. He urged them to complete the both without any further delay as these would be pivotal in making the travel easy on this road. He asked them to look into the possibility of connecting the tourist destinations of Budgam-Yousmarg-Doodhpathri-Tosamaidan-Gulmarg so that all these locations are visited as a package together.

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The Chief Secretary Mehta directed to facilitate smooth traffic flow on the Ramban-Banihal stretch of the National Highway, the traffic police and district administration were directed to properly demarcate single-lane driving zones and ensure lane-driving and traffic discipline among the commuters.

The Chief Secretary further directed the District Administration, Ramban to reduce the response time for clearing up traffic snarls on the highway caused by vehicles breakdown or accidents by deploying adequate number of cranes on Ramban-Banihal stretch, particularly on the under-construction stretches.

The Chief Secretary also instructed the Divisional and District administration Jammu to give facelift to the entry point at Lakhanpur so that the sight is appealing. He asked them to take immediate steps for starting work on the project so that it is completed forthwith.

Beekeeping ventures..

promoting Beekeeping and providing self-sustaining employment opportunities among farmers and unemployed youth in rural India. Under the programme, beneficiaries are provided with bee boxes, live bee colonies, tool kits and training.

Waseem Rafiq Bhat is a resident of Aglar village of Shopian district received active support from the Department of Agriculture in his venture. He currently owns about 1,000 bee colonies. Apart from ensuring a sustainable livelihood for himself, he engaged more than 10 youth of his village in beekeeping, who now possess their own colonies.

Similarly, another beekeeper, Farooq Ahmad Shiekh, who hails from Kupwara, said that he gets honey three to four times a year from his 100 apiaries established in his backyard in Handwara. "I get two harvests in Kashmir and another in Jammu and earn sufficient for my family. Though at times due to climate changes bee mortalities lead to losses but most of the times I generate good profit," Farooq said. He adds that Kashmir nectar comes from the organic flora in the vast forests and the demand for the pure honey is amplifying tremendously on daily basis.

I&B Minister..

responsibility in the case of earthquakes, fire and more importantly terrorist attacks. Media must ensure that any live reporting in case of terrorist attack should not provide clues to the attackers and their ill motives," Thakur said while addressing the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) General Assembly here.

While the speed with which information is transmitted is important, accuracy is even more important and should be primary in the minds of communicators, Thakur said.

The Union minister said maintaining public trust should be the highest guiding principle for responsible media organisations.

Thakur also credited the media for coming to the aid of those stuck at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying it connected people with the outside world.

He said the Indian media ensured that COVID-19 awareness messages, important government guidelines and free online consultations with doctors reached everyone in every nook and corner of the country.

Prasar Bharati - India's public service broadcaster - lost over a hundred members to COVID-19, yet it did not deter the organisation from carrying on with its public service mandate, the minister said.

He said ABU, as an association of broadcasting organisations, must continue to train and equip media practitioners with the best professional skills on the role of media in times of crisis.

Prasar Bharati is hosting the 59th ABU General Assembly. The theme for this year is "Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis". (Agencies)

AC accords Admin..

Administrative Council gave its approval for Construction of 250 mtr span Fly over Bridge with approaches, connecting Circular Road near Jullaka Mohalla with Heritage Complex, Jammu at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.50 Crore.

In recent years, Jammu Old City has experienced a fast growth of population and increasing rate of urbanization process. Due to it the traffic has increased manifold on that specific area and vehicular congestion is increasing day by day on major old city roads. As such an approach to the Eastern side of Palace has been explored by Jammu Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (JMRDA) by way of constructing Fly over taking off from Jullaka Mohalla on Circular Road and landing on the Ground of Palace on Eastern River Tawi side.

Another Proposal of JKHPMC seeking approval for Design and Construction of 5000 MT Controlled Atmosphere Cold Store at Behrampora, Baramulla was also approved by the AC.

The Cold Store would have 20 chambers of 250 MT capacity each. The project will deploy state of the art fully automatic technology of 5 TPH capacity for color sorting and grading line for apples.

The Facility will provide modern storage facilities to fruit growers and traders of the region near the production area and thereby increase the shelf-life of the produce considerably.

AC approves HR..

Administrative Council approved the proposal of comprehensive Human Resource Policy to govern the engagement, leave(s), promotion and other important aspects of this very vital work force of the department.

AWWs and AWHs shall be re-designated as Sanginis (AWWs) and Sahayikas (AWHs). The unit for selection has also been re-defined in terms of electoral ward to remove any ambiguity in the selection process. The new policy also clearly lays down age criteria for selection, with domicile of UT being pre-requisite eligibility for competing in the selection process. Minimum qualification for Aanganwadi Worker shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation and in case no 10+2 candidate is available in the Ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, ICDS. Weightage shall be given to marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis. Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

For selection as Anganwadi Helper, minimum qualification shall be Matriculation. The new HR policy also stipulates the quantum of leave, eligibility for training/capacity building and process for termination of services.

The services of both AWW/AWH shall end on attaining the age of 60 years and vacancy so arisen, shall be filled as per prescribed procedure. Moreover, if the AWW/AWH, after engagement, permanently shifts/changes her place of residence outside the Ward on the basis of residence of which, she was selected, then she shall be deemed to have been disengaged from the post of AWW/AWH and the vacancy so accrued shall be filled as per the stated procedure.

My Town My Pride: Mayor Jammu kick starts Shretri Jan Abhiyan

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma today kick-started sanitation cum awareness drive across Jammu city iconic places as a part of My Town My Pride.

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor said that JMC is providing sanitation in the entire city and putting every possible effort to provide upto mark sanitation.

He said that JMC is providing sanitation in the entire city and putting every possible effort to provide upto mark sanitation in its area of jurisdiction and the aim of launching this mega sanitation drive from iconic places is to spread message of public involvement in sanitation. Responsible and responsive public are the key allies in the city san-

itation, added Mayor.

The Mayor started sanitation drive at Bawe Wala Mata whereas Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria started the drive at Mubarak Mandi Complex. At Har Ki Pauri the sanitation drive was started by Chairman's of various Standing Committees.

Mayor said a multi-pronged approach by all is what ensured all-round cleanliness in the city.

He further added that he will generate awareness among people about different aspects of cleanliness and convince them about the importance of source segregation.

ACR Kishtwar inspects Fair Price Shops in Kishtwar town to assess quality of service

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, NOVEMBER 29: As a part of Jan Abhiyan under My Town My Pride 2.0, the Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Kishtwar today inspected Fair Price Shops in Kishtwar town.

During the visit, the ACR checked the available and required infrastructure, Ration stock, quality control measures adopted by the FPS, type of service delivery at FPS and transparency as well as grievance redressal mechanism implemented on the ground level.

NOTICE

I Manan Mahajan S/o Sham Lal Gupta R/o 162, Kanak Mandi, Jammu have sold my vehicle Maestro Scooty bearing registration no. JK02BM-7542, Engine No. JF32AAFGK05693 Chasis No. MBLJF32AEFGK02127 to Raja Ram S/o Paras Ram H.No.22, Gujjar Nagar, Jammu. Now I have applied for transfer of the above said vehicle. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within 15 days from the publication of this notice.

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MAHORE
IRRIGATION DIVISION DHARMARI**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 43 of 2022-23 Dated: 26-11-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari, invites tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of Executive Engineer Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari of Jammu Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on overall percent age rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMSTubes and Ductile Iron Pipes of different Nominal Bore along with pipe fittings and control valves including allied works Cons. of Grounds SRs & Filtration Plants Execution of ancillary civil works like spring covers, boundary walls, protection work set at various Water Supply schemes of Division Dharmari of Jammu Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	As per ANNEXURE RE-1 to this bid document.	1000/-	02% of the estimated cost.	90 days	As per ANNEXURE RE-1 to this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tendering authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Dharmari. The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

Critical Dates:

i	Publish Date	27/11/2022
ii	Document Download Start Date	28/11/2022
iii	Bid Submission Start Date	28/11/2022
iv	Bid Submission End Date	07/12/2022
v	Date of Bid Opening	08/12/2022

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu.
 - The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer Mahore Irrigation Division Dharmari
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

No: MIDD/ENIT/22-23/940-54
Dated 26-11-2022

DIP/J-12294/22

SD/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MAHORE IRRIGATION DIVISION
DHARMARI



**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL
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ABSTRACT OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
e-NIT No. MID/J/e-NIT/2022-23/102 Dated: 28-11-2022

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 Providing, Installation, Testing and commissioning of 05 Cusec 10m Head HC Pumpset of unit no.1 along with allied accessories at LIS Rathua. 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
1	Providing, Installation, Testing and commissioning of 05 Cusec 10m Head HC Pumpset of unit no.1 along with allied accessories at LIS Rathua.	Complete job as per Scope of Work	2% of the quoted value	Rs 500.00	30 Days	180 Days from date of opening of price bid	Mechanical Irrigation Division, Jammu.

- The tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from 28-11-2022 (06:00PM).
- Pre bid meeting: 29-11-2022 (01:00 PM)
- Submission of online bids: 30-11-2022 (10:00 AM) to 06-12-2022 (02:00 P.M).
- Opening of Cover I online bids: 07-12-2022 (2:00 PM)

DIP/J-12325/22

SD/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION
JAMMU

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE JAMMU

Office No. (0191-2584247) Fax No. (0191-2584234)
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Sub: Provisional Selection of Registrars / Demonstrators GMC, Jammu.

Notice

In reference to the Minutes of Meeting held on 23-11-2022 at 3.P.M. in the Committee Room of Govt. Medical College Jammu issued vide no. GMC/22/minutes of Meeting /745 dated 23-11-2022 with regard to the subject as cited above. In this context, all the Registrars / Demonstrators provisionally selected in this institution are hereby directed to submit an affidavit duly attested by the 1st class Magistrate depicting the contents as per Annexure "A" as enclosed.

No:- GMC/Es-1/109/1004

Dated: 24-11-2022

DIP/J-12315/22

SD/-
(Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma)
Principal/ Dean
Govt. Medical College,
Jammu.

AFFIDAVIT

ANNEXURE 'A'

I, _____ S/o _____ D/o _____ R/o _____ do hereby solemnly and declare on oath as under:-

- That I am Non-PSC Candidate. The information if found wrong, I will be punished under rules which includes cancellation of my appointment, confiscation of my registration and action under relevant sections of the law.
- That I will not participate in any kind of strike during the period of my tenure engagement as Registrar/Demonstrator. If I am found to be involved in any strike, illegal activity etc., my tenure shall be terminated without any notice as this service is covered under ESMA Act.
- That I will remain disciplined and abide by all the rules and regulations of my appointment during the tenure period. In case of any kind of misconduct, indiscipline, I will be liable for termination without any prior notice.
- That I shall not involve in any criminal activity or there is no FIR pending or registered in any criminal department or police station against me.
- That I shall not claim for an experience certificate in case I leave Registrarship/Demonstratorship before completion of six months.
- That I will not indulge in any private practice during my tenure. In case I am found doing private practice, my appointment will be terminated without any notice and further action under relevant sections of law will be taken against me.
- That I agree that my appointment is liable to be cancelled in case of my unsatisfactory performance in my duties and I will not claim any experience.
- That my CID verification is pending. In case any adverse report about my character and antecedents is received from the concerned department, my appointment shall stand cancelled ab-initio and I will have no claim towards salary & experience as Registrar/Demonstrator.
- That I shall not be paid salary till my satisfactory CID verification is received from the concerned Departments.

Deponent
Verification: Verified that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct, nothing has been concealed therein.

Deponent

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

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

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BAN PRIVATE PRACTICE OF DOCTORS

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

Lessons to learn from sudden cardiac deaths

Many victims of sudden cardiac arrest survive if immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators are available on the spot. The national health policy should include a CPR training programme for all able-bodied citizens, particularly school and college students.

LT GEN BN SHAHI (RETD)

The sudden death of young or middle-aged celebrities such as actor Sidharth Shukla, singer KK, producer Raj Kaushal and comedian Raju Srivastava has attracted the attention of the public in our country. Undoubtedly, it has caused a devastating effect, both psychological and economic, on the affected families, and society at large. It is tragic to lose a person at the height of his or her career. The deaths have also triggered a debate around burnout, stress, depression and other mental health issues.

More than 90 per cent of sudden natural deaths result from heart-related diseases. Although many heart disorders increase the risk of sudden cardiac death (SCD), the presence of previous heart disease is not necessary. Sudden cardiac death may be the first manifestation of overt heart disease. Preceding symptoms such as palpitations, chest pain, fainting or breathlessness may suggest heart-related causes, but are not specific. Terminal consequences of any acute or chronic insult to the heart leads to dangerous rhythm disturbances, ending in cardiac arrest due to ventricular fibrillation (VF).

The USA reports approximately 4 lakh out-of-hospital sudden cardiac deaths per year. The data for India is not available. Important causes of SCD may be considered under two broad categories: with or without underlying structural diseases of the heart.

Among the structural heart abnormalities, the main cause is the narrowing or blockage of coronary arteries supplying blood to the heart muscle due to deposition of fatty materials in the lumen of the artery. This is called atherosclerosis. Sudden rupture or fissure in the fatty plaques in blood supply to the heart muscle precipitates dangerous irregularity of heart rhythm called ventricular tachycardia, which soon degenerates into VF and cardiac arrest. Severe stress, both physical and mental, combined with non-specific plaque inflammation contributes to plaque rupture and fissure. Also, those having suffered heart attacks (myocardial infarction) with gross damage to the heart muscle (left ventricular dysfunction), associated with irregular heartbeats, are potential candidates for sudden cardiac deaths.

Primary diseases of the heart muscle such as hypertrophic car-



diomyopathy (HCM), dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and arrhythmic right ventricular dysplasia (ARVD) are also important causes of sudden cardiac deaths. These disorders are related to genetic abnormalities, present both in men and women. The HCM is the most common cause of sudden death in young individuals, especially among athletes and those doing vigorous exercises. The ARVD is a substrate in approximately 1 per cent of the sudden deaths in the adult population. Unexplained loss of consciousness heralds sudden death. Diagnosis of HCM and ARVD can be arrived at through simple tests such as ECG and echocardiography.

Heart valve diseases, particularly critical aortic valve stenosis, due to congenital, rheumatic or calcific degeneration of the valve may lead to sudden cardiac death while doing vigorous physical exercise due to cardiac arrhythmia. Surgical replacement of the valve or non-surgical procedures such as transcatheter aortic valve implantation are effective.

Acute inflammation of the heart muscle mostly due to a virus, including coronavirus, may also lead to cardiac arrest and death during physical exercise. Congenital anomalies in blood vessels to the heart muscle such as the origin of the left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery, although not common, may cause cardiac arrest

and sudden death during exercise in adolescents and adults, unless surgically corrected.

Among the causes present in structurally and apparently normal hearts, congenital channelopathies such as long or short QT syndrome and brugada syndrome are important causes of sudden deaths during sleep, physical exercise, swimming and exposure to sudden loud noise. The Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome due to the existence of abnormal conducting pathways in the heart may rarely cause sudden death due to dangerous arrhythmia. Radio-frequency ablation of abnormal pathways cures the problem.

Other rare causes of sudden death in structurally normal hearts are catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia and idiopathic ventricular fibrillation. Very rarely, a blunt injury to the chest over the heart region can also induce sudden cardiac death.

Overt or occult coronary artery disease, smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, high blood cholesterol, strong family history of sudden death and acute mental stress (spousal death is an example) are considered high-risk markers and should be addressed optimally to prevent SCD.

Early detection and evaluation of coronary artery disease are essential.

High-risk individuals such as smokers, diabetics and those with a

family history of sudden cardiac deaths may have routine cardiac checkups, including ECG, echocardiogram, stress test and, if needed, coronary angiography. Lifestyle changes and the use of cardioprotective drugs such as beta-blockers, antiplatelets and lipid-lowering agents must be instituted on a long-term regular basis. The amount of exercise which a heart-disease patient can do safely should be prescribed by a cardiologist or physician.

In appropriate cases, coronary angioplasties and bypass surgery may be performed to reduce the risk of sudden cardiac death. Advanced device therapy like cardiac resynchronisation therapy, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator and radiofrequency ablation are very effective in improving cardiac function and controlling life-threatening rhythm disturbances and sudden cardiac arrest.

Many victims of sudden cardiac arrest survive if immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators are available on the spot. The national health policy should include a simplified CPR training programme for all able-bodied citizens, particularly school and college students.

Automated external defibrillators should be available at public places such as railway stations, airports, shopping malls and fitness centres.

Why rankings should not be taken at face value

ATANU BISWAS

Global indices and rankings are routinely released throughout the year by several international organisations, mostly private, on some of the most important aspects of society: hunger, inequality, education, democracy, environmental pollution, women's empowerment, etc. Some of them invariably hit the headlines and create an uproar. They certainly help in drawing our attention to the sorry state of affairs on some important issues that have persisted for decades. But the problem occurs when we deviate too much from the main issues and concentrate on the values of these indices and rankings.

We are delighted if our country's index is up by 0.1, say, over the previous year (where a higher value indicates a better condition) and we beat Sri Lanka or Namibia, say, on the ranking list. On the contrary, the sky falls when the index value is decreased by 0.2 or when we fall behind Pakistan or Zambia, for example, in the ranking.

But, as a statistician, I wonder if we should pay so much attention to these indices, either by blindly accepting them or by harshly criticising them. I'm not sure, though, how other societies react to these indices. However, the rat race is instilled in our genes from a young age; accepting any type of grading or ranking without ques-

Concepts regarding any attribute vary from one society to another. The idea of democracy in China, Syria and the UK would differ. The yardsticks of excellence for universities such as Oxford and Visva Bharati ought to be different due to their social perspectives and the people they cater to. Also, data from different corners of the globe is not consistent and is not always equally reliable. Often, the unavailable data is 'estimated'.



tioning it may be our instinct. But it's worthwhile to scrutinise the underlying methodologies of these indices and rankings to assess how much importance they really deserve.

First, consider the Global Hunger Index (GHI) that created a huge uproar and debate in the country recently. India has slipped six places since 2021 and is ranked 107 out of 121 countries in 2022. Well, the GHI attempts to measure and track hunger globally and is prepared by two European NGOs.

Zero is the best possible score (reflecting no hunger), and 100 is the worst. India's 2022 GHI score of 29.1 is considered 'serious'. The GHI score is calculated by combining four component indicators, namely 'undernourishment', 'child stunting', 'child wasting', and 'child mortality', with equal weights. Certainly, there may be many other useful indicators of hunger. But the reasons why these four and only these four have been chosen and why they are of equal importance are never

clear.

Consider the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index, which is obtained by calculating the gender gap between women and men in four key areas – health, education, economy and politics – to gauge the state of gender equality in a country. Well, why were only these particular four pillars chosen? And should these pillars deserve equal weight?

The rankings of educational institutions create a lot of noise in society. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings, for example, consider 'teaching', 'research', 'citations', 'international mix' and 'industry income' with weights of 30 per cent, 30 per cent, 25 per cent, 5 per cent, and 25 per cent. Overall, 44.5 per cent of the weight is given to the 'reputational survey', 15 per cent to teaching, and 19.5 per cent to research. The QS World University Rankings, on the other hand, have weights of 40 per cent, 20 per cent, 20 per cent, 10 per cent, 5 per cent, and 5 per cent for 'academic peer review' obtained from an internal global academic survey, 'faculty/student

ratio', 'citations per faculty' as a measurement of research impact, 'employer reputation' based on a survey of graduate employers, 'international student ratio' and 'international staff ratio'. Survey-based opinions receive 50 per cent of the total weight.

Certainly, the components and their weights in most of these indices are chosen heuristically, in a subjective way. They can be fixed in an objective way, instead. There may be tens of components capable of contributing significantly to an index. By mathematically optimising one or more carefully defined objective function(s), one can try to trace a few important components (or combinations of components), as well as their weights, if sufficient data is available. However, the same objective function(s) may not be appropriate for every society. The concept of food and nutrition, for example, is certainly not the same in North America and sub-Saharan Africa.

Thus, can any such index be described as 'insensible', 'biased', 'inappropriate' or 'misinformed'? Concepts regarding any attribute vary

from society to society. The idea of democracy in China, Syria and the UK would differ, for example. The yardsticks of excellence for universities such as Oxford and Visva Bharati ought to be different due to their social perspectives and the people they cater to.

Also, data from different corners of the globe is not consistent and is not always equally reliable. Often, the unavailable data is 'estimated', based on past data and several auxiliary information sources by making different kinds of assumptions – maybe a bit unrealistic sometimes. And nobody knows how good such estimates are. Quite often, a part of the data is estimated by a survey of a few thousand people. However, it's not quite clear how these surveys are designed, how objectively the survey subjects are chosen, how robust their opinions are, or how reliable the conversion of these opinions to scores is. Different people have different ideas about topics like democracy, education and inequality, and their perspectives are frequently skewed.

Radhika Madan To Amyra Dastur – 5 Actresses Who Aced The Trench Coat Look

We all know that our Bollywood celebrities are always ahead in the fashion game. They always stand out in the most fashionable outfits, regardless of the occasion. Many celebrities have experimented with newer silhouettes and styles over the years after spotting international trends to look their best. The trench coat, which has been favoured by celebrities for as long as we can remember, is one of them.

Here are 5 of our most loved trench coat styles.

Kareena Kapoor
Kareena surely brought her trendy casual style to the table while picking out a trench coat. She took things a notch higher as she chose a jet-black trench with knot details on the back of the coat. As this gives off a sheer winter snow vibe.

Amyra Dastur
Amyra Dastur's idea of styling a black trench coat is by



layering it in with a white slit one-piece dress look which is sure to grab eyeballs. She definitely has the cosy comfy look going on, as her style gives off nothing but a girly yet trend-touched look. If you're looking

for inspiration, this is surely a way to rock your trench in style!

Sonam Kapoor
One of the biggest fans of trench coats is Sonam Kapoor who has managed to slay it in

almost every colour and style. However, these modern classic looks stand to be our favourite! With the multi-coloured print layered with one piece and the dark blue trench coat, what better way to pair it? You can

always count on her to layer it well and we are always a fan of that!

Radhika Madan
Radhika Madan is next on our list and she took things to the next level as she styled her look with a matching bright orange outfit which is paired with a similar colour trench coat. This look gave us major vintage vibes while also pushing the style boundaries to the next level.

Mrunal Thakur
Rocking the rapped-up trench coat look we have the beautiful Mrunal Thakur. As she is seen wearing a causal yet elegant black trench coat buttoned up with cute belt detailing. As she pairs it with high-length black boots and completes her look with her dazzling smile.

Who do you think slayed the winter trench coat look the best?

Ayushmann Khurrana Calls Malaika Arora, Nora Fatehi India's Biggest Dancing Stars



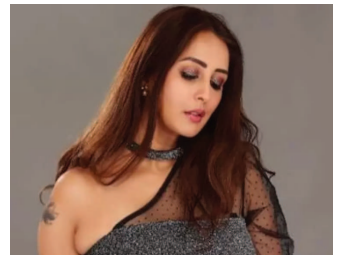
Ayushmann Khurrana has danced his heart out for 'An Action Hero' with Malaika Arora and Nora Fatehi. "It has been an absolute pleasure to dance with two of the biggest dancing stars of India - Malaika Arora in the situational song Aap Jaisa Koi and Nora Fatehi in Jehda Nasha in my upcoming release An Action Hero."

"They are stunningly gorgeous performers and they are also beautiful human beings. I had the best time working with them for these dance numbers which I hope will be loved by audiences across the country," says Ayushmann.

He adds, "Essaying the role of a superstar from the Hindi film industry has been a fun ride for me as I not only got to do some hardcore action in the film but also got to dance with these sensational dancers who have got everyone hooked with their incredible talent." Ayushmann further says, "I have tried to match steps with them and this experience will be forever memorable for me because I have danced my heart out for the first time in a film and had so much fun! Dancing like this in my films was part of my bucket list for sure and I'm amazed that it got fulfilled with Malaika Arora and Nora Fatehi."

Chahatt Khanna On How She Trained Herself For Dance Number 'Fursat Se Tu Naach Baby'

'Bade Achhe Lagte Hain' actress Chahatt Khanna says that she has to put a lot of effort into learning the dance steps for her song 'Fursat Se Tu Naach Baby'.



'Bade Achhe Lagte Hain' actress Chahatt Khanna says that she has to put a lot of effort into learning the dance steps for her song 'Fursat Se Tu Naach Baby' from her movie 'Dhoop Chhaon'.

She shares: "When I was shooting for 'Dhoop Chhaon', this was my first ever dance number. I was not much of a dancer since school and so it was a difficult task for me. My friends used to tease me and I felt like I needed to step up so for almost a year, I learned dancing."

"And at the end of that period, almost like a miracle or a reward, I got the offer for 'Fursat Se Tu Naach Baby'," she adds.

Chahatt is known for 'Kumkum', 'Kaajjal', 'Qubool Hai', and many more. She adds that she spent hours perfecting her dancing skills and even fell sick.

"We have spent rigorous hours training and shooting for it. In fact for 3 days, we trained for 12 hours each day nonstop and I fell sick at the end. So we had to postpone the shoot and when we got back to it, we shot it in 8 hours straight. But overall it was a beautiful experience and will always have a special place in my heart," says the actress.

Closing Of 53rd IFFI Marred By Controversy Over 'The Kashmir Files'

An otherwise controversy-free 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India was rocked by the comments of Israeli filmmaker and festival's international jury head Nadav Lapid who labelled 'The Kashmir Files' as "propaganda" at the closing ceremony of the movie gala. The nine-day festival, which started in Goa on November 20, was up for a glittering close on Monday but Lapid's remarks overshadowed the presence of Indian film personalities Asha Parekh, Chiranjeevi, Akshay Kumar, Ayushmann Khurrana and Rana Daggubati among others.

The event was also attended by Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

Lapid said he was "disturbed and



shocked" to see "The Kashmir Files" being selected for the Indian Panorama section. The film, directed and written by Vivek Agnihotri, was up against 14 other features from across the globe in

the competition category. Costa Rican filmmaker Valentina Maurel's Spanish title "I Have Electric Dreams", won the coveted Golden Peacock. The film explores 16-year-old

girl Eva's passage into adulthood, a process that is not just about getting older, a process which so profound that sometimes it can break people in a certain way. The film's lead actor Daniela Marin Navarro was honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female).

Iranian writer and director Nader Saevivar bagged Silver Peacock for Best Director for "No End", a magical and subtle portrayal of Iran's regressive socio-political system. The Turkish film depicts the manipulations and machinations of Iran's secret police. Its lead star Vahid Mobasseri won Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male). Veteran actor-producer Chiranjeevi Konidela was bestowed with the Indian Film Personality of the Year Award at the event. The Information and Broadcasting minister had announced the Telugu star's name as this year's recipient for the honour at the opening ceremony on November 20.

Sharad Kelkar Dubs For Prabhas In 'Adipurush', Says 'Blessed To Be The Voice Of Shri Ram'

Om Raut's 'Adipurush' was trolled by social media users after the teaser of the film was released. Netizens slammed him for the unappealing VFX used in the teaser of the movie. Starring Prabhas, Kriti Sanon and Saif Ali Khan, the film was scheduled for release on January 12, 2023. But the makers postponed the release to June 16, 2023.

Now Sharad Kelkar recently talked about dubbing for Prabhas' character of Lord



Rama in the film. In an interview with Hindustan Times, Sharad said he feels lucky to be

the voice of Shri Ram in the film. "Om Raut was very clear from day one that he wanted

my voice for Prabhas' character in Adipurush. And I feel very lucky and blessed to be the voice of Shri Ram. Quite happy with that.

People remembered me as the voice of Baahubali for so many years and now 2023 onwards, they will remember me as the voice of Shri Ram. I am fortunate that Shri Ram chose me to be his voice," he said. For those unaware, Sharad had also dubbed for Prabhas' character in SS Rajamouli's 'Baahubali', which

was one of the blockbuster hits of 2015.

When asked about the criticism 'Adipurush' received post the impressive VFX in the Telugu movie 'Hanu-Man's' teaser, Sharad replied, "I focus on doing my work and stay away from all this."

Moreover, I have not seen the trailer of Hanu-Man, so I can't comment on it." Meanwhile, Sharad was last seen in the Marathi film, 'Har Har Mahadev' in the role of Bajji Prabhudev Deshpande in the film.

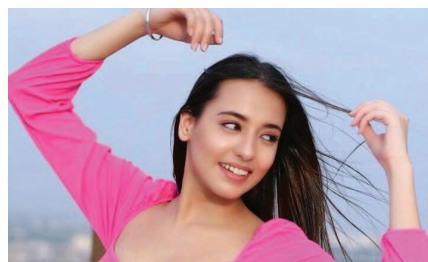
NIKEET DHILLON ON HER DEATH HOAX; RECALLS HORROR OF INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT BEING HACKED

Actor Nikeet Dhillon recently went live on Instagram to address her death hoax. It was spread by a hacker who posted a story on her account on the photo sharing platform. The actor, who has worked in many Punjabi films, spoke to us exclusively and shared how the episode emotionally affected her family.

"My grandmom lives in Bhatinda and does not have access to social media and stuff. Somebody called and her told her about my death. She called my mom to inquire and was crying badly. She was emotionally shattered. We all tried to explain what has happened, but she was inconsolable. She does not understand

what hacking or social media is. She thought we were trying to hide it from her because of her age. This news affected her badly. Even on the next day, while talking to me, she kept on crying," shared Dhillon, adding, "Never in my dreams I would imagine someone going to this length. I honestly am clueless even now. I did not know how to react to the situation. There are so many people who think it's a publicity stunt, but only I know what my family friends and close relatives went through the shock."

The Jatt Brothers actor wanted to approach the cyber cell when her Instagram account got hacked, but says that since they did not help her in the past, she is unsure now.



"Almost 2.5 years back, my Facebook account was compromised, I went to the cyber cell in Mohali, Punjab, but they were not even inter-

ested in listening to me. They were like 'Do you have something valuable in your account. Do you have credit cards attached to your account.' I said no and their reaction was 'Then why do you even care. Just let it go.' This was their attitude. They did not help me when my Facebook account was hacked."

Dhillon further reveals that the hacker back then demanded a particular amount from her and video called her constantly, asking her to get married. "I took one of the calls to get a screenshot of the hacker and I managed to do so. That screenshot was also submitted to the cyber cell but nothing has been done till today. Moreover, if I try to make another

account on Facebook, I can't. It's still under dispute."

The Punjabi actor expresses disappointment and says, "After my Instagram account got hacked, the first and the last thing we could think of was cyber cell. But since they haven't been able to help me in my previous case, I don't know what else to do." Narrating the episode when her Insta got hacked, Dhillon said, "A week before this incident, all my pictures were deleted and I thought it's some sort of Instagram glitch. That's because I still had access to my account. My digital team suggested to change my password and when I tried doing that, I was logged out of my own account."

Jugal hold Public Darbar at Badhori in Vijaypur Constituency



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament BJP (Lok Sabha) Jammu-Poonch along with Ashok Koul General Secretary DDC Keshav Dutta, Former Minister Chander Prakash Ganga, DDC Shilpa Dubey & Senior Leaders BJP today held Public Darbar at village Badhori Smailpur in Block Bari Brahmana in Vijaypur Assembly Constituency. Jugal Kishore Sharma Member of Parliament today visited village Badhori in Block Bari Brahmana and listened problems faced by people of village Badhori, Smailpur and adjoining areas of Block Bari Brahmana.

Member of Parliament along with Administrative staff from various depart-

ments present at the occasion addressed the problems of masses and tried to sort maximum on the spot. Jugal Kishore MP discussed various issues regarding Jal Shakti Dept. for providing water facility to every doostep, regarding upgradation of road and other development issues of Village Badhori Block Bari Brahmana. He while addressing the gathering said that to develop every corner of rural area is our Prime Motto. He while appraising Centrally sponsored schemes among the masses said that we should work hard and reach every doostep so that man standing last in the queue should get benefit of Modi Ji's welfare schemes. He said that BJP led government in Center under the stewardship of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji is com-

mited to serve nation and to resolve public demands & issues. He said that many development can be seen all around. He said that mega projects like AIIMS is in full swing. Flyover ExpressWay is under construction from Samba to Satwari and many projects like IIT, IIM, Jammu Akhnoor four lane, Tawi river front etc. are also underway leading Jammu towards developing cities. He while taking hands on other parties said that previous governments led by parties like Congress, NC and PDP always ignored the rural parts of Samba District and set them back for many years but after the formation of BJP Government in rural areas are given priority. The problem of providing drinking water

facility by Jal Shakti Department is noted in the public meeting and he directed the concerned officials to solve them soon.

Jairam Sharma, Amar Singh along with Senior Leaders of BJP warmly welcomed Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore and Ashok Koul General Secretary Org. BJP. Joinings were also performed at the occasion and many people from other parties dropped NC & Congress and joined hands with Bharatiya Janata Party. Jugal Kishore also sanctioned Rs 12 lacs from his Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund for development of village Badhori.

MC Bari Brahmana Bachan Lal, District President BJP - Amar Singh, Prabhari Narayan Singh, GS Org. Inderjeet Sharma, Mandal President Attrech Dutta, Ajay Sharma, Yuva Morcha Narinder Singh, Amit Dubey, Radhey, Mohan Thapa, Ankush Jangwal, Dheeraj Sharma, Jagdish Singh, Parhlad Singh, Pawan Bakshi, Xen PHE, PDD, PWD, Tehsilidar with staff, Sarpanches Panches, Councillors and others also present at the occasion.

Youth must stay away from Drugs: Sat



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: Former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma (CA) honored Aditya Chib & Chetan Dogra who brought laurels to the UT by representing in Cricket and Powerlifting. The program was organized in Ward 32 of Jammu West Assembly segment. Sharma was also accompanied by Corporators Sanjay Baru, Sat Pal Karlopla & Neelam Nargotra, Mandal

President Keshav Chopra, District General Secretary BJP Rajesh Gupta and many others including local residents and political activists of the area.

Sat Sharma congratulated the players and said that it is indeed a very great moment that youngsters from Jammu are participating in various Sports events held in and outside the country which has brought a good name to the Union Territory and has also made their parents proud.

Sharma said that Aditya Chib participated and performed excellently in Thames Valley Cricket league at Readings England as an all rounder. He has also represented JKCA in different age categories and also attended two Zonal Cricket Camps in under 16 and under 19 age categories. He also said that Chetan Dogra is a Powerlifter and holds various medals in State level and National level tournaments and has also been

awarded with the title of Jammu's best lifter. He also appealed to the youngsters to stay away from Drugs and involve themselves in creative activities which will be useful for them in every sphere.

Sanjay Baru, Sat Pal Karlopla and Neelam Nargotra said that these youngsters are example for many others as well and said that their experience will prove to be very useful for everyone who wants to excel in sports. They also appealed to others as well to focus on such things which can create a great atmosphere of talent amongst youth.

Ashok Singh Wazir, Yash Pal Shivgotra, Vikas Singh Lovely, Jatinder Khajuria, Sandeep Radhe, Anprej Singh, Dr Bhanu, Dev Raj, Jhankar Chib, Kaka, Bitta, Onkar Verma, Kulbir Singh and others were also present.

Initiate CBI inquiry into liquor scam in J&K: Tony

Says liquor mafia looting people for overcharging, Excise Deptt in deep slumber

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SUCHETGARH, NOV 29: Chairman of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Jammu and Kashmir for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs, and District Development Council (DDC) Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony has sought immediate attention of the Union Home Minister Amit Shah towards the liquor scam in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory due to which the J&K exchequer is incurring a huge loss of Rs. 1400 crore per year.

He expressed this while talking to media persons on the sidelines of a function in which he inaugurated the development work of drinking water and two overhead tanks under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) here today.

Tony said that there is every reason to believe that there is a deep nexus between the liquor mafia and the Excise Department officers. He alleged that despite insistence by customers not to overcharge, the liquor vendors continue looting the general masses. He said that liquor mafia openly looting the people of Jammu, adding that when we are paying huge money to the department then who will stop use from overcharging?

Tony challenged the Excise Commissioner that he should randomly check any liquor shop and he will not found any swipe machine in any liquor shop in Jammu city. He said that the Excise Department is hand-in-glove with liquor mafia whereas such things were missing in the successive regimes in Jammu and Kashmir.

The senior AAP leader demanded a CBI enquiry into the scam alleging that swipe machines in liquor shops have been deliberately put out of order so as to easily over-charge the customers. Moreover there is no display of price list outside the liquor shops and despite such irregularities and loot resorted by liquor mafia in Jammu and Kashmir, the Excise Department prefers to remain in slumber having become totally non-functional with its officers right from the Excise Officers to Excise Commissioner not paying least heed to this issue.

Meanwhile, Tony kick-started work on the improvement of drinking water under Jal Jeevan Mission scheme including two over head tanks at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.21 crore in Village Suchetgarh. The developmental work on



its completion will benefit the residents of Flora, Kaloyen, Satriyan and Satowali Panchayats.

Tony appealed to the local people that they must start rain harvesting as it is necessary to save water for future generations. Asserting that plantation of trees is also of utmost importance to maintain water level, he said that next focus will be on conducting massive plantation drives in the region in the coming days.

Prominent among others present on the occasion were Sham Lal Bhagta Sapna Chokori District President AAP Jammu Central, Sarpanch Tilak Raj and Sarpanch Shashi Bhagat besides a large number of residents of the area.

CCI delegation calls on J&K Bank MD & CEO, put-forth issues of business fraternity

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: A delegation of Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) today called upon the J&K Bank MD and CEO Baldev Parkash at the bank's corporate headquarters to discuss the issues faced by the business community and also the way forward.

The Jammu Chamber delegation led by President JCCI Arun Gupta while Secretary General Gaurav Gupta, Rajeev Gupta Vice President, Rajesh Gupta Secretary and Rajesh Gupta Treasurer also presented.

The CCI delegation, while expressing gratitude to the MD & CEO for his timely outreach to the bank's different stakeholders especially business community besides extending the much needed financial support to the affected, raised some



issues concerning Jammu business community and also suggested that customer service at operative levels needs to be improved and made more responsive.

Arun Gupta urged the MD and CEO that there are certain issues which need to be addressed on priority in the general interest of business community.

He suggested that the bank should immediately

reduce the Lending Rate of Interest, waive off commitment charges, no charges to payee on cheque bouncing and leaving of processing charges.

In the light of bank's uninterrupted financial support besides its world-class banking services, Arun Gupta appealed to the people especially business community to strengthen their bonds further with the flagship

financial institution of J&K UT.

He said that the J&K Bank should grow as this is the only bank from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir which has its branches all over India.

The MD & CEO Baldev Parkash assured the delegation members that their suggestions and the issues discussed would be considered by the bank on merit and resolved in a time bound manner.

My Town My Pride: Shehri Jan Abhiyan kick-starts by Mayor Jammu

Mega Sanitation Drive launched by JMC across iconic places



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: Mayor Jammu Rajinder sharma today kick started sanitation cum awareness drive across Jammu city iconic places as a part of My Town My pride.

Mayor on this occasion said JMC is providing sanitation in the entire city and putting every possible effort to provide upto mark sanitation in its area of jurisdiction and the aim of launching this mega sanitation drive from iconic places is to spread message of public involve-

ment in sanitation. A responsible and responsive public are the key allies in the city sanitation added Mayor.

The sanitation drive was kick started at Bawe wali Mata by Mayor, Mubarak Mandi Complex by Deputy Mayor Baldev Singh Billawaria and at Har ki pauri by Chairman's of various Standing Committees.

Mayor said a multipronged approach by all is what ensured all-round cleanliness in the city.

He further added that

we will create awareness among people about different aspects of cleanliness and convince them about the importance of source segregation.

The main reason for sustainability is the awareness among the public to segregate. If the quality of segregation is good, automatically garbage quality also improves and private players come in Mayor further added.

Our Councillors will act as a bridge between the JMC and the public said Deputy Mayor while

launching the drive. We realised that many times, we might lack soft skills to convince and motivate the people. So we as public representatives will take the responsibility for community triggering. That will play a major role said Deputy Mayor.

Official sources informed that 2nd Phase of My Town My Pride is from Dec 5, 'Jan Abhiyan' from Nov 28. For the Second Phase of My Town My Pride and Jan Abhiyan, the Government has identified the department-wise deliverables. The three main objectives of this program is - public outreach in towns, strengthening grassroots democracy, and service delivery at doorsteps. I have been pushing for on-spot grievance redressal, instant delivery of services to the masses, and on the ground speedy execution of people-centric projects informed officials.

DC Kathua chairs preparatory meeting for upcoming CBT Exams by JKSSB

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, NOVEMBER 29: In order to put in place the arrangements for the smooth conduct of CBT Examination by JKSSB for different posts, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey convened a meeting of officers of various line departments, here today. SSP Kathua, R.C Kotwal, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua Atul Gupta, Registrar Kathua, Chief Education Officer, Representatives from Government College for Women, Government Degree College (Boys), Polytechnic College Kathua, Industrial Training Institute attended the meeting. Three-hour discussions were also held with regard



to the posting of Magistrates, supervisory staff, examination observers and other necessary facilities for smooth conduct of examination. During the meeting, the DC asked the heads of educational institutions to submit a list of com-

puter knowing staff so that their services can be utilised for smooth conduct of computer based test by the JKSSB examination which is scheduled to be held from 5th Dec to 20 December 2022. The DC directed the concerned officers to ensure

uninterrupted power supply with the provision of Gen set for power backup at examination centre.

The meeting also discussed in length the security provisions where it was given out that adequate security personnel will be

Poonch Campus shines at Platinum Jubilee of Poonch link-up Day-22

JJ NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, NOVEMBER 29: After bringing laurels at Youth Festival Sangam-22 at Bhaderwah Campus, the Students of Poonch Campus shines at Platinum Jubilee of Poonch link-up Day-22.

Platinum Jubilee of Poonch link-up Day-22 was organized by Indian Army 93 Brigade at Poonch where students of Poonch Campus brought its name to laurels in Talent hunt 2022.

Besides Poonch Campus, 15 educational institutions also participated in talent hunt 2022.

The objective of organizing the event was to explore the talent of the students of border district Poonch.

The students of Poonch Campus participated in two events, Group Dance and Solo Dance. They showcased their talent and won first prize in Group Song and third prize in Solo Dance.

Brigadier Rajesh Bisht, Col. Rajesh Kumar Rawat and Lt. Col.



Prason Singh in their remarks commended the students of Poonch Campus for their performance. They also lauded the efforts of I/C Sumya Kapoor and Dr Muzaffar Bhat for their endeavor.

Dipanker Sen Gupta congratulated the students and faculty members. He also thanked the Indian Army for organizing such events. "The efforts of the Indian Army in organizing such events are highly appreciable," he added.

Inter department meet on PMFME held at Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, NOVEMBER 29: An inter department meeting was held today in the office of Chief Agriculture Officer Udhampur.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Area Marketing Officer Horticulture Planning & Marketing Department Udhampur, District Agriculture Officer and Marketing Executive were present in the meeting.

It was decided in the meeting, to

jointly make efforts to reach upto enterprising women, unemployed youth and farmers to make them aware about features of PMFME flagship scheme in food processing.

During the meeting, district heads of both the departments vowed to make available benefits of the scheme to local masses, especially among farming community.

They informed that the PMFME scheme has a number of benefits

including an easy access to finance, 35% subsidy on cost of machinery & technical civil works, complete hand holding for DPR, FSSAI license, Udhyan and GST Number along with support for packaging, labeling, branding and marketing. Already a number of loan cases stand sanctioned, under the scheme, in favour of women agripreneurs, farmers and unemployed youth in Udhampur district.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RAVI CANAL CONSTRUCTION LOWER, DIVISION HIRANAGAR, SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No. 10 of 2022-23 RCC LOWER DIVISION HIRANAGAR DATE: 26-11-2022

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer Ravi Canal Construction Lower Division Hiranagar invites E-Tenders from the approved/eligible PWD contractors registered in appropriate class/category for the below noted works.

S. No.	Name of work	Bid Validity	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of tender document	Period of Contract	Class of Contractor
1.	Restoration of Damaged Lining of Main Ravi Canal RD: 57350 60400M at places	90 days	7.97	15940/-	600/-	35 days	"A.B.C.D"
2.	Improvement of Damage flare wall of crossing draining siphon RD: 45584M Main Ravi Canal	90 days	5.94	11880/-	600/-	30 days	"A.B.C.D"
3.	Restoration of Sehwani Link Channel of Main Ravi Canal at spots (Part-9)	90 days	5.88	11760/-	600/-	30 days	"A.B.C.D"

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATIONS:
 MH-4701 Capex Budget
 Position of Funds: Available.

- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from 28-11-2022 (10 AM) to 03-12-2022 (6:55 PM).
 - The Bids shall be uploaded in electronic format on the website <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> from 28-11-2022 (10 AM) to 03-12-2022 (6:55 PM).
 - The complete bidding process will be ONLINE.
 - A pre-bid meeting will be held on 01-12-2022 (12.00 Noon) in the office of the Executive Engineer, RCC Lower Division, Hiranagar if required to clarify the issues and to answer queries on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in instructions to bidders of the bidding documents and general conditions of the contract, Seek Clarification Start Date is 28-11-2022, (10 AM) and Seek Clarification End Date is 01-12-2022, (12 Noon).
 - The Technical bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 05-12-2022 (10.00 AM) in the office of the Executive Engineer, Ravi Canal Construction Lower Division Hiranagar, in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
 - List of tender documents to be scanned and uploaded within the period of bid submission.
 - Registration card duly renewed for the current financial year viz. 2022-23.
 - PAN Card.
 - GSTIN Certificate.
 - Treasury Challan/Receipt (under revenue Head 0701) towards the cost of tender documents mention the name of work as well as NIT No. for which work fee was deposited.
 - EMD in the form of CDR/FDR (pledged in favour of Executive Engineer RCC Lower Division Hiranagar.
 - Address Proof, Bank Passbook copy and Mobile No.
 - The Tender Document Fee Should be Remitted in the Treasury only after uploading date of this E-NIT on the <http://jktenders.gov.in> site.
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7. As per the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance Department order's No. vide O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd 07.06.2018 regarding Dispensing with the requirement of furnishing hard copies while submitting bids through E-tendering. The L1 bidder should deposit the original EMD in the form of CDR/FDR in the office of the Executive Engineer RCC Lower Division Hiranagar during working hours within three days. If L1 bidder fails to submit the original documents/Treasury challan/ receipt/EMD within three days, the Department will cancel the tender and action shall be taken against the contractor to debar in future tendering process as decided by the Engineer-in-charge.

Signed for and behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir,

No: LRC/1862-82
 Dated: 26-11-2022
 DIP/J-12308/22

SD/-
 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
 RCC LOWER DIVISION,
 HIRANAGAR.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division, Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Short Term)

MHDJ/e-NIT 189 of 2022-23

Dated: 28.11.2022
 due: 05.12.2022

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

S. No	Description of work	Estt	AAA	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of tender document	Time of completion	Eligibility Criterion of Bidder
1	REPAIR/SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF HEATING SYSTEM OF 34 TR PACKAGED AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR MACHINE NO. 01, 02, 03 AND 04 IN WARD NO. 18 OF GOVT. SMGS HOSPITAL, JAMMU.	1.95 LACS	ACCORDED	Rs.4000.00 in the Shape of CDR/FDR/TD R valid for 12 months pledged to the Executive Engineer MHCH Divn Jammu	Rs 200.00 in the shape of Challan through J&K Govt. Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly credited to 0059-PWD (Revenue) and uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt on e-tendering portal. OR The bidder may deposit tender fee in the shape of e-Challan through Account no. 0097010100002163 in the name of Executive Engineer MH&CH Jammu. Name of Bank: J&K Bank Town Hall Jammu. Branch Code:0097 IFSC code: JAKA0TNHALL MICR CODE: 180051025	10 days	OEM /Registered & Reputed firms having sufficient experience as per Annexure "C" Electromechanical nature of work

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

DIP/J-12337/22

Sd/-
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM JAMMU SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR RATE CONTRACT FOR HIRING OF VEHICLE

SHORT TERM E-N.I.T. NO. 46 OF 2022
 DATED: 26/11/2022.

On the behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are invited from registered Firms for rate contract for hiring of vehicles on rate contract for a period of one year.

S.No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Cost of document (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time and date of opening of tender	Who can apply
1.	NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR RATE CONTRACT FOR HIRING OF VEHICLE	Directorate of Tourism Jammu	500/-	20000/-	05/12/2022 at 12.00 hrs.	Registered firms with established units

- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1000Hrs on 26/11/2022 upto 03/12/2022.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 26/11/2022 upto 03/12/2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.
- Bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office Director Tourism, Jammu on 05/12/2022 at 12.00 Hrs. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the tender document bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, terms and conditions and other details.
- Bids must be accompanied by Earnest money and cost of e-NIT as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table payable at Jammu pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu. Bid security will have to be in form of CDR / FDR.
- Director Tourism, Jammu reserves the right to reject any tender or any part of the tender without assigning any reason(s) thereof.
- The Hard copies of Technical Bid will be obtained only from the vendor who will be declared as L1 after opening of financial bid. However, following documents have to be uploaded by the bidder at the time of submission of his/her/their bids on line. Treasury Challan/Receipt and CDR/FDR should be pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu:-
 - Copy of Treasury Challan worth Rs. 500/- as a cost of Tender Document. Deposited in Treasury under MH-1452 (Non Refundable in any circumstance).
 - Copy of EMD(worth Rs. 20,000/-). However, before allotting the work or the supply order, the original CDR/FDR should be provided by the L1 for office purpose.
 - GST Registration Certificate.
 - PAN Card of agency/proprietor.
 - Copy of 02 years experience for providing vehicles with Govt. Departments. (work order/agreement to be attached to substantiate the experience)
 - Income Tax return for the year 2021-22.

NO: DTJ/Est/94
 DT: 26/11/2022
 DIP/J-12359/22

SD/-
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM
 (PUB) JAMMU

Ravinder Raina, Billawaria release Dogri Beat Song 'Nuh Chaie Di'



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Ravinder Raina along with Deputy Mayor Baldev Billawaria today released Dogri Beat Song 'Nuh Chaie Di' in a function held at Press Club Jammu.

On the occasion, Zoravar Singh, President Team Jammu, Sunil Bandral, Mesnu Mahajan and Urja Singh, Chairperson 'The Performers' NGO were present.

The song 'Nuh Chaie Di' was sung by singer Sham Sajan and was produced by Urja Singh. The music was given by Musical Mafia and directed by

Aadiya Bhanu.

While congratulating artists for making musical album in Dogri, Ravinder Raina said that they deserve full appreciation for becoming a torch bearer to promote and preserve Dogra Culture by focussing on Dogri language. He said that he expected the younger generation should follow the suit by coming forward to disseminate the richness of Dogra culture not only in Jammu but across the nation and abroad to make the people aware about the niceties of this old yet rich heritage through their performance in various fields including theatre, folk lore and folk

music, Dogri songs, literature, etc.

Baldev Billawaria lauded the efforts of the young talent from the UT of J&K. He said that new opportunities are being opened up everywhere today for the innovative minds. He said that Jammu and Kashmir has the vast and rich cultural heritage and these devotees of fine arts ensure that the mind of our resourceful youth is directed towards building their careers by nurturing their skills with positive mindset.

Zoravar Singh said "We as a society must make endeavour to support and nurture of young talent which will bring laurels to

whole Jammu & Kashmir". He said that there is dire need to encourage local artists who can preserve and promote the rich folk-lore of this region which forms essential part of the cultural heritage that needs to be conveyed to the future generations.

Urja Singh, Chairperson of 'The Performers' NGO, said that today we fulfil our commitment with the release of this album. She mentioned that during Covid pandemic our NGO has promised with the youth of Jammu for providing a platform so that they didn't move towards drug related activities during the crucial phase of lockdown. She said we initiated a competition in which Sham Sajan was the winner, following which the NGO has extended full support in making his first album which is in front of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

At the concluding remarks, Urja Singh assured that our NGO will continue this endeavour in near future also with an aim to support the youth of the

Modi Govt determined to transform Jammu into model city: Kavinder

Starts development work worth Rs 25 lakhs at Ward 47

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta today asserted that the Jammu City is moving fast on the path of development which is evident from the developmental works going on across the City of Temples at an unprecedented scale and pace.

The J&K Administration led by the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in consonance with the Government at the Centre is fully determined to transform Jammu into a model city so that others emulate this model.

He was speaking after starting blacktopping of road work at New Shiv Nagar in Bahu Fort area of Jammu city. The development was started in presence of local Corporation Sharda Kumar, Vinay Gupta District President, Narinder Koki, Govind Sareen, Dalbir Singh, Dr Davinder Singh, Ashok Kumar, Suraj Rana and Maan Singh. Kavinder said that the J&K Government is working relentlessly to cre-



ate state of art modern facilities infrastructure for the people in every nook and corner across Jammu City. He asserted that while the government is making every endeavour in transformation of Jammu City, it cannot be accomplished successfully without the proactive participation of the people.

The senior BJP leader said that earlier the sewage work was carried out in the same Ward, following which the blacktopping work is initiated to construct the damaged lanes of the area. He asked

the people of the Bahu Fort area to come forward to play a vital role in making Jammu a model city through their effective and result oriented participation and set an example for the people living in other Wards of the City of Temples.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also interacted with people of the area. He said that people are themselves witness to the way the development process has been taken up by the BJP leadership in the constituency. He said that the BJP Government is committed

to fulfill its promises made with the people and there is no promise with regard to J&K, which shall not be fulfilled as party leadership is on toes to dedicate everything to promote to people in stipulated time.

Sharda Kumar, local Corporation, in her address, said that real development has been witnessed during last eight years in the State. She said 'Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas-Sabka Vishwas' is the slogan of BJP, and it is extending every possible help to make it a success.

LG administration unaware of ground reality in rural belt: Manjit Singh

Says Rajuli village in Parmandal Block has no drinking water supply since decades

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, NOV 29: Accusing LG administration of being unaware about the ground reality underdevelopment in Jammu and Kashmir, Apni Party Provincial President Jammu and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today said that the bureaucracy has completely failed to implement the developmental policies of the Govt of India in the Union Territory.

Addressing a party meeting in village Rajuli (Bakkerwal Basti) in Katwalan Panchayat, Parmandal Block in Samba District which was organised by ST Wing State President Saleem Alam, the former minister expressed his concern over the poor pace of development.

"The Parmandal Block lacks proper road connectivity, irregular drinking water and unscheduled



power cuts even after seven decades of independence. The tribal and scheduled caste population is facing a biased approach from the authorities who have been tasked to develop the rural areas," he said.

He said that the Parmandal area has no proper clean drinking water supply, and the people are forced to face unscheduled power cuts.

"The people are suffering because of the negligence of the traditional political parties and the arrogant bureaucracy which has no connection with the people on the ground," he said and

added that the people have anguish against the LG administration.

In this situation, he said that the holding of assembly polls in J&K is necessary to restore the lost faith of the people in the Govt.

"The authorities who claim that the development has reached every nook and corner have misled the LG.

The recent B2V programme was again a futile exercise and the officials had no powers to fulfill the demands regarding development of their respective villages," he said. He said that the development is being witnessed in cities

only and the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir are the victims of disparity and discrimination due to the wrong policies of the bureaucracy.

"The bureaucracy does not know the ground realities and the ground level officials also do not inform them about the reality of underdevelopment, no clean drinking water supply in Kandi belt and unscheduled electricity cuts," he said.

On this occasion, dozens of people joined the Apni Party and expressed their faith in the leadership of Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari sahab.

Announce elections to J&K Assembly at the earliest: Harsh Dev

AAP submits memo to ECI

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, NOV 29: A deputation of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders led by Mr. Harsh Dev Singh, Former Minister and Chairman AAP J&K SCC submitted a memorandum to Election Commission of India in New Delhi seeking early elections and restoration of democratic govt in J&K at the earliest.

The memorandum addressed to the Chief Election Commissioner stated thus- "the J&K Legislative Assembly was suspended in June 2018 due to withdrawal of support by BJP to PDP. Thereafter the opposition parties including NC, Congress and PDP offered to form the govt claiming that they had the requisite numbers. They staked their claim before the then Governor J&K on the strength of their majority in the legislature who however preferred to dissolve the Assembly. And on opposition alleging a foul play in preventing them to form the govt, the Governor claimed that he never received the formal communication in this regard from the said parties as his fax machine was out of order. Shocking but true. And the political parties were made to accept the decision partly under duress and partly under the assurance that elections would soon be held to pave the way for a new govt.

The mode and manner in which the Legislative Assembly of J&K was dissolved will, however, remain etched in public memory as a watershed moment in the perversion of fundamental principles enshrined in our democratic jurisprudence. It further speaks volumes about the decadence of constitutional values and collapse of our democratic system in a state like J&K. The aforesaid episode however is only a tip of the ice-berg. Democracy continues to be abused and outraged by the present rulers behaving as unquestionable despots and running the affairs of the govt for the last four years in J&K through their proxies. And when the people press for restoration of democratic govt, the helmsmen either issue a statement assuring early elections or silence the protagonists of democracy through the coercive apparatus of the state. With all this happening for the last four years, democracy continues to be delayed and denied in J&K on one pretext or the other in contravention of the spirit of the constitution and the 'obiter dicta' and rulings of the Apex Court of the country. The Supreme Court on varied occasions has held that Assembly Elections must be held within six months in all those States/UTs where Assemblies are pre-

maturely dissolved. Even in the recent judgement of the Supreme Court pertaining to the State of Maharashtra, the top court re-iterated that there is statutory obligation to fill Assembly seats within six months so as to ensure that the people were not deprived of due representation. You can't create a constitutional void, a hiatus situation for the constituencies, the Supreme Court has again observed adding further that it is the people who eventually suffer in the absence of an elected representative to espouse their cause. Denying democratic government is a punishment to the people, as observed by the top court as well. It is however shocking that the Assembly Elections continue to be denied in J&K on flimsy grounds only to enable the BJP to run the affairs of govt in J&K through its chosen ones. J&K has been deprived of democratic govt for the last four years. Elections are being delayed and denied and continue to be postponed for one reason or the other. Sometimes they are denied on the grounds of the security scenario, sometimes on the pretext of unfinished Delimitation exercise, sometimes on the grounds of Amar Nath Ji pilgrimage, while at other times by taking the plea of intense cold or hot weather conditions or heavy snowfall.

J&K Admin deliberately ignoring interests of OBC population: Teli



JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOV 29: National Conference OBC Cell sought implementation of a 27 percent quota in jobs and professional institutions for Other Backward Class communities as has been adopted in several other states of the country and one time issuance of the category certificates.

Abdul Gani Teli, Provincial President OBC Cell Jammu said while addressing a day long convention of the NC OBC Cell in Rajouri district.

Addressing the party workers, Teli expressed

great disappointment against the J&K administration for pursuing anti-poor policies, stating that it has callously ignored the interests of Other Backward Class population. "The headway made with regard to empowerment of weaker sections during National Conference led governments has been undone," he regretted. Teli enumerated the initiatives taken by the successive National Conference Governments in ameliorating the lot of weaker sections, especially Other Backward Class segment of the society. He also

recalled the contribution of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohd Abdullah towards upliftment and welfare of Other Backward Class segment and said that literacy and socio-economic emancipation got impetus during his tenure and the successive National Conference governments.

DDC Dhangri, Th Rameshwar Singh said that Jammu and Kashmir has a unique history and it has seen so many ups and down in the past. However the National Conference leadership has remained the voice of the people of the Jammu and

Kashmir and fought for the democratic rights of the people of the Jammu and Kashmir from its very inception.

Shafaidd Khan, District President Rajouri Urban said that there is dire need to counter the divisive policies of BJP who are hell bent upon the dividing the people on religion basis.

Yashu Vardhan Singh, Incharge Sunderbani and Kalakote constituency and Additional Spokesperson JKNC said that the National Conference is committed to uphold the traditional secularism and communal harmony which is dearest and important agenda of the party. He said that the party is steadfast to fight to protect the rights and interest of the people of J&K, which is also the core agenda of the party. Later during the convention, dozens of people joined the National Conference under the leadership of Abdul Ghani Teli and Th Rameshwar Singh.

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits S.M Farm Allowpora, Pulwama

Says Department endeavoring to promote lavender & other medicinal, aromatic plants on commercial lines

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: To review the progress on the Department's programme of promoting lavender and other aromatic, medicinal plants on commercial lines, the Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhary Mohammed Iqbal today visited S.M Farm Allowpora Pulwama.

Director visited different blocks of the farm. He had an interaction session with the technical experts and concerned officers of the Farm. Expressing his views, the Director highlighted the commercial importance of lavender and other aromatic, medicinal plants and said that lavender is one of the best cash crops in the world. He said the demand for quality planting material of lavender in Kashmir divi-



sion has increased over the years and efforts are on to meet the demand to attract progressive agriculture entrepreneurs towards this aromatic crop. Iqbal said that the idea behind the promotion and introduction of lavender crop to newer areas on commercial lines is to create employment opportunities for the youth. He exhorted upon the con-

cerned officers to invite farmers, Agri-entrepreneurs to the departmental farms and hold demonstration sessions with them so that the modern technologies and interventions in the concerned field could be transmitted to the grassroots level in a comprehensive manner. During the visit Farm Manager gave a detailed overview of the dif-

ferent activities under implementation at the farm. Director was appraised about the plantation of Lavender and other aromatic plants.

Further, the Director was appraised that the farm is supplying rooted lavender seedlings to other districts also for area expansion under aromatic and medicinal plants.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of works under Seema Smridh Yojana

Stresses on speedy allotments, timely completion of ongoing works

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, NOVEMBER 29: The progress of works under Seema Smridh Yojana was today reviewed by District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, here in a meeting of the concerned officers.

During the meeting, the DDC reviewed the physical and financial progress of works of different sectors including RDD, Education, Health, Jal Shakti, PDD and others sectors under Seema Smridh Yojana.

The concerned officers briefed the meeting about to date status in this regard.

While talking about the allotment of tenders for works, the DDC stressed on speedy allotment of tenders besides completion of ongoing works in a stipulated



time line while adhering to quality parameters.

DDC directed the officers to work in a mission mode and with utmost dedication to meet the developmental expectations of the public.

He exhorted for mobiliz-

ing men and machinery for completing the works in stipulated time frame. DDC also urged to ensure judicious utilization of available funds provided for the execution of works.

ADDC, Pawan Kumar;

CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; CMO, Dr Abdul Hamid Zargar; Ex-En PWD(R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain; Ex-En PDD Rajouri and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Civil-Police Liaison meet held at Doda

Synchronised efforts required for public welfare and policy implementation: DM

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, NOVEMBER 29: A meeting of the Civil Administration and Police department was held under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, here at DC Office.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, ADC Bhaderwah Chowdhary Dil Mir, ACR Ashfaq Khanji, Adl SP Headquarter Master Popsy, Adl SP Operations Raj Kumar, SDMs, DSPs, SDOs, Tehsildars and other concerned officers and officials were also present in the meeting.

The meeting discussed three broad various issues with regard to law and order, ways and means to fight Drugs menace, prevention of bovine smuggling, prevention of use of social media for spread of animosity between different communities and ways and means to maintain communal harmony and peace in the district. The meeting also considered the strategy for ensuring measures to make the schemes reach the last man standing in the line, prevent illegal constructions, illegal mining and deradicalisation.

On the occasion, the officers of Civil and Police administration gave feedback to the DM and SSP about the basic concerns of the people in their respective jurisdiction.

Speaking on the occasion, the DM said that Civil Administration as well as Police have a common goal of working for the welfare of the people. Adding that, District Administration is a composite Team of Magistracy and Police and it is the endeavour of both to work together for public good and policy implementation.



The DM directed all the participants to remain vigilant against any attempt by any person or group to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of the district or indulge in any illegal activity.

He informed that the war against drugs and action against anti-social and anti national elements shall be taken forward with full strength and this is not possible on the ground without the joint effort of the Magistrates and the Police officers.

He asked the officers from civil and police to keep a close eye on social media and take the requisite action against those trying to spread hatred amongst the different communities and ensure no laxity is shown. He asked the officers to use innovation and technology to ensure that the district remains peaceful and the people feel safe in the district.

SSP Doda also spoke on the occasion and stressed on better coordination between police and civil administration for eradicating social evils from the society and efficient tackling of law and order situations. While, Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Dr Ravi Kumar Bharti, elaborat-

ed in detail the agenda points for discussion in the meeting.

The meeting discussed the identification of venues for public gathering/political functions/ rallies and other similar functions.

The venues shall be decided and permissions shall be granted by the concerned magistrates after consultation with the Police.

Instructions were issued to identify places/ buildings at District/ Sub Division/ Tehsil level to be used as temporary shelters in case of any calamity. The SDMs and Tehsildars were also instructed to identify the locations for Helipads and communicate the geo coordinates to DM's office for being used in any emergency situation and also during 'VIP' visit. Emphasis was laid on maintaining record of all history sheet persons, trouble mongers and chronic antisocial elements and ensure sharing between the Civil and police administration. DM nominated ADC Doda and Adl SP Headquarter as nodal officers for the communication of any untoward incident to the authorities for immediate and timely action.

Advisor Bhatnagar participates in Guru Teg Bahadur Balidan Divas at MBSCET Jammu

'Eulogises his teachings as ideals for humanity to follow'

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that our country is progressing rapidly and by following the ideals and teachings of persons like Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, our country will soon become one of the most developed nations in the world.

The Advisor made these remarks while speaking at the Shri Teg Bahadur Balidan Divas at Mahant Bachittar Singh College of Engineering and Technology (MBSCT) here.

The Balidan Divas was organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP) in honour of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji and was attended by representatives of BVP, faculty members of college and large number of students.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that the morals and values reflected in the teachings of Shri Teg Bahadur Ji pass on a great message to the youth of our country who are the torch bearers of our society.

The Advisor added that by following the principles of Guru Ji, our country will achieve the place it



deserves across the globe.

He made out that India is known for harbouring such sages and seers whose teachings not only are spiritually uplifting but provides greatest ideals for human race to excel.

He observed that it is these teachings that has enriched our civilization from times immemorial and gave us this unique identity in the world.

While speaking on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020,

Advisor Bhatnagar underlined that the UT of J&K is progressing rapidly in the implementation of NEP across J&K and it is one of the first among UTs across the country to successfully implement it.

The Advisor on the occasion also paid glowing tributes to Shri Teg Bahadur Ji.

On the occasion a debate on 'Life and Teachings of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji' was also organised between different schools of Jammu district.

DCO Ramban inspects various medical stores

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 29: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Musarrat Islam, Drug and Food Control Organization, Ramban carried out an intensified inspection of various medical stores in far-flung areas of the district to check the registration, authorization, record of availability and sale of medicines besides checking standard parameters of medicines, available in the chemists' shops.

Drug Control Officer (DCO), Imtiaz Ahmed led the inspection of medical stores in far-flung areas of the district including villages Nachlana, Kote of Khari and other adjoining areas.

During the inspections, the team seized 1 medical store for not maintaining sales records under the Drugs & Cosmetic Act 1940. Besides, 02 drug samples were also lifted from medical stores for determining their quality and purity. The chemists were

warned of severe action under extant rules in case the mentioned deficiencies are not removed within a stipulated period of time.

Further, it was impressed upon the chemists to follow the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, failing which the department shall initiate action against the violators. They were instructed to install CCTV Cameras and ensure that the sale of Drugs is made only on a valid and proper prescription.

The department also requested the general public to inform the concerned if they found any violation of rules. The team also sensitized the people to desist from taking medicines and health services from any unregistered medical stores and medicos. Further, the people were also asked to put a vigil on persons involved in the trade of Narcotics and Psychotropic drugs, besides informing the concerned enforcement agencies.

Agriculture Department organises farmer's awareness camp on PMFME

4 farmers identified for setting up their units

JJ NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, NOVEMBER 29: A farmer's awareness camp was organized by Department of Agriculture Sub Division Mendhar under PMFME (Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises) in upper Dharana Block Mendhar.

As many as 100 farmers attended the camp and 4 farmers were identified for setting up their units.

Marketing Inspector Horticulture Marketing, Horticulture Development Officer, Mendhar, SMS Agriculture, AEO Zone Dharana organized the camp. AEO Zone Chhatral also participated in the camp.

Marketing inspector Manzoor Hussain said that the unemployed youths can set up their own Food pro-



cessing Units like oil extractions, bottling unit, Bread making unit, Tomato catchup unit, Atta Chakki along with poultry and Cattle feed unit under PMFME scheme by availing facilities like 35% subsidy maximum upto Rs. 10 lakh, Easy Bank loan upto 90% of

cost for Machinery and Technical Civil Works.

PMFME scheme has convergence with AIF which has 3% interest subvention and credit Grantee under CGTMSSE Scheme for Loan up to Rs. 2 crore.

DDC Gbl reviews preparedness for upcoming MTMP 2.0 program



JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, NOVEMBER 30: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambr today convened a meeting of district officers to review the preparedness for the upcoming 'My Town My Pride (MTMP) 2.0' programme.

At the outset, the meeting discussed the activities being carried out during the ongoing seven day Jan Abhiyan that has commenced prior to the two-day long 'My Town My Pride' pro-

gram, in all the wards of Municipal Council Ganderbal from 28th November.

During the meeting, a three-bare discussion was held on the ongoing activities like town beautification plan, awareness regarding online services by all departments, sports activities, tourism and culture plan, etc.

All the Officers and field functionaries of different Departments were directed to keep officials available during the program in all wards of the

town to aware the public about the Government schemes and welfare programs and provide benefits to the common masses under these schemes at the doorsteps.

Speaking in the meeting, the DC said that during the two-day long flagship program 'My Town My Pride' camps would be conducted in all Municipal wards to listen to the public grievances and provide people with different Government services at their doorsteps.

He exhorted upon the stakeholder departments to put in all-out efforts to realize the set goals by reaching out to urban population with Governance at their doorsteps and ensuring on spot redressal of their issues and grievances.

All line departments and NGOs were directed to install stalls during the two-day programme in the lawns of Mini Secretariat Complex Ganderbal to provide online services and other facilities to the people.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani; DySP, Feroz Yehya; ADC, Mehraj-U-Din Shah; CPO, ACR, ACD, EO Municipal Council Ganderbal and other district Officers.

Chairperson NCW chairs Monitoring Committee Meeting for 12 pilot Special Cells for Women

'Special Cells to be increased in J&K and Ladakh'

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 29: Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW), Gol, Rekha Sharma, today chaired the second Monitoring Committee Meeting of 12 pilot Special Cells for Women at Institute of Hotel Management Raj Bagh, Srinagar.

The meeting was attended by Joint Secretary NCW, A. Asholi Chalai, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda; DIG Central Kashmir Range, Sujit Kumar Singh; DIG UT of Ladakh, S. Junaid Mehmood, Special Coordinator, NCW, Gol Neha Mahajan, Director Mission Shakti Harvindar Kaur, HoD Department of Social Work University of Kashmir, Assistant Professor Central University Jammu, Dr Vinay Kumar, Coordinator JK Special Cell for Women Saima Shah and other officers. At the outset, Chairperson was given a brief about the work progress

of 12 pilot Special Cells for Women in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh since April-2022 to October-2022. The meeting held detailed discussions on the Special Cells and suggestions for way forward from respective members of Monitoring Committee for effective functioning of the Special Cells for women.

It was given out in the meeting that 256 outreach activities about women safety and empowerment had been conducted by Special Cells for Women during that period. It was also revealed that 1307 total interventions have been carried out by Special Cells and 2755 meetings have been conducted in 575 cases of women who registered at Special Cells for Women which include individual/group/ family meetings and home visits. The Monitoring Committee has been constituted under 'Violence Free Home - A Woman's Right' project.

While chairing the meeting,

Chairperson NCW said that in the near future we will increase the number of Special Cells in order to expand our reach, adding that we need to strengthen the visibility through active engagement in communities on gender-based violence.

She stressed on the need for increasing awareness programmes in coordination with police and other allied departments for effective functioning of the Special Cells.

She also enquired about the number of complaints received by women cells in different districts and said that all help should be provided to women who are facing violence in any form. Joint Secretary, NCW stressed on the need for dissemination of information about the Special Cells and mobilise Self Help Groups and said that there is a need to work in a coordinated manner.

Special Coordinator, NCW, Gol Neha Mahajan presented a vote of thanks on the occasion.

DC Doda reviews Health care scenario in the District

Asks to set SOPs for available Ambulances; Rationalise doctors/staff in the best interest of the patient

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, NOVEMBER 29: To review the healthcare scenario of the District, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today chaired a meeting of Health Department functionaries in his office chamber at DC Office Complex.

ADC Doda, ADC Bhaderwah, Principal GMC Doda, CMO Doda, MS Associated Hospital GMC Doda, Chief Accounts officer GMC Doda, Dy CMO, BMO Ghat, District Immunization Officer Doda, District Epidemiologist, DPM- NHM, representatives of SHA and other concerned functionaries were present in the meeting.

The DC took a detailed review of achievements under health sector schemes, functioning of health institutions including GMC Doda, infrastructure upgradation and the healthcare facilities being extended to the patients.

He also reviewed progress under Ayushman Bharat, PMJAY SEHAT, vacancy position of all categories, implementation of Bio Metric Attendance, Routine Immunization Programme.

DIO briefed the Chair about the block wise status and action taken by the department to cover all the children under Routine Immunization



programme. It was informed that the district has achieved 77.9% Immunization.

The Deputy Commissioner enjoined upon the CMO and all the concerned to work in close coordination to make the Routine Immunization programme successful with 100% coverage in the District, before the winter snow fall this year. He asked to put in extra measures to ensure that no children in the district are left out in the process of routine immunization.

Delivery of quality healthcare to the last mile has been accorded top priority and the health department in the district has to ensure that anybody in need of medical services is catered to in time, the DC added.

While reviewing the GMC Doda, the DC asked the Principal and MS to ensure that referral to GMC Jammu is made only in extreme cases with reasons noted by not less than a consult-

ant Doctor. He also directed to make arrangements in the GMC Doda in such a way that sufficient Doctors and staff remains present in the emergency. DC also reviewed the status of Ambulances in the district and asked the authorities to make available ambulances to critical patients first and urged them to prepare an SOP for the available ambulance in the district.

While reviewing the availability of doctors and staff in SDHs and other health care institutions, the DC has issued direction to rationalise the doctors and staff in such a manner that PG Doctors appointed as MOs or otherwise be shifted to the place where his/her specialisation can be utilised optimum. The DC urged upon GMC Doda authorities and health functionaries to come up to the expectation of the patients and focus on quality assurance, accessible, affordable healthcare in the District.

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JD Agriculture discusses enhancement in Production & Procurement of Millets



JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Jammu, A. S. Reen today chaired a meeting to discuss the enhancement of Production of Millets and its procurement in J&K at Krishi Bhawan, Jammu.

Joint Director (Inputs) said that Millet production is one of the focus areas of the Government as year 2023 has already been announced as International year of Millets. Millets are often referred to as Superfood (Nutri cereals) and nutritionally superior to wheat & rice owing to their high protein, fiber, vitamins and min-

erals like iron content besides being Climate Resilient and drought-resistant. He informed that development is already on job to promote millet cultivation in Jammu region by providing seed to the farmers on trial basis as quality seed is the foundation of increasing millet production. The millets like jowar, bajra, ragi & kodo can be successfully cultivated in J&K, he said. FCI official informed that conceptual plan for procurement has been finalized for further submission to government. Issues like ways and means to increase the millet production through creating awareness and FPO formation were also discussed

with the farmers on the occasion. It was concluded that Department of Agriculture will ensure provision of quality seeds and extension of technology where as Food Corporation of India (FCI) will look into procurement part of Millets. Further distribution to consumer will be ensured by FCS & CA.

Joint Director (Marketing), Mahesh Verma, Additional Secretary, FCS & CA, Jugal Kishore, Manager (RO), FCI, Rakesh Kumar, Manager (QC), Mohd Imran, Technical officer (Marketing), Sanjeev Khajuria besides number of progressive farmers were also present in the meeting.

DM Doda chairs 5th NCORD Committee meeting

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, NOV 29: 5th Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) meeting was held here in the DC office under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate, Vishesh Paul Mahajan to take stock of the efforts made by the designated members against the drug abuse in the district.

SP, Abdul Qayoom, who is also the convener of the Committee, presented the latest developments and activities taken up in the district by the intending departments.

He informed the Committee that 256 mass level awareness camps have been conducted in the district. As many as 40 cases have been registered against 46 drug peddlers under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. A list of 216 persons as per the intelligence report has been prepared who are believed to be involved in Drugs peddling. Their involvement is under verification and disci-

plinary action shall follow soon. He further informed that 20 druggists have been identified involved in the drug trafficking and shall be recommended for suspension of their licenses soon.

DM, while interacting with the officers, asked them to run a mega campaign against Drugs menace. The DM advised to use My Town My Pride programme platform for spreading the awareness. The meeting was apprised that Rehabilitation Centre is operational in the District Hospital/ Associated Hospital GMC Doda. CMO was asked to introduce test kit for checking the drug use by the suspects. The DC directed the education, health and police department to conduct awareness/ health check up of students in all Degree Colleges, Higher Secondaries and High Schools under the direct supervision of SDMs and Tehsildars of the area before the schools are closed for winter vacations.

MTMP 2.0: Jan Abhiyan ongoing in all the 3 MCs in Doda

JJ NEWS SERVICE

DODA, NOVEMBER 29: On day 2nd of MTMP 2.0/ Jan Abhiyan, stalls of various services delivery departments were observed providing on the spot services to the public at Community Hall Doda, Community Hall Bhaderwah and at Dakbnglow Thathri.

Large number of people visited the stalls & were sensitized about various schemes

including pension, PMAY, Golden health card. At Community Hall Doda, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan along with SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom inspected the stalls and distributed certificates under PM Svanidhi scheme among the beneficiaries.

In addition, various science projects were showcased by students related to vermicompost and sanitation.

DC Kathua reviews progress of works under BADD, ABDP & SSV

KATHUA, NOV 29: Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey today reviewed the physical and financial progress of the development works under Border Area Development Programme (BADD), ABDP and Seema Suraksha Yojna (SSY) during a meeting with concerned officers at DC Office complex.

The DDC inquired about the physical status of the ongoing works, number of schemes completed and headways achieved so far in the current fiscal.

The DC asked the stakeholder departments viz Jal Shakti, Irrigation, PWD, Rural Development, Social Welfare and other concerned officers to make all out efforts so that projects taken up under BADD, ABDP and SSV shall be completed within set timelines.

The DC also called upon executing agencies to adhere to the laid down guidelines besides ensuring proper utilization of funds.

Jan Abhiyan conducted in all three municipalities of District Ramban

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RAMBAN, NOVEMBER 29: Continuing the activities under Jan Abhiyan as a part of 'My Town My Pride' Phase-2, the District Administration Ramban, under the aegis of the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarrat Islam organized various programs today in all three Municipal limits of the district including Ramban, Banihal, and Batote.

The President, MC, Sunita Sumbria presided over a mega awareness camp organized by the Municipal Council, Ramban at ward no. 6 and 7, Maitra which was

attended by the Councillors, General Manager, DIC, Ravinder Anand, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ashwani Sharma, CEO MC, Sudershan Kumar, Prominent Citizens, various other officers of line departments and the general public.

It was informed that Jan Abhiyan is being conducted in all three municipalities of District Ramban to saturate all developmental, social sector, and job-oriented schemes launched by the different departments to facilitate the people, especially poor, deprived, and downtrodden sections of the urban areas of the

district. Seeking the cooperation from all stakeholders, the President MC asked the CEO to prepare all development plans as per guidelines and parameters under prescribed sectors to fulfill the aspirations of people besides providing benefits of the schemes to all deserving people, besides ensuring the development of the towns on the scientific way and modern lines.

The officers of Industries, Housing Board, JPDCL, Jal Shakti, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, KVIB, and other line departments sensitize the participants about the schemes of their respec-

tive departments, besides encouraging the youth to take benefit of all government schemes, especially job oriented schemes. The main focus was laid on the saturation of various schemes like PMJAY, PMAY-U, Golden card, and PMEGP and various pension schemes of the social sector. Similar programmes were also held at the Municipal Committee Banihal, where the officers and officials of various departments sensitized the general public about the welfare schemes launched for the benefit of people, especially for unemployed youth.

Floriculture Department organizes training/awareness program on commercial floriculture

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 29: Director, General, Floriculture, Parks & Gardens, Jammu, S. Jatinder Singh today participated in training/awareness program on commercial floriculture for public and entrepreneurs at Municipal Committee, Ramgarh District Samba. The program was organized under ongoing Jan Abhiyan (MTMP 2.0) by Floriculture

Department in collaboration with President Municipal Committee Ramgarh Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Kamlesh Verma, Vice President Municipal Committee Ramgarh, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In total 40 people including female farmers attending the training/awareness program.

Prominent among others present were Ajay Sangara,

Executive Officer Municipal Committee Ramgarh and Atul Sharma Assistant Floriculture Officer,

Speaking of the occasion, the Director General stressed upon adopting various commercial floriculture schemes in the towns such as development of ornamental nurseries, high value flower crop production under poly greenhouses etc. He also urged upon increasing the green cover of the

area by developing Vertical Gardens, Terrace Gardens, Home Lawns (Har Ghar Bagicha). The details of various Commercial Floriculture Schemes were also deliberated by AFO Atul Sharma.

The Director General also inspected the stalls being installed by the venue departments at the different depicting various schemes and programs implemented in the District.

DC Anantnag calls for proactive participation of people, Public representatives, prominent citizens in fight against Drugs



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ANANTNAG, NOVEMBER 29: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today sought active cooperation and proactive participation of general people against the growing menace of Drug Consumption during a review meeting of District officers.

Showing concern over the increasing trend of Drug Abuse, DC said that efforts of Government alone will not be sufficient to control and arrest the

menace of Drug Addiction. He said that people's participation is pivotal to curb drugs addiction.

He also stressed on creating awareness on the disastrous ramifications of the Drug Consumption on individuals and families.

He further added that although the district is treading on path to prosperous future with phenomenal improvements in socio-economic parameters, however, the scourge of growing drug menace, if not arrested immediately,

has the capacity to derail the developmental progress of the district.

While giving out details of activities being undertaken under Nasha Mukhti in the district, he said that public and student rallies, Pledge Ceremonies, Seminars, debates in colleges, schools and skits shows are being conducted. Besides, showcasing the disastrous effects of drugs through drawing and painting competitions, conduct of bhag/ poppy destruction, Nukad Natak and drives have been conducted in order to contribute, their part in the fight against drugs, in the district.

DC further added that creating awareness on the issue is the most potent arsenal against it and called upon the people and especially public representatives, civil society bodies, other social and economic organizations and prominent citizens to take part in activities conducted by district administration.