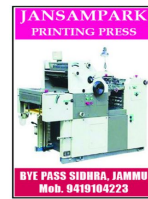




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Nitin Gadkari inspects Z-Morh Tunnel with LG Manoj Sinha



AGENCIES
GANDERBAL, APR 10

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha and Members of Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Road Transport and Highways inspected the Geo-strategically important Z-Morh Tunnel on Srinagar-Leh Highway (NH-1) today.

19 tunnels are being constructed in Jammu and Kashmir at a cost of Rs 25 thousand crore. Under this, construction work of 6.5 km length Z-morh tunnel and approach road is in progress at a cost of Rs 2680 crore. This 2-lane road tunnel is being built under the mountain glacier Thajiwas Glacier between Gagangir and Sonamarg in Ganderbal district of Kashmir. Under the Z-Morh tunnel project, a main tunnel of total length of 10.8 meters with a modified horse shoe shape escape tunnel of total length of 7.5 meters, D-shaped ventilation tunnel of total length of 8.3 meters, 2 major culverts of total length of 110 meters and 270 meters, 1 small culvert of total length of 30 meters is proposed. Till now 75% work of Z-Morh Tunnel has been completed. A target has been set to dedicate this tunnel.

Zojila tunnel to be historic in India's history; longest in Asia: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari



JNEWS SERVICE
SONAMARG, APR 10

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari today inspected Zojila Tunnel, Asia's longest tunnel to establish all weather connectivity for Ladakh and an important project implemented in Jammu and Kashmir with the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha and members of Parliament of Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Road Transport and Highways. 19 tunnels are being constructed in Jammu and Kashmir at a cost of Rs 25000 crore.

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Projects worth Rs 1,25,000 crore proposed for J&K: Nitin Gadkari

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 10

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari said that developmental works worth Rs 1,25,000 crore are being taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in Jammu and Kashmir. Since 2014, around 500 km road network has been completed in the region, and about 1700 km roads are being constructed at a cost of Rs 75,000 crores.

He said this while interacting with media at Srinagar today after completing an inspection of the strategic Zojila and Z Morh tunnels earlier in the day.

He said that about 41 significant tunnels are being constructed in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh at a cost of Rs 45,000 crore. Ropeways worth Rs 5,000 crore will be constructed in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

The Minister said that in order to make the journey between Jammu and



Srinagar comfortable, three corridors worth Rs 35,000 crores are being constructed. He said that the earlier distance of 320 kms between Jammu and Srinagar will get reduced by 70 km after the completion of these corridors.

The design of four laning of Jammu-Srinagar highway is based on geo-technical and geo-scientific investigations to reduce the obstacles caused by landslides, the Minister informed the gathering.

Gadkari said that a new 78 km 4-lane ring road is being constructed in Srinagar at a cost of

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DC Jammu discusses arrangements for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2023



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 10

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa today convened a meeting to review the arrangements for smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023. Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; ADC L&O, Harvind Singh; ADC (ADM), Sandeep Seoinra; ACR, Piyush Dhotra; Deputy Director Information, Dr Vikas Sharma and other officers from concerned departments were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner discussed the arrangements for facilities like drinking water, Mobile toilets, tatkal registration, RFID cards, setting up of langars and their permissions, welcome hoardings/banners, accommodation, transportation etc for pilgrims, especially at registration counters, yatri niwas and other important places.

It was informed that five counters would be

established for Tatkal registration of the pilgrims at Vaishnavi Dham, Mahajan Sabha, Panchayat Ghar and two at Geeta Bhawan and Ram Mandir for the registration of Sadhus.

It was also apprised that a token counter would be established at Saraswati Dham to facilitate the pilgrims and crowd management.

The Deputy Commissioner also discussed the requirement of other facilities like

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1.7 Lakh Students with 96.6% Pass J&K Middle Standard Exam

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 10

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Monday, announced the Middle Standard Result for the academic year 2022-23. This marks a significant moment as it is the first time the government has implemented a unified academic calendar in J&K UT and conducted exams during the March-April session. Approximately 175,547 students from both government and private schools in all the 20 districts of J&K took the examination of

the second term of the academic year 2022-23. The UT of J&K was divided into two zones: Soft and Hard, to ensure a smooth and efficient examination process.

"The results have been overwhelmingly positive, with a total 169,564 candidates qualifying, resulting in an impressive overall pass percentage of 96.6," the Joint Director said.

The Jammu Division saw a total of 88,506 candidates appearing for the exam, out of which 86,132 candidates qualified, with a pass percentage of

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ASI among 2 cops suspended for taking bribe from driver in Ramban

JNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, APR 10

Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday suspended two cops after a video of them taking bribe from a driver in

Ramban district went viral on social media.

In a statement, issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), a spokesperson said that a video was doing rounds on various

social media platforms wherein a traffic cop deployed at Ramban Bazar to Trishol Morh was seen indulging in an unprofessional conduct by accepting money

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Lt Governor inspects progress of SASB's Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk



JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 10

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today conducted the on-site inspection of the construction

work of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board's Office and Yatri Niwas at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar.

The Lt Governor emphasized on accelerating the pace of works to

ensure timely completion of the project. The new facility will fulfil the long pending demand of all stakeholders and devotees from across the country and abroad.

CS virtually participates in panchayat level convergence meetings held across the UT



JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 10

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today virtually participated in the panchayat level convergence meetings across the UT in connection with the finalization of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPPD) 2023-24.

These meetings saw the enthusiastic participation of panchayat members, Prabhari Officers, senior citizens, local youth from villages in large numbers. These meetings of Gram Sabhas provide an opportunity for locals to come together and participate in the decision making process for their respective panchayats.

Dr Mehta said that GPPD is a participatory

decentralised planning process of Gram Panchayat for overall development of the villages by utilising all available resources, adding that interdepartmental coordination is important in this regard.

Dr Mehta, during this interaction, impressed upon the Prabhari Officers of each Gram Panchayat to take full responsibility of representing Government of their assigned areas. He exhorted upon them to create a proper mechanism for escalation of grievances at appropriate levels so that each of them are resolved up to the satisfaction of the people.

He directed the Prabhari Officers to frame a comprehensive plan

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Two-day Covid mock drill starts in J&K hospitals

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, APR 10

Health Department has started a two-day Covid-19 mock drill in all hospitals for an emergency response to ensure medical equipment and other infrastructure were functioning properly.

A health official told news agency, that amid rise in cases, the Covid-19 preparedness related mock drill were conducted on Monday and will continue tomorrow as well.

"All the PMCs, Directors, CMOs and Medical Superintendents conducted the mock drills to ensure the operational readiness of the Covid-dedicated facilities, with a specific focus on oxygen plants, ventilators, logistics and human resources," he said.

"We have checked

oxygen supplies, facilities, oxygen concentrators and plants, cylinders, ICU facilities, Covid-19 wards, testing facilities, drugs and other related facilities," he said.

Notably, Mock drill is a trial run conducted to check how health department and staff manages an emergency using available resources and hospital protocols to avert any chaotic situation.

Bhupinder Kumar, Health and Medical Education Secretary told reporters at the sidelines of mock drill at JLNM Srinagar that past few weeks have seen uptick in Covid cases but hospitalization rate hasn't increased and there is no need to panic.

He said that the concerned officials and officers have been asked to remain alert and continue the testing of

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StartUps Grew 300 Times In Last 9 Years: Dr Jitendra

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, APR 10

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that StartUps in India grew 300 times in the last 9 years.

Dr Jitendra Singh was speaking at a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan where



"National Innovation & Technology, were presented to 'Grassroot Innovations' by the President of

India, Droupdi Murmu. The Minister said that there were just around 350 StartUps before 2014, but after Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the clarion call from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his Independence Day address and rolled out special StartUp scheme in 2016, there has been a quantum jump in StartUps to more than 90,000 with more than 100 Unicorns.

Dr Jitendra Singh further added that

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Mehbooba playing in hands of Pakistan, China: Chugh

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 10

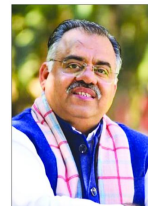
BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, who is also party incharge of J&K, on Monday launched a scathing attack on the PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti saying that she was "dancing to the tune of foreign forces like Pakistan and China".

He said it is time Mehbooba started looking at various development works that have been executed during Modi's term as prime minister.

He said J&K has entered a new era where tourism is more important than terrorism. The Youth of the J&K has new dreams in his eyes.

Chugh said that a new history of development is being written in Jammu and Kashmir. Working at Cancer Institute, AIIMS, NIT, Mini Litem, Cluster University, Srinagar, UT is far ahead in the country in terms of the tourism sector. But unfortunately Mehbooba Mufti ji is not watching these incidents.

He said that 83186



houses have been given under the PMAY scheme, while 16850 houses have been rehabilitated under the Awas Yojana. He also said that during the Modi government, 12 lakh LPG connections were given only in J&K. Along with this, every citizen of the country has been brought under the ambit of Ayushman Health Card.

Chugh said that new chapters of development are going to start in Jammu and Kashmir under the new housing budget 2023-24. In the new budget, a plan to couple the form of Jammu and Kashmir has been presented.

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Tony seeks repair of roads in Suchetgarh, bridge on Nallah in village Magowali

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: A deputation hailing from Panchayat Magowali comprising Sarpanchs, Panchs and other representatives led by Taranjit Singh Tony, Chairman AAP J&K for Administrative Engagement and Minority Affairs, and DDC Member Suchetgarh called on authorities at local PWD office in Jammu and high-lighted various demands of the people.

At the outset, Tony apprised the PWD officials about the Kingsize pot-holes making the life of people miserable and demanded that the road network of the entire Suchetgarh Constituency should be overhauled as the condition is dismal and people are suffering a lot due to poor road edifice.

The senior AAP leader laid special focus on the road between village Seer to Hansa claiming that the stretch has gone pathetic



and there is immediate need to repair it because a mishap can occur anytime. Besides, Tony also demanded a bridge on the Nallah connecting two

said village. He urged the PWD officials to start the work on the bridge within one week's time.

The concerned PWD officials gave assurance that the demands raised by the deputation would be fulfilled within a reasonable time as proper documentation and other procedures are a little time consuming. They said that people should rest assured that sooner than later their demands shall be addressed.

Later, Tony assured the people that he is standing Shana b Shana (shoulder to shoulder) with them and will not take rest until and unless all their problems are mitigated.

Responding to AAP leaders' warm gestures, the villagers lauded him for showing keen interest in taking their issues before the concerned quarters forcefully and providing a sigh of relief to the people facing issues of various kinds.

MP Khatana castigates Cong, PDP, NC for destruction in Kashmir



JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, APR 10: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali today lashed out at the dynastic parties PDP, NC and Con for pushing Jammu and Kashmir into quagmire of violence and destruction for last thirty years. He held the dynastic parties responsible for destroying the future of two generations due to their self-seeking politics.

Addressing a massive public meeting organized by BJP ST Morcha at Paroo, Kokernag in district

Anantnag today Er. Gulam Ali said that the hands of the Cong, NC, PDP leaders are soaked in the blood of innocent people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He warned the trouble mongers and looters that law will take its own course and the resources looted by them would be returned to the people of union territory.

Er. Gulam Ali said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, the developmental scenario in the Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a revolutionary push with new highways

and tunnels coming up at fast pace besides setting up new power projects which have the potential of generating huge employment in the UT.

He said that very shortly more than 3000 mobile towers will be installed/upgraded by BSNL in Kashmir valley to roll out 4G connectivity to the unconnected areas and remote areas.

MP Gulam Ali praised the people of Kashmir especially Anantnag for upholding the secular traditions of J&K by extending every possible help during the conduct of

annual Shri Amarnath yatra. He said that Anantnag has abundant natural resources which need to be utilized judiciously for the betterment of the people of the area. He said that peace and development are the keywords for restoring the pristine glory of the J&K and ensuring common men's upliftment. He said that visit of more than 1.70 Crore visitors to the efforts of BJP led government to ensure well being of the people dependent on tourism.

Earlier Roshan Choudhary, president BJP ST Morcha welcomed the MP Gulam Ali on his maiden visit to district Anantnag.

Others present were Showkat Wani, Minority Morcha spokesperson Muneraa ji, Constituency President Imran Rasool, ST District President Abrar Ahmed, Constituency General Secretary Shabir Ahmad Beigh.

Later MP Gulam Ali visited the residence of Late Amjad Choudhary, a prominent social worker to pay his last respects to the departed soul.

Johal distributes relief material among 250 families at Arnia, Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, APR 10: Sarbjit Singh Johal, BJP Kissan Morcha President J&K and DDC member Ramgarh, today organized two relief camps at Arnia and 51 Bn BSF in Kandral Post of Samba district.

The 721st and 722nd trucks of relief material were provided by the Shaheed Parivar Fund C/o Hind Samachar and Punjab Kesari Group which was disbursed by the DDC member among 250 needy families in the areas. The relief comprised Atta, Rice and complete kitchen kits so as to ensure the basic food requirements of the indigent people.

On the occasion, Varinder Sharma, In-charge Shaheed Parivar, S Iqbal Singh Arneja, Dimple Suri, Sarabdeep Kour, BPC Chairman Dreshan Choudhary and Rakesh Paant social workers were present.

Addressing the gather-



ing, Johal said that in the present scenario, philanthropy has become the need of the hour and noble and blessed people have always come forward to extend support to the needy people.

Recalling the philanthropy displayed by the great journalist Lala Jagat Narayan during his lifetime, Johal paid glowing tributes to him and said that his immense contribu-

tion in the field of journalism would be remembered for ages to come. He also complimented Padma Shri Vijay Chopra for upholding the philanthropic and charitable legacy to serve the needy people in the society.

He also informed about the aim behind holding the distribution camp.

He said that the main patron behind providing relief material for the needy people is Padma

Shri Vijay Chopra. He said that the Shaheed Parivar Fund management has been sending relief material for the past about 24 years.

The DDC Member Johal asked people of the border village to remain vigilant from the rising drug peddling activities. He sought support of the people of the border village in curbing the menace of drug peddling.

Satwant lashes out at BJP-led Govt



JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APR 10:

National Conference's Provincial President of Women Wing, Satwant Kaur Dogra today lashed out at the BJP-led government at the Centre over rising prices of fuel, alleging that due to the wrong policies of the Government, inflation is sky-rocketing and there is no relief to the poor people.

Satwant during an interactive session with office bearers of the party at block Sewars of Udhampur listened to the grievances of the women, who apprised the NC leader of their day-to-day problems. They said that PMUY hasn't been completely effective as poor households find it difficult to pay for and get regular LPG cylinder refills

and the monthly budget for food and grocery, including staples, vegetables, fruits and dairy products, was a great concern due to steep price rise. The program was organized by Udhampur (R) District President of Women Wing V.D.Surishta while District President Ram Purshottam Sharma was the Guest of Honour. Provincial Vice President Pushpa Dogra, Rama Gupta and Jagdish Bhardwaj accompanied the Provincial President.

Satwant said that controlling inflation and ushering 'Achihe Din were the major poll planks of the BJP leaders but after attaining power party is protecting interests of only corporate world. She reminisced that top BJP leadership at the Centre held massive

protests while in opposition days blaming the then Government of failure to control the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG. It was ironical that after their ascendance to power, the very same leaders imposed huge taxes upon the essential commodities and raised their prices to unprecedented level, she said. "The BJP had proved itself as the party of the rich and the corporate without bothering for the woes and sufferings of the poor and middle class people. It was eliminating poor and not the poverty," she said.

She exhorted women to strengthen National Conference at grass root level and maintain peace and harmony, saying this will be a befitting reply to those who want to divide the society on religious and

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regional lines.

Speaking on the occasion, District President Ram Purshottam Sharma blamed the government's mismanagement for the collapse of the economy and said that the rising prices of cooking fuel, petrol, diesel, and expensive groceries is a great concern for every household. He said that the government is looting people of their hard-earned money by increasing the prices manifold and added that during the tenure of UPA government, BJP leaders used to "make a lot of noise" over the issue of inflation but now they are conveniently silent. She demanded its rollback and regulation of the fee structure of private educational institutions to provide relief to the common man from the onslaught of rising prices.

District President of Women Wing V D Surishta said National Conference (NC) is not a mere political party, but a movement with well-defined political agenda and workers of the NC have withstood all challenges and proven their loyalty towards people and party.

Randhawa distributes ration among disabled persons, asks party workers to identify persons in need

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: Former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader distributed ration among disabled persons in Rajiv Nagar area of Bahu Assembly Segment.

He was accompanied by Amit Gupta, Haroon Choudhary, Dr Davinder Singh, Ashok Vaid, Suraj Kumar, Khalid Hussain, Anil, Akshay, Harish, Mohinder Sharma, Vinod, Pawan and many others.

Randhawa informed that Prime Minister led Central Government's decision of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) had provided much needed relief to the down trodden persons.

During the period of PMGKAY scheme no one slept hungry, he said and added that "PMGKAY is a welfare scheme announced by the Government in March 2020 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic which has proved beneficial for the needy and the poor families".

Former Legislator said that with this scheme around 80 crore house-



holds of the nation were benefited, adding that under the extended PMGKAY, each beneficiary was provided additional 5 kilograms free ration per person per month in addition to the normal quota of food grains under the NFSA. "As life is coming back to mainstream, still Prime Minister is concerned about the plights of the poor and needy people", he said, adding that the decision to extend the PMGKAY shows the commitment of the Modi Government towards the

welfare of the poor people. He asked the party workers to inform him about anyone, who is in need of ration, so that needful can be done for them.

Randhawa said that in Pakistan people are fighting for a single bag of wheat or rice, but the Modi led Central Government is reaching out to each and every person in need.

Apart from PMGKAY, Randhawa also informed about other schemes launched by the Modi Government led by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi including Ayushman Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, etc for the benefit of the common masses.

He added that BJP believes in "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas", which has been guiding force behind governance.

BJP Mahila Morcha to celebrate Birthday of Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: As part of the Birth Celebrations of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar, a Harmony Fortnight will be celebrated from April 6 during which various functions and programs will be held at district, block, tehsil and divisional level. This Harmony Day will be celebrated to highlight the teaching and great work of Baba Sahab who fought against the discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and religion throughout his life and worked hard for the Upliftment of weaker sections of the society. This was disclosed at a function of State Mahila Morcha at Jammu today. Speaking on the occasion the State President of the Morcha Sanjita Dogra stressed the need for unity,



integrity and harmony in the society so that our country will progress a day prosper.

Quoting the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, she said that only the PM has rightly understood and realised the importance and feelings of women in the society. In this backdrop the PM has suggested and directed more involve-

ment of women in the programs and functions during these Birthday celebrations. The PM has entrusted more responsibilities upon the women. Acusing the previous governments Sanjita Dogra said that the Congress, NC and PDP Govts have so far done nothing for the uplift and cause of SC ST OBC and other weaker sections of

the society praising and appreciating the initiatives and policies of BJP govt in General and the PM in particular she said that under the able administration of Narendra Modi the present UT administration has done a good work for the betterment and prosperity of these weaker sections and empowerment of women.

CRPF celebrates Valour day with full zeal and fervor



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JAMMU, APR 10: All units and establishments of CRPF in Jammu region celebrated valour day with full zeal & fervor on 9 April 2023. On this day GC CRPF Jammu also celebrated valour day in enthusiastic manner. On the occasion Shri Mahesh Chandra Laddha, IGP Jammu Sector visited Quarter Guard and was saluted by the Guard. Thereafter he made a special entry in the visitor's book of the Quarter Guard about the importance of 'Valour Day'. On the occasion of Valour Day, Medal Awarding/investiture Ceremony was organized. In this ceremony Shri Nalin Prabhat, IPS, SDG, J&K Zone was the chief guest. During the event, Sh. Manoj Dwyani, DIG Jammu Sector gave a welcome speech and then a brief documentary on Sardar Post was shown. 18 Police Medal for Meritorious Service, 01 DG's Disc and

Commemendation Certificate and Best (Adm) BN Trophy of Jammu sector for the year 2021-22 to 06 BN CRPF was awarded by the Chief Guest Shri Nalin Prabhat, IPS, SDG, J&K Zone. During the event in his address Shri Nalin Prabhat, IPS, SDG, J&K Zone congratulated the Officer/Subordinate officer and personnel present in the function and described the Shaurya Gatha of CRPF. He said that on 9 April 1965 in the 'Ran of Kutch' Gujarat, Pakistan had launched operation 'Desert Hawk' to capture a large area in Gujarat. Under this Pakistan's Infantry Brigade attacked 'Sardar' and 'Tak Post'. 02 Companies of 02nd BN CRPF fought back and foiled this attack. This was a unique act in the history of the country in which a small contingent of Para Military force thwarted the planned attack of such a huge brigade. Every year April-09 is celebrated as Bravery Day

for the indomitable courage, work skills and Valour displayed by the brave soldiers of CRPF. The programme was anchored by Shri Prem Chandra Gupta Commandant GC, CRPF, Jammu. At the end of programme Shri Naresh Kumar Yadav, DIG, GC, CRPF, Jammu expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, Officers, Medal recipients, their dependents of Jammu region, Subordinate officers and personnel of GC, CRPF, Jammu.

Shri Nalin Prabhat, SDG, JK Zone, Sh. Mahesh Chandra Laddha, IG, Jammu Sector, Dr. Biram Singh IG (Medical) JK Zone, Sh. T.N Khuntia DIG, JK Zone, Sh. Naresh Kumar Yadav DIG, GC, CRPF, Jammu, Sh. Manoj Dhyani DIG, Jammu Sector and other officers, SO's and Jawans were present in this programme. After this, the Chief Guest and all the senior officers had photograph with medal recipients and had lunch with the medal recipients and officers, SOs and Jawans.

Martyr CI/DG Ram Singh Slathia of District Samba, Jammu region was martyred on 27/09/2011. On the occasion of Valour Day wreath were laid on the statue of martyr CI/DG Ram Singh Slathia at his hometown in the presence of his mother, father and dignitaries of the village. His mother, & father were honored by presenting a shawl. Sweets were also distributed among people present over there. On this occasion an essay and painting competition was also organized by GC, CRPF, Jammu among the students of KV Bantlab and the winners were awarded prizes.

Lt. Gen RS Reen delivers expert talk at NIT Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, APR 10: An alumnus from National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Lt. Gen RS Reen on Monday delivered an expert talk on "Role of Engineers in nation building and technology adoption initiatives through incubators and startups for finding solutions to region-specific engineering problems."

The function was presided over by Director NIT Srinagar; Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari was 'Guest of Honor' on the occasion.

On the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said such lectures are aimed to expose students to a variety of topics beyond their curriculum and provide a platform to interact and exchange ideas with eminent experts.

Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said such lectures will not only benefit students but would also help them to explore more career options in their future.

He said such lectures are aimed to stay current, learn new skills, and connect with other professionals in



your field. They are an essential aspect of academic growth and students should take advantage of such things, Prof. Bukhari said.

The event was attended by more than 100 participants and it was coordinated by Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Lt. Gen is a 1986 batch officer and an alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Deharadun. The Officer has done BE (Electrical) from NIT Srinagar and has specialization in Radio

Institute of Quality Assurance, Bangalore.

In his key speech, Lt. Gen RS Reen focused on the crucial role that engineers play in nation-building and how incubators and startups can be utilized to find solutions to region-specific engineering problems.

"Engineers play a critical role in nation-building and technology adoption initiatives through incubators. They are instrumental in developing innovative solutions to address various societal and economic challenges, and their expertise and technical skills are essential for translating ideas into reality," he said.

Lt. Gen RS Reen said engineers have a critical role to play in nation-building and technology adoption initiatives through incubators. Their expertise, technical skills, and problem-solving abilities are essential for developing innovative solutions that can address various societal and economic challenges, he said.

A formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout to eminent expert. He said such sessions will be conducted in the future so that more students will benefit from these initiatives.

Rekha Mahajan encourages organic agriculture, the use of millet amongst farmers



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JAMMU, APR 10: The Bharatiya Janata Party's Jammu District South agricultural wing, the (Kisan Morcha) is carrying out a campaign in Jammu District South to limit the use of insecticides and chemical fertilizers in agriculture.

To celebrate the "Sewa Saptah" District President BJP Jammu South Rekha Mahajan attended the program in RS Pura-Miransahib Mandal under District Jammu South at Kumar Palace Kullian. The program was organized under the Presidentship of Kisan Morcha District President Jammu South Gurdheep Pakaya.

Rekha Mahajan along with Former MLA and DDC Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat, District General Secretary Akash Chopra, President RS Pura Mandal Vikram Sandhu, Mandal Prabhari Vikram Sharma, and others were present during the meeting.

As part of the Sewa Saptah (weekly fortnight program), the District

President of Jammu South Rekha Mahajan participated and interacted with farmers and awareness of the people of natural farming.

During the program, Rekha Mahajan said the BJP District Kisan Morcha wing started the Samajik Nayat Saptah in Jammu District South on natural farming and other agricultural products to introduce the benefits among the farmers. Rekha Mahajan stated that BJP Kisan Morcha conducted seminars on the use of millet and organic farming to help them pass on this knowledge to farmers at the mandals level in Jammu District South.

The program got a huge response in RS Pura Mandal and its adjoining areas and many farmers got an awareness of natural farming, Rekha added. Rekha Mahajan emphasized that the occasion of the Sewa Saptah program aims to connect with the farmers in the next three years for educating them. She said farmers are the real heroes of the nation in building the strong economy of the gov-

ernment under the vibrant leadership of PM Narendra Modi.

Rekha expresses special thanks to Prime Minister Modi and Kisan Morcha National President MP Rajkumar Chahar who encouraged farming in the country and promoted millet farming. She informed with the efforts of the Prime Minister Modi the United National general assembly at its 75th session declared 2023 "The International Year of Millets". Rekha explained the uses of natural and millet farming to the farmers and also highlighted the smart moves of the central government to motivate the farmers to promote the agricultural sector and also made them aware of the connected government schemes to construct the nation. Rekha said that "millet is a very important staple food item which contains lots of nutrition value." We should use millet in our day-to-day diet at least one time a day which will benefit our health she said.

Gharu Ram Bhagat while admiring the Kisan Morcha unit for organizing the mass awareness program said, "We should encourage millet cultivation in our state for economic development and livelihood of rural people." Gharu Ram also accentuated the various programs being organized to mark the social justice week in the District Jammu South. He said that farmers are the spine of the country and play a significant role in the growth of the nation. He said, BJP has always contributed to the expansion of the agriculturalist and is frequently trying to make the farmers flourish and the country progress.

Mughals were looters, glorification pointless: Kavinder Gupta

'Farooq's love towards invaders out of communal tinge'



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JAMMU, APR 10: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday slammed NC leader Farooq Abdullah for battling strongly for invader Mughals.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJP leader said that

Farooq Abdullah's love towards Mughals shows his soft corner just because of the religion of the invader clan that came to India with the sole purpose to loot its resources.

Endorsing the stand taken by the concerned authorities to cut short the portion of syllabus describing the unnecessary magnanimity and prominence of Mughals from text-

books in the country, the BJP stalwart leader said that the Mughals were the looters and hence they don't deserve any glorification. He said that the decision to cut to size the role of these unethical invaders in the books being taught to the youth of the country is quite imperative as the existing syllabus was deliberately designed to keep the Indians under invincible pressure of slave mindset.

Kavinder said that Dr Farooq Abdullah is welcome to live with his slave mentality always engrossed with things which actually were not part of Indian culture like killing near and dear ones for the sake of the throne. He said that the historians of the modern times should be given an open atmosphere to decide without any pressure what is right and what not for the pupils and researchers to know about the past of the country. "The country will not decide such significant matters on the basis of communal tones and individual point of view", he maintained.

J&K Police signs MoU with FCI Jammu for skill development training for NoK of JKP Martyrs

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JAMMU, APR 10: Jammu and Kashmir Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today with Food Craft Institute (FCI) Jammu to provide skill development training and to encourage entrepreneurship amongst NoK of martyrs of J&K Police for their rehabilitation.

The objective of this agreement is to provide short term skill training of NoK of martyrs of Jammu and Kashmir Police in the hospitality sector in collaboration with FCI, Jammu Department of Skill Development. The MoU was signed by the DIG Administration PHQ Ms Sarah Rizvi on behalf of J&K Police and Principal FCI Jammu Shri Jyoti Bhatti.

The wards of serving police personnel shall also be considered for the same skill development programmes in due course of time.



FCI, Jammu will design course, train, do assessment and certification of trainees for creating employability and sustainable livelihood. The selected candidates will go under one and half year diploma courses in different streams that includes food production, food and beverage operations, bakery and confectionery, front office and reception and housekeeping and maintenance besides the

FCI will also offer short term courses and entrepreneurship programmes. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Food and Craft Institute of Jammu is the furthering partnership between both institutions with the main goal of providing skill training and encourage entrepreneurship amongst desiring and enthusiastic candidates.

The idea behind this partnership was highlighted in the goal and aim of the Empower and Enable Project designed and executed by Ms Maahira Mahajan, studying at UWC Atlantic in the UK and Shri Aditya Mahajan studying at UWC Southeast Asia in Singapore. Their main motive being the provision of training and education in an ever growing service sector of J&K.

NDPI Chief expresses anguish over rising road accidents in Jammu

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) has expressed anguish and shock over rising number of road accidents in the Union Territory. Strongly condemning the Traffic Department for road accidents, NDPI J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta said, "Road continues to be split, as the UT recorded the highest number of fatalities in a decade last year but there is no seriousness and responsibility shown by administration on increasing number of road accidents occurring often".

The NDPI president said as deaths take place frequently on the roads, functioning of traffic authorities and Motor Vehicle Departments is questionable. He further said the traffic department is not performing their

duties smartly. They are least bothered about the human deaths considering them like insects. Even LG administration is not taking road accidental deaths seriously.

Gupta redirected his demand and appealed to LG for raising awareness about road safety, Road Safety Fund, strengthening of highway patrolling for prevention of accidents and fatalities, besides deployment of Ambulances. NDPI president urged J&K Lieutenant Governor to give top priority to human values as a person's life is more precious than anything else.

He said that the Lt Governor should personally intervene and take strong measures and pass strict instruction to concerned authorities.

He said buses, mini buses drivers and bikers should be dealt with iron

hands and traffic cops should be more vigilant while on duty. He said according to recent data, the number of people killed in road accidents in the UT is twice the number of fatalities - which includes civilians, security forces and militant deaths - caused by unrest in the UT. Gupta said that miserable conditions of J&K roads have caused a virtual death trap. Taking note of regular accidents of road accidents in particular areas, Gupta urged LG Manoj Sinha to direct concerned authorities of the health department to explore possibility of developing more trauma centers near accident-prone highways to help accident victims during the crucial golden hours.

He expressed serious concern over the frequent road accidents and loss of large number of lives.



World Homoeopathy Day celebrated with the theme Homoeoparivar - Sarvajan Swasthya, One Health, One Family

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, APR 10

A one-day Scientific Convention was organized by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy under Ministry of Ayush to celebrate the occasion of the World Homoeopathy Day at New Delhi today. The theme of the convention was "Homoeoparivar - Sarvajan Swasthya, One Health, One Family". The convention aimed to promote evidence-based homoeopathic treatment for health & wellness of the entire family, capacity building of homoeopathic practitioners to provide homoeopathy as first line of treatment and promote homoeopathy as a treatment of choice in households.

In his address the Chief Guest of the event, Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhanekar said, "We need a comprehensive and integrated approach to healthcare. I am convinced that this event will mark the beginning of a new initiative towards integrated health that will be practiced in Indian families and align with the theme of event Homoeoparivar as well as medical pluralism which is the hallmark of healthcare in India. Homoeopathy is connected to nature and who has termed it as the



second largest and fastest growing system of medicine." The Vice President further exemplified the role of Homoeopathy in combating covid-19 and said, "Homoeopathy played a significant role in combating pandemic". India is termed as "Pharmacy of the World", and the credit goes to quality assurance commitment of India." He said.

On this occasion, Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal highlighted about the initiatives taken up by the Ministry of Ayush to promote Ayush system of medicines and that Ministry has encouraged promotion of research and development in the systems of medicine to make them more evidence-based and effective. In order to support quality research in Homoeopathy, the Ministry of Ayush has increased its budgetary allocation and has expressed his satisfaction for the good work done by CCRH in public health, epidemics, outpatients

on topics like "Strategizing homoeopathic research, education and practice", "Homoeopathy in Public Health" and "Pharmacovigilance".

An Agreement was exchanged with CCRH and the Department of Homoeopathy, Government of Kerala for conducting clinical trial on immunological responses to keep up the good work of uplifting Homoeopathy, whether by clinical practice, teaching, or research. Mos for Ayush and WCD Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai, said, "We need to realize importance of early diagnosis and treatment of illnesses along with preventive care. The activities and achievements of CCRH over the years have contributed to nation building through various public outreach activities." The inaugural ceremony was followed by a session on "Policy Aspects in development of Homoeopathy" chaired by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai and presided by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush. The speakers were Sh. Ajit M. Sharan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Sh. Rahul Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush and Dr. Sangeeta Duggal, Advisor (Homoeopathy), Ministry of Ayush. They spoke

President presents 11th Biennial National Grassroots innovation and outstanding traditional knowledge awards of NIF and inaugurates fine-2023

AGENCIES
JAMMU, APR 10

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the 11th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Awards of NIF at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre (RBCC) today (April 10, 2023). She also inaugurated Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) -2023 at the Sports Ground near RBCC.

Speaking at the Award function, the President said that citizens at the grassroots have the potential to come up with Science and Technology based innovative solutions and serve the country to the best of their abilities. National Innovation Foundation (NIF) plays

a significant role in encouraging and supporting such innovators. She noted that NIF has pooled a database of over 325000 technological ideas, innovations and traditional knowledge practices from over 625 districts of the country. She was also happy to note that NIF has already recognised 1093 grassroots innovators and school students at the national level in its various Award Functions.

The President said that today we are celebrating not just the achievements of innovators but the spirit of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship. We can see small innovations happening every other day around us. We just have to understand and encourage the creativity and innova-

tion which is already present everywhere.

The President said that one important aspect of supporting and enhancing creativity is to encourage children and youth to ask questions. Curiosity and spirit of enquiry are essential for finding out solutions to challenging problems. Our children should grow up to become solution providers.

The President said that another important thing is that our citizens should have the zeal to serve the country. He or she should try to understand the privatisation and issues arising in the country and should feel responsible to contribute towards solving them may be at a small scale. She urged innovators, entre-

preneurs, traditional knowledge holders and industry representatives to come together to find eco-friendly and sustainable solutions and encourage innovations in this direction.

The President said that FINE is a unique effort which promotes science, technology and innovation and encourages the citizens to undertake entrepreneurship and make their mark in India and abroad. She said that the spirit of entrepreneurship and the zeal to find solutions to challenging problems should be encouraged and rewarded.

People can visit the Exhibition of Innovations between April 10 and 13, 2023 by registering themselves at <https://nif.org.in/fine2023>

CSIR-IIIM distributes quality planting material to farmers of Ramban under CSIR Floriculture Mission

AGENCIES
RAMBAN, APR 10

CSIR Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, Ramban has organised a one day training and planting material distribution programme under CSIR Floriculture Mission at Mini Secretariat, Ramban. In the event 85 farmer beneficiaries from different areas of the district were imparted training on

commercial cultivation and post harvest technologies for Cut and Loose flower cultivars. The farmers were also provided the quality planting material of Gladiolus and hybrid marigold seed.

At the outset of the programme Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ramban welcomed the chief guest Sh. Musarrat Islam, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Dr. Shahid Rasool, Nodal Scientist, CSIR Floriculture Mission, officers of

the Department of Agriculture and participating farmers. In his interaction with the participants, Dr. Shahid Rasool gave a brief about the different verticals being implemented across the UT of J&K under CSIR Floriculture Mission and its importance to bring about the transformational change in the commercial floriculture sector of the region. Highlighting the scope and the opportunities in the cultivation and multi-

cut and loose flower varieties, considering the diverse edaphic and agro-climatic conditions in the entire Chenab Valley, Ramban being centrally located between Srinagar and Jammu can be leveraged for supply of marigold during the peak demand seasons of religious tourism. He further emphasized on resource optimization and integrated approach to farming practices for overall inclusion development in the farming sector.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Nitin Gadkari inspects...

by December 2023. Intelligent Traffic Management System has been installed in Z-Morh Tunnel which will make it easier to control traffic. Along with this, traffic will be facilitated through the dedicated escape tunnel. The Z-Morh tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity to the Sonamarg tourist town. The debris generated during the construction of this project has been used for way-side facilities and development of the area.

The area of Z-Morh tunnel is strategically important as its construction will ensure seamless connectivity between Srinagar and Kargil and there will also be considerable reduction in travel time between Srinagar and Leh. This tunnel will promote social and economic development in the entire region. Tourism in Sonamarg will be promoted including activities like whitewater rafting on the Thajwas Glacier and Sindh River.

Zojila tunnel to...

Under this, the construction of 13.14 km long tunnel and approach road at a cost of Rs 6800 crore is in progress in Zojila. It is a 7.57 m high horseshoe-shaped single-tube, 2-lane tunnel, which will pass under the Zojila Pass in the Himalayas between Ganderbal in Kashmir and Drass town in Kargil district of Ladakh. The project includes a Smart Tunnel (SCADA) system, which has been constructed using the New Austrian Tunneling Method. It is equipped with CCTV, radio control, uninterrupted power supply, ventilation. The use of modern technology in this project has saved the Government of India more than 5000 crore rupees.

Under the Zojila Tunnel project, the main Zojila tunnel of 13,153 meters with 4 cutverts of total length of 810 meters, 4 Nilgiri tunnels of total length of 4,821 meters, 8 cut and covers of total length of 2,350 meters and three 500 meters, 391 meters and 220 meters of vertical ventilation shaft are proposed. So far 28% work of Zojila Tunnel has been completed.

With the construction of this tunnel, there will be all-weather connectivity for Ladakh. Currently the average travel time to cross the Zojila Pass sometimes takes three hours, after the completion of this tunnel the travel time will come down to 20 minutes. The reduction in travel time will ultimately result in fuel savings. The terrain near Zojila Pass is extremely inhospitable, with many fatal accidents taking place here every year. After the completion of Zojila Tunnel, the chances of accidents will be zero. This tunnel will provide year-round connectivity between the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh, which will be extremely important for the development of Ladakh, promotion of tourism, free movement of local goods and movement of Indian armed forces in case of emergency.

Projects worth...

Rs 4,660 crores. The Minister further said that a four lane road will be constructed from Khanabal Panjarni to ease up the journey of Amarnath pilgrims.

The Minister said that by the improvement in road infrastructure, J&K is going to witness three to four times increase in tourist footfall in coming years.

Sh. Gadkari said that 38 per cent work has been completed on the Zojila tunnel till date and work is on at full pace to complete the remaining work. He added that the Z. Morh tunnel will be thrown open in October 2023.

ASI among...

from a driver at Naka Trishol Morh. The statement reads that taking a serious view of the incident, selection grade constable Mohammed Latif and his in charge ASI Bini Kumar were placed under suspension with immediate effect.

It reads further a departmental enquiry has been initiated against the duo—(KNO)

DC Jammu...

accommodation, barricading, security arrangements, technical equipment and wi-fi, power and water supply at registration counters.

The duties were assigned to the concerned departments to ensure that all necessary arrangements for smooth conduct of Yatra were put in place well in time. The JMC was given the responsibility of cleanliness, installation of mobile toilets, sanitation at yatri niwas, registration counters, Langer shala and Jammu City in general.

The CMO Jammu was asked to make available elaborate medical facilities for the pilgrims, while the RTO department was asked to keep a close check on fare charged by the transporters.

PHE and PDD were asked to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply respectively whereas police, CRPF were directed to ensure security arrangements at registration counters and yatri niwas well before time.

1.7 Lakh Students...

93.85 for government schools and 97.84 for private schools.

In the Kashmir Division, a total of 87,041 candidates appeared for the exam, out of which 83,432 candidates qualified, with a pass percentage of 95.67 for government schools and 95.53 for private schools.

Directed SCERT, Prof Parikshat Singh Manhas, congratulated the students on their success and wished them luck for their future endeavors. He also thanked the SCERT, DIETs and other stakeholders who contributed to making this strenuous exercise possible.

The SCERT and the associated (DIETs) were entrusted with the job of supervising the entire process of conducting the examinations.

CS virtually participates...

In consultation with the members of Gram Panchayats of for formulating self-employment, tourism, sports and Swachhata plans, besides others. He directed the POs to ensure that the approved GDDPs are reflective of the needs and aspirations of the community and paves the way for the achievement of Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

He said that common people should come forward and speak up for their villages and be part of the development process. For better monitoring and execution of development works, Chief Secretary said that people should be informed of developmental activities carried in their areas. The PRIs should also be made aware of the developmental works taking place in their respective panchayats.

Stressing on self-employment generation programme in villages, CS said that the youth should take full benefit of the various government schemes as they will be assisted in every possible way. He said that it is the duty of the Prabhari Officers to make sure that

they do not face any problems. He said that there is no limit to the numbers of youth that can be provided self-employment under different schemes.

Dr Mehta also laid special emphasis on cleanliness in villages and said that Swachhata Mission should be fully implemented before August 15 this year. He commended the unique environment friendly initiative started in a flung panchayat of Sadiwara in Hiller Shahab block of the Kashmir's Anantnag district and asked others to follow the example. The village head has started a campaign called 'Give Plastic and Take Gold' wherein if someone gives plastic waste of 20 quintals, then the panchayat will give him a gold coin.

He said that efforts have to be put in place so that all aspiring villages move to model villages as quickly as possible as per the norms of government of India.

Chief Secretary also disclosed that ranking of panchayats will be done based on set parameters and panchayats should move ahead while the government will act as a facilitator.

He also enquired about the usage of digital services in villages and whether people are being benefited. The villagers expressed satisfaction over the use of online services and said that the online mode has saved them a lot of time and money.

He told them to ensure convergence of sectoral plans in the District and UT plans as per the nature and scope of the work and impressed upon completion of all works before December end.

An end-to-end approach to the representatives and village level workers about the functioning of Schools, Health Centres, Anganwadis and other village institutions. He also took appraisals from them about different amenities like condition of roads, water, electricity and monthly ration provided to them. He even enquired from each of them about the status of Sports stadiums, online services and Door-to-Door collection of waste in their villages.

The Chief Secretary has made it a regular feature to reach out to people at grassroots level for directly taking feedback from them about the working of administration and listening to their suggestions and grievances for making instant resolutions and passing on directions to the concerned officers for taking necessary action.

Two-day Covid...

suspected cases in all the hospitals. "As per the government guidelines, testing rate has been increased and all patients having symptoms of influenza and acute respiratory distress are being tested and cases are on rise but hospitalization is not much," he added.

He said that there is no need to panic as the situation is being monitored closely and appropriate steps will be taken in time as the administration has been very successful in managing the previous waves of Covid.

He said that genome sequencing lab has been made operational at SKIMS Soura and genome sequencing is now being done here and two more, one each in GMC Srinagar and GMC Jammu have are being made functional as installation work is going on.

He said genome sequencing lab at SKIMS will help us in keeping vigil on the variants in circulation, its prevalence and to take steps in this regard.

He said that there is no need to panic as they have seen situations in last three years as handled them as well. "We have a very trained staff and hospitals are also very well equipped," the Secretary Health and Medical Education said.

Replying to a query whether testing will be started

outside parks, he said, as per government guidelines only symptomatic persons are being tested and rate of testing has been increased as well.

He said bottlenecks are being cleared to complete incomplete buildings at JVC Bemina and B&J hospital Srinagar besides that foot over bridge outside Children hospital Bemina is coming up.

He said that masking has been made mandatory in hospitals as of now, however, people must take precautions themselves for their own benefits—(KNO)

StartUps Grew...

simultaneously Prime Minister Modi opened up the Space sector for private participation leading to more than 100 StartUps in the Space sector within just about three years. Similarly, Biotech StartUps went up from around 50 to nearly 6,000, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that India had no dearth of talent, capability, innovation and creativity in the youth, but they were lacking a favourable milieu and proper patronage from the political leadership which was provided by Prime Minister Modi, and it is also now evident that we have so much of innovative talent even in our rural youth and there is no linkage between formal education degree and innovation capabilities which is evident from the awards given today. He added that this issue was also sought to be addressed by Prime Minister Modi by bringing in National Education Policy 2020 which gives emphasis to skill and not only to the academic degrees and prepares the individual for earning livelihood according to his or her aptitude and skill.

The Minister mentioned that the nature of the awards given today and the profile of the awardees proves that a large number of "Grassroot Innovators" are available in India who may not have a very high formal education but who are capable of creating success stories and also generating attractive means of livelihoods for themselves.

Dr Jitendra Singh appreciated the efforts of the Department of Science and Technology and National Innovation Foundation (NIF) for organising the "Festival of Innovation & Entrepreneurship" (FINE) and noted that it is a unique effort to promote Science, Technology and Innovation even among those who may not be highly educated in the formal sense or may have not even been science students but who possess inherent talent and inborn aptitude for innovation and entrepreneurship, which also may become a source of livelihood for them.

The awards were presented in different categories, namely national level, State level and student category. Two of the recipients today had already been awarded Padma Shri for their innovations.

Mehbooba playing...

In the budget, emphasis is being laid on promotion of broadband agriculture, making industrial development our own, employment generation, and upliftment of women.

Chugh said that in the general budget of Jammu and Kashmir, Rs 2526.74 crore, Rs 2097.53 crore for health and medical sector, Rs 4169.26 crore for development of rural areas, Rs 1964.90 crore for power sector, Rs 7161 crore for housing and urban development, Rs 1521.87 crore for education, Rs 4062.87 crore for road and bridge construction. It is a secret that Kashmir is now moving ahead and is ready to touch new dimensions of development.

Inflation, unemployment, 'killer' taxes gifts of BJP Govt: Dr Manohar

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BILLAWAR, APR 10: Skyrocketing inflation, hike in power tariff, 'killer' taxes, insensitive attitude towards people's problems are the gifts and achievements of the BJP Government. This was stated by former Minister Dr Manohar Lal Sharma while addressing public meeting in Billawar today. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Dr.Narinder Vaid, Shyam Spolia,Romal Singh, Jagmohan Gupta, Ramesh Bhagat BashirAhmed, Capt Hans Raj, Ex Capt Mohan Singh Bhaloria, Tek Chand, Ex Capt Bansil Lal,Vipul Sharma,Nishant Sharma,Braim Singh,Ex Capt Girdhari Lal,Dyal Singh,Puran Singh,Shori Lal Singh Sharma,Uttam Singh Malaria,Girdhari Lal Reothia,Ex Capt Mohd Anber,Ch Mahmood,Chran Dass Thangria,Romesh Khajuria,Sub Suraj Parkash,Yash Paul,Dewan Chand,Mast Ram,Kuldev Parshad Shah Din,Chaimo Ram,Thirith Ram Verma,Sandokh Singh,Mohan Lal Padha, Master,Romesh Khajuria,Ravi Kanth,Romesh Spolia Ex Sarpanch,Zafar-Ulha-Sandokh Singh Sumbria,Baryam Singh,Kattan Chand Bhagat besides others.

Manohar raised the issue of unprecedented hike in the prices of essential commodities including vegetables, edible oil, LPG, petrol, diesel, etc. He said that instead of creating new jobs as was promised, the Government even failed to ensure the livelihood of poor people as hundreds have lost employability avenues due to mismanagement by the government. He said BJP leadership in J&K never get tired of trumpeting about their success, but it is also fact that the highest rate of unemployment is in J&K.

Dr Manohar accused the BJP Government of being apathetic towards common masses as during such a time when people don't have money to buy vegetables and grains, it has revised power tariff considerably worsening the situation of masses, as if it is taking revenge from them for giving votes to the party. He also cited the 5 percent raise in the GST on essential commodities at a time when per capita income is dwindling day by day and making new crores.

Dr Manohar said that despite knowing the fact that India's economy's backbone is farming sector, J&K is showing no concern in safeguarding the interests of farmers. He demanded that the government should immediately depute special teams to assess the damages of what

crop and compensate the affected farmers as the responsibility of devastation of crops lies with the government which failed earlier also in timely compensating farming community.

Reacting over Union Budget, Dr Manohar said that Union Budget is not futuristic, totally opportunistic, anti-people and anti-poor. This Budget will not help address the country's unemployment issue. It has been prepared with an eye on the 2024 Lok Sabha elections," he said. He alleged that the insensitive government has failed to release salaries and wages to employees. "Youths who were promised two crore jobs are still unemployed and feel betrayed by BJP.

Back to Village programme of the government has turned out to be a futile exercise and an avoidable wasteful expenditure," Dr Manohar said adding that ground reports suggest no developmental activity in villages as there were no funds with Panchayats. He said that BJP has led loose a reign of terror from tax harassment to all sorts of other anti-poor, anti-farmers, anti-youth and anti-trade policies besides looting the local resources after the arbitrary disbanding and downgrading of historic Dogra State of J&K and offering jobs to outsiders at the cost of large scale unemployment in J&K.

Principal Secretary, Deptt Of School Education, J&K, launches Hindi book 'Nadiya Rani' written by Alka Sharma

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JAMMU, APR 10: Principal Secretary, Department Of School Education, J&K UT Sh. Alok Kumar launched a book on 10th of April, 2023 in Hindi entitled 'Nadiya Rani' at his office chamber, Civil Secretariat, Jammu. The book has been written by Alka Sharma, a teacher, posted at Govt Middle School Alora Satwari. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Mr. Ifikhar Chauhan, Director Finance, SED, Ms Kanta Devi, Special Secretary, SED, Mr. Anu Bhal, Special Secretary, SED, Mr.Rakesh Badyal, Special Secretary, SED, Ms Prashotam Kumar, Joint Director Planning, Mr. Farooq Mir, Law Officer, SED.

A collection of 60 short stories for children, the



book 'Nadiya Rani' covers all the essential topics useful for the moral and social development of the children. All the stories allure the readers with the hues of childhood innocence. The book contains the moral lessons and informative facts for the children and is bedecked with the vivid and vibrant imagery. Varied themes have been

chosen by the writer which are supported by the pictures.

Principal Secretary lauded the efforts and literary skills of Alka Sharma who has 3 books to her credit viz., Aakankshayen, Chanda Mama and Nadiya Rani. Besides, she is the co-author of 6 books Haaku Sindhu, Kalam Chalne Do-9, Baal Potli, Gyaan Gulak,

Bhartiya Nritya: Nartkon Ki Pehchan and Sanatan Dharma. Alka has a wide range of publications in the newspapers and literary magazines.

Principal Secretary and all the other dignitaries wished the writer good luck in her future endeavours.

Anjana Khajuria presented the vote of thanks.

BTSM holds preparatory meet for Silver Jubilee Inaugural function

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JAMMU, APR 10: Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) J&K today convened a meeting under the leadership of its State President, Dr Vivek Sharma, wherein threadbare discussions held about organisational expansion in addition to preparations for participation in Silver Jubilee Celebration function to be held on 5th May

2023 at Dalai Lama Mandir, Mleodganj, Dharamshala. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Vivek Sharma said that this movement was started by Dr Indresh Kumar Ji, Senior RSS Pracharak & Margdarshak BTSM, by passing a resolution 24 years ago in Dharamshala with the aim to free Tibet from China so that Tibetans lives freely in their homeland. Dr Vikrant Singh, State Vice President,

said that China lost its trust as none of the country trust it anymore and the whole world is very much aware about the nefarious goal of China. "BTSM design will surely be achieved one day by freeing Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar from the clutches of China," he added. To further strengthen the organisation, Dr Vivek Sharma announced new office bearers in which Mr Jai Dev Singh Salathia,

BAR President Udhampur and Mr Vinay Sharma, who was President GGM Science College during Prime Medical College agitation were nominated as State Vice President, BTSM whereas, Dr Charan Jeet Singh and Mr Vikas Sambhal were nominated as State secretary BTSM. In this regard, Shri J.D. Singh Salathia got additional responsibility as District incharge of Udhampur.

Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust provides art material, woollen clothes to students

TRUST AIMS TO PROMOTE ART AND CULTURE- ANURADHA BARU



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SRINAGAR, APR 10: Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust (MSCBT) continuing its noble endeavour to propagate art and bring out the hidden art skills of children, provided art material and woollen clothes to the students of three schools in Kashmir Valley. These three schools are Govt Higher Secondary School, Kothei Bagh in Srinagar; Froebel School Gulshanabad in Anantnag and Modern English Medium Secondary School Ashmuji Kulgam.

It is pertinent to mention that Master Sansar Chand Baru Trust has been established in the name of renowned personality in arts namely Master Sansar Chand Baru, who is famous for his artefacts and there are multiple books in which his name, figures among the great artists of the nation. Voluminous details have been conveyed in the said books about his professional journey as an artist and the feats which he had achieved during his lifetime.

The Trust established in his name aims to promote art and culture across the nation so that more and more people especially the youngsters get inclined to the field of fine arts making it their career.

President Anuradha Rishi Baru in her address to the students and staff of the aforesaid three schools by the Trust functionaries stated that the aim of providing art material to the students in the Valley is to give impetus to the genre of art amid the natural splendour beauty of Kashmir by encouraging the children to explore their hidden talent. She said we want to instil confidence among the youngsters at the very tender bud stage. She said that we hold interactions with children and guide them on various issues and focus mainly on bringing out their hidden talent.

She said that children in the Valley are highly talented and that artistic creations by some of the students have left an indelible mark on her mind. She added that the young artists.

She also praised the people for their par excellence hospitality. She assured the school managements, staff and students to continue providing the facilities to enhance their abilities and promote art in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Anuradha Rishi Baru said that in the present scenario there is a dire need to conduct such campaigns as these can prove to be very helpful in bringing out the hidden talent among the youngsters thus enabling them to participate in National and International Art Competitions and related events.

Modi Govt taking unprecedented steps to boost Jammu tourism: Danish

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: Danish Mishra, Vice President BJYM J&K on Monday said that BJP government at the Centre led by PM Narendra Modi is in the process of making J&K one among the top tourist destinations across the country.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJYM leader said that recent initiatives taken by the government for enhancing tourism potential of Jammu region are unprecedented and the people of the region have understood that the era of discrimination with Duggarland has ended because scores of



tourist facilities and spots have been developed under the Modi regime, which was the long standing demand but the lopsided dispensations in the past having vested interests never paid heed towards the concerns of population living on the southern side of gigantic

Pir Panjal Range.

He said that soon after taking the historic step of making Article 370 redundant, the Government under the realm of PM Modi shunned discrimination and started giving due focus to both the regions with no scope of any prejudice.

He said that Tulip Garden at Sanasar, Beating Retreat ceremony at Suchetgarh, Musical Fountain at Bagh-e-Bahu, and the ongoing work on artificial lake project in the heart of Jammu City and Jumbo Zoo, is the testimony to the fact that Jammu shall soon become first choice of tourists in the country as already it was

leading destination for religious tourism because of its popularity as City of Temples and the presence of holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi.

"One can say that what Modi government has accomplished in J&K no other dispensation could have done something like this as the terms of earlier dispensations are the evidence to this fact because during their tenures the people used suffer on account of partial behavior and discrimination of the highest level," he said adding that now no power can stop Jammu from becoming an independent tourist destination and economically well-off.

Govt fully committed to make Jammu region an independent tourist destination: Sham Langer

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 10: Sham Lal Langer, Convener Trade Cell Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir has asserted that Union Govt led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the J&K UT Administration stand fully committed to make Jammu region an independent tourist destination.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader stated that BJP does not leave any scope for difference between what it says and what it does. He said that BJP had promised that it would end discrimination against Jammu region and it has practically taken every measure to show the door to this decades' long discrimination by successive regimes. He said that for the first time Jammu is witnessing unprecedented progress on the tourism front. He said that opening of Tulip Garden at Sanasar, Jammu Zoo, holding the beating retreat ceremony along border in Suchetgarh, installation of musical fountain at Bagh-e-Bahu besides many other projects either ongoing or in the pipeline.

Specifically mentioning about the inauguration of Jammu's first Tulip Garden by the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha the other day, Sham Langer

said it is spread over five acres and having 2.75 lakh bulbs of 25 different varieties. He said that "Tourism Mission" initiative as termed by the LG is a welcome initiative as 75 new destinations, 75 religious sites, 75 new cultural and heritage sites and 75 new tracks are being developed in the Union Territory for opening up new economic avenues to fulfil the aspirations of the people. He said that Centre's commitment can be well gauged from the fact that a whopping Rs. 447 crore has been allocated to the tourism sector this year to develop J&K as a modern and smart destination.

The BJP leader said that very soon the dream of Artificial Lake, Barrage and Tawi River Front will be a reality as the works on these projects are going on a war footing. Once completed, it is going to transform the whole scenario in Jammu be it landscaping, Tourism or economy of this region. Sham Lal Langer asserted that all such developments including those in other sectors have been possible under the incumbent Govt with PM Modi's special focus on fulfilling the Naya Jammu and Kashmir with equitable development being its hallmark.

FACE-LIFTING OF BUILDINGS, WALLS ALONG G-20 ROUTES

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10 In view of ensuring G-20 event in Srinagar City, it is incumbent upon all of us including the citizens to present the best image of the city to the visiting dignitaries. It is an occasion for enhancing the reputation of the city as a famed tourist destination known for scenic beauty, traditional architecture and hospitality of the people. While the Government is making, necessary arrangements for the upliftment of the city, it is important that the citizens also play their part in sprucing up the city and making the event a grand success. It is indeed an occasion for upholding the rich heritage of the city as well as its prestige. The citizens of the city are accordingly requested to contribute towards the success of the event by sprucing up their premises especially along the main roads including I.G Road, M.A Road, Residency Road, Rajbagh, foreshore etc.

Jio launches True 5G services in the Union Territory of Ladakh

JJ NEWS SERVICE

LADAKH, APR 10: Reliance Jio today announced the launch of True 5G services in the Union Territory of Ladakh. With this launch, Jio becomes the first operator to launch services in Leh.

Jio users in Leh will be invited to the Jio Welcome Offer, to experience Unlimited Data at up to 1 Gbps* speed, at no additional cost, starting today.

Though Jio is rapidly rolling out its advanced True 5G services, being a customer-obsessed organization, it extends True 5G to a new city only when the city is substantially covered by its True 5G network, to ensure the best customer experience. Jio True 5G is already being experienced by millions of users across hundreds of cities, the response to which is yet again a global milestone. Customer insights and feedback is helping Jio build, what is, and will be, the most advanced 5G network globally.

Commenting on the launch, Jio Spokesperson said, "We are thrilled to witness the rapid uptake of Jio True 5G by millions of users across the nation, and we believe that the

transformative power of our network will uplift their lives through multiple digital touchpoints. Jio is expanding its True 5G reach at a rapid pace and has already rolled out a large portion of the planned True 5G network in this country. Covering the majority of the nation is a matter of immense pride for us.

We want every Indian to enjoy the transformational benefits of Jio True 5G technology in 2023. We continue

to remain grateful to the Union Territory administration for their support to digitize their regions."

Jio True 5G has a three-fold advantage that makes it the only TRUE 5G network in India:

Stand-alone 5G architecture with advanced 5G network with Zero dependency on 4G network.

The largest and best mix of 5G spectrum across 700 MHz, 3500 MHz and 26 GHz bands

ADC Ganderbal reviews implementation of Mission Youth schemes

JJ NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, APRIL 10: A meeting was today held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehrajuddin Shah held at VC Room to review the implementation of Mission Youth schemes in the district. After three-hour discussion, the ADC directed the concerned J&K Bank branches to dispose off all the pending dues within a week's time. Further, they were also directed to share the Monthly progress reports made under different mission schemes to the sponsoring department for its timely submission to higher ups.

Highlighting the importance of the schemes, the ADC asked the concerned officers to generate mass awareness among the educated and unemployed youth of the district about the schemes and ensure their maximum coverage under the beneficiary oriented schemes.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere - Albert Einstein

JINDRAH IMAGES

India, China in fresh faceoff now

The border stalemate between India and China has refused to die down. After having continued soured relations over territorial dispute in Ladakh region, China has now criticised Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Arunachal Pradesh, stating that it violated Chinese sovereignty over the area. China's remarks came days after India slammed Beijing's move to rename some places in the border state in an attempt to stake its claim over the area. To retort aggressively, Shah made it clear that the era when anyone could encroach on India's land has passed and no one could dare to eye its border. Shah, who was in Arunachal Pradesh, India's easternmost place, said border areas are the top priority of the Modi Government, pointing to the infrastructure and other development works carried out in the Northeast. Recently, Indian and Chinese armies had announced to disengage from the Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hotsprings area of eastern Ladakh where the two sides had been locked in a standoff for over two years. The Joint statement revealed that the beginning of the disengagement process in the Gogra-Hotsprings area was an outcome of the 16th round of high-level military talks in July. The withdrawal of troops started immediately after the decision and there was a possibility that two sides may create a 'buffer zone' or 'no-patrolling' area, a mechanism that was created following disengagement in other friction points. Two armies had entered into a standoff in Eastern Ladakh for the last two years. An investigating report of Australian newspaper, The Klaxon, filed following long months of tracking Chinese social media reports and accounts including those that were later deleted by Beijing, had exposed the blatant lies of Chinese government with regard to the casualties suffered by it during Galwan Valley clashes in Ladakh during the intervening night of June 15 and 16, 2020. China had confirmed only four casualties, of whom one PLA soldier died by drowning. However, the report said that at least 38 People's Liberation Army troops died due to drowning in the freezing waters of the Galwan river as they attempted a hurried retreat in the dark in the face of a fierce onslaught by the Indian Army. The investigation conducted by the newspaper revealed that the Chinese government was afraid of making it public the names of all soldiers who suffered fatal injuries or got drowned in the river. Since then, all rounds of India-China military dialogue have failed to yield any positive and tangible outcomes and resolve the long standing dispute between two neighbouring countries in arid region Ladakh. This is despite the fact that both countries announced to work towards mutually acceptable solutions to resolving the month-long stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). In the region, Pangong Tso lake with mesmerising beauty poses serious strategic challenges and it has been noticed seriously now. The need of the hour is that two governments should find an amicable solution to the long standing border disputes in the larger interests of the people in both countries and sub-continent. War cannot be a substitute for any dispute in present times.

REGULATORY FAILURE BEHIND SVB COLLAPSE

The cumulative lesson is that the authorities have to keep a close watch not only on tech startups burning venture capital cash merrily but also their bankers that host funds which are in one day and out the next. This implies close regulatory oversight and intervention, direct or indirect.

SUBIR ROY

THE collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), one of the 20 largest banks in the US, has sent ripples around the world, with the financial sector and stock markets in major economies getting jittery. More than the event itself, it's the recall of the global financial crisis of 2008 during which Lehman Brothers collapsed that has made financial players spend restless nights.

By all accounts, the crisis seems to have been contained, preventing a contagion, and the jitters should be dying down. While that is a matter of enormous relief, what is needed now is to determine who did what wrong in taking things to the brink and who did what right in pulling things back from the brink. The right lessons learnt are likely to prevent a recurrence.

Fingers are being pointed at SVB for doing little other than only one kind of specialised lending — focusing on tech entrepreneurs and their startups. This is as risky a corner of the financial world as you can find and large banks typically have a very small portion of their portfolio assigned to such businesses so as to spread the risk. As to why the SVB chose to step in nevertheless, this is what likely happened. It chose to rely only on walk-in businesses. Tech entrepreneurs with billions of dollars in venture capital funding parked these with the likes of SVB which in turn put them in bonds. Is there a risk in this? Who could tell you? The chief risk officer of the bank. A startling fact has now come to light: The SVB failed to replace its retired chief risk officer for eight months.

But then came the tech slowdown, drying up of venture capital (VC) funding and rising inflation as the Ukraine war took hold. In response, the US Federal Reserve raised interest rates, bond prices fell and SVB had to suffer huge notional losses in marking them to market. When word of the losses got around, its depositors rushed to withdraw their cash and the bank had to sell the bonds, make huge losses in the process and eventually go under.

Another question that needs answering and intrinsically points



to the list of don'ts for the future is why so many entrepreneurs put so much of their money in one bank and why the venture capitalists who gave the funding in the first place did not advise the borrowers to spread out their deposits. A startup sector considered arguably the most dynamic in the world in its field appears to have been very careless with its money.

If we can agree that high risk-taking is a part of the overall Silicon Valley culture, what explains the trouble that the giant Credit Suisse, larger-than-life banking name in intrinsically conservative Switzerland, got into and which has now led to its takeover. Surely its work style should have been marked by a conventional ethos and solidity. As it happens, Credit Suisse has been in trouble for quite some time predating the present crisis with management changes, having to book huge losses and lack of a proper turnaround strategy. The last few months have been marked by withdrawal of funds, huge losses and a fruitless search for investors. Then when the SVB headwinds came, the giant with the feet of clay toppled over.

All this brings us to the question as to what kind of a role regulators should play in the run-up to the current crisis. It would be known to any regulator which has its ears close to the ground (that is its job) that the likes of the SVB were heading for trouble. It would also be

known that the trouble began with the steady upping of interest rates by the Fed. It is a no-brainer that when there is a pronounced inflationary trend in place, the central bank has to step in and start hiking interest rates, which the Fed did.

The big question is: could it have done otherwise? In the present instance, the inflationary bout set in not because of too much money chasing a given basket of goods and creating additional demand, but a fall in the basket of goods available because of global disruption in the supply of commodities, particularly energy, as a result of the Ukraine war. There is an alternative course of action which the Fed could have taken. It could have let inflation ride and wait for the rising prices to dampen demand. If it had done that, then bond prices would not have played havoc with the portfolios of bondholders and created the crisis in financial institutions that led to the collapse of the SVB and the selling of Credit Suisse.

In contrast to the US, several large economies like India, China and Japan appeared to have been able to step aside from the global headwinds which emanated from the SVB collapse. Importantly, all have fairly highly-regulated financial sectors in which the kind of financial free-wheeling that the SVB went in for would not be allowed. This is because of two reasons. Both India and China have been

through trouble in recent years — China through its shadow-banking bubble and India through the travails of cooperative banks (Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank) and even the odd private bank (Yes Bank). This made them go in for regulatory reform which has now stood them in good stead. As for Japan, its Finance Ministry has historically kept its financial sector on a short leash in a way which other developed free market economies would not. All this has helped the three economies avoid the headwinds coming from across the oceans.

In India's case, there is an additional reason for the absence of any kind of depositor panic. Over half the deposits are with public sector banks which by definition cannot fail. Besides, there is an implicit guarantee in the way in which private banks in trouble have been dealt with, as in the case of Yes Bank, which was rescued by a group of banks led by the State Bank of India, obviously at the behest of the Reserve Bank of India.

The cumulative lesson from all this is that the authorities have to keep a close watch not only on tech startups burning venture capital cash merrily but also their bankers which host funds that are in one day and out the next. This implies close regulatory oversight and intervention, direct or indirect, in case of need.

Centre, states must join hands to ease water woes

SK SARKAR

THE theme of this year's World Water Day is 'Accelerating change'. The broad goal of this day is to create awareness among water users about sustainable and accelerated water management. The world is not on track to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 — ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030. To achieve this target, world organisations and other institutions have to come together in partnership and cooperation with policymakers and stakeholders.

About 2.2 billion people are living globally without access to safe water; by 2050, the worldwide water demand is expected to increase by more than 50 per cent. In view of global warming, sea levels are rising and the cryosphere is melting. Resultantly, floods, heatwaves, droughts and storms are occurring rapidly. UN-Water indicated that between 2001 and 2018, 74 per cent of natural disasters were related to floods and droughts. Thus, there is a need to change our approach towards early warnings in order to make citizens aware of water-related hazards due to global warming. If global warming is restricted to 1.5°C above the pre-industrial level, water stress caused by climate change can be reduced up to 50 per cent.

According to a NITI Aayog report (2019), by 2030, the water demand in

In the absence of reforms in India's water sector, the existing 256 water-stressed districts out of 766 in the country will tend to be water-scarce in the coming years, and more districts will fall in the water-stressed category. Every citizen must become a change agent regarding the way he or she consumes and manages water. The preparation of a climate-resilient water agenda has to be expedited; it should then be implemented urgently.



India will be double its supply. Economic growth, rapid urbanisation, population growth and lifestyle changes will increase the demand for water use in various sectors. India is a water-stressed country, and will become water-scarce in the near future. Per capita water availability has been decreasing over the years.

The UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 spells out the need for expansion of institutional cooperation and capacity-building support in water-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water-use efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse tech-

nologies. There is also a need to support and strengthen the partnership between local communities, including women, to improve water management. Water is a state subject in India, with the role of the Centre only in regulation and development of inter-state rivers. The state is mandated to undertake projects pertaining to water supply, irrigation and canals, embankments, water storage and water power, but these do not match 21st-century requirements such as integrated water resource management, environmental flows, basin management, water markets, conjunctive water use and water foot-

print for virtual water trade. There are many institutions working in the water sector without a common vision. A systematic change of approach towards handling the sector is necessary. Water programmes are often initiated by the Centre, but their implementation is within the domain of the states. There is a need for cooperation among Central and state governments for the success of various programmes. The Prime Minister, while highlighting 'Water Vision 2047' during the Bhopal conference in January, had emphasised that 'water should be a subject of cooperation and coordination between states and the Centre and their respective departments should act as one entity with clarity and common vision on water security.' India can accelerate change in the existing water sector management in many ways. For example, increasing water-use efficiency (WUE), treating and reusing of wastewater and artificial recharge of groundwater are some of the areas of immediate importance. In India, about 70 per cent of water is used in the agriculture sector, but WUE (about 30-35 per cent) is very low compared to international standards. If WUE is increased substantially at a

quick pace, water will be saved; it could then be reallocated to industrial and domestic sectors. It is essential to ensure sustainable availability of water to households under Jal Jeevan Mission and to industries under 'Make in India' programme of the Union Government. According to a Central Pollution Control Board report (2020-21), 72,368 million litres per day (MLD) of sewage is generated, out of which only 20,236 MLD (28 per cent) is effectively treated. The rest goes to rivers, lakes and open drains, and contaminates these sources. This trend should be arrested by accelerating the use of existing technology for wastewater treatment, and by the use of advanced technology such as nanotechnology in combination with advanced oxidation process as early as possible. Groundwater extraction in India is the highest in the world, according to an article in ScienceDirect. More than 15 per cent of the groundwater assessment units are overexploited as annual extraction of water exceeds recharge of aquifers. Irrigation wells in India increased more than three-fold during the period from 1986-87 to 2013-14, leading to a decline in groundwater levels across the coun-

try. Irrigation is responsible for more than 90 per cent groundwater extraction. Artificial recharge is a process which increases infiltration. The water source for artificial recharge can be rainwater (harvested on the surface) or other sources such as treated wastewater and canals. Artificial recharge has to be accelerated, as it is accepted worldwide as a major intervention to augment groundwater resources. Political commitment at all levels for undertaking 'accelerated change' in water management is a must in the coming years. The current century's challenges in the water sector are vastly different from those of the pre-independence era when only engineering solutions to water management were the norm. The need for adopting sustainable fresh ideas with speedy execution should be recognised. The preparation of a climate-resilient water agenda has to be expedited; it should then be implemented on an urgent basis. In the absence of reforms in India's water sector, the existing 256 water-stressed districts, out of a total of 766, will tend to be water-scarce in the coming years, and more districts will fall in the water-stressed category.

SWARA BHASKER reacts to husband Fahad Ahmad's birthday post, jokes that his wife is 'a real Twitter pest'

A day after her 35th birthday on April 9, Swara Bhasker took to Twitter to thank people who had sent across wishes. The actor even replied to husband Fahad Ahmad who had shared a funny but sweet post for her birthday. The Samajwadi Party leader had called Swara 'bhai' and had quipped that he hoped to get to know Swara through Twitter.

On Sunday, Fahad wrote, "Many many happy returns of the day bhai, listening to your suggestion on my birthday I am married, I hope u get to know from twitter. Thank you for completing me in every aspect, m blessed to have a friend and mentor like u. I love you my heart. PS-bhai is

gender neutral." The politician had also shared a photograph of the couple where they are posing for the camera. Fahad had on a black T-shirt with 'Jin' on it, while Swara was wearing a white T-shirt with a dark scarf. She was also wearing sunglasses indoors.

Swara responded in the same sweet but funny manner. She wrote, "Thank you love. And yes, congratulations on getting married! Heard your wife is a real Twitter pest. I like her though." One fan commented by wishing the couple a happy married life, while another fan wished that god bless them both.

In February, Swara had announced that she was engaged to politician



Amitabh Bachchan Reveals How He Quit Smoking, Drinking: It Is A Personal Choice And Demeanour



Amitabh Bachchan on Monday took to his blog and revealed how he ended up quitting smoking and drinking. He shared how post-graduation, some of his classmates got together to drink pure alcohol in the science lab, but they ended up falling extremely sick. "The act that taught a lesson very early towards the effects or rather the dis-effects of the elixir," Big B, who recently injured himself on the set of his film 'Project K', wrote.

He further revealed how there were a few other instances 'when this intoxicant played havoc due to its excess'. He added it's been a personal choice to leave alcohol and even cigarettes. Revealing how one can get rid of smoking at one go, he quipped, "The more the dwindling, the greater the undesired habit of remaining..."

Amitabh Bachchan Calls India 'Mother Of Invention' As He Posts An Example 'a Sunday that worked with a vengeance... to disrupt the norm... when it disrupts you... a normal tendency... but never suggested in practical... practicals bring back memories of School, where the word or the expression was invariably referred to the practicals in the Science Labs... mixing elements, playing around with gadgetry in the physics lab... The college routine in continuation and the site one fine day when the last paper for the Graduate degree was over to find some of the classmates celebrating with the pure alcohol, kept in the Lab, for experiments and getting extremely sick... an act that taught a lesson very early towards the effects or rather the dis-effects of the elixir... Yes there were a few other instances noticed, in School and in College... when this intoxicant played havoc due to its excess... and then when in job in the City of Joy, the natural curriculum seemed to be in line with that phrase 'social drinking'...

Samantha Ruth Prabhu reveals nobody could fix her flower allergy during Shaakuntalam shoot: 'Thought it was permanent'

Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu treated her fans with insights from the making of her next film, Shaakuntalam. Ahead of the release, she posted a video talking about five 'crazy facts' about the movie. From getting bitten by a rabbit on the sets to her flower allergy, the actor went through quite a lot for the Gunasekhar directorial.

The video featured Samantha travelling in a car. She talked about her allergic reaction to flower ornaments on the sets. She said, "I shot all day without any complaints, and then in the evening, the imprint of the



flower was all over my arm. I sort of had a flower tattoo on my

arm for six months. I thought it was permanent because no one was able to fix it. I would put makeup on top. Eventually, it went away."

Samantha further revealed that the makers shot with real rabbits on the sets. She said she was bitten by one and added, "They are not so cute apparently." She also revealed that she wore heavy lehengas weighing 30 kg for the film.

"So Nieta Lulla ma'am had made some of the most beautiful costumes for Shaakuntalam. There was this song where I had to wear a beautiful lehenga. She had kept the dancing in mind

and hence made some lehengas lighter and some heavier, like 30 kg kinda heavy. But what was meant to be for the song, didn't really happen, and I ended up wearing a 30 kg lehenga for the dance."

The film was originally shot in Telugu and will be dubbed for release in Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam and Kannada. Samantha said, "I don't know how other actors do it. It was so tough. I was delivering dialogues in my sleep. I hope I have done justice to the job."

"No points for guessing this one. That's not my real hair," Samantha added.

Is this the Demon Slayer's controversial scene fans have been waiting for? Season 3 finally unveils infamous bathhouse



Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba fans have been eagerly awaiting the release of season 3, and it did not disappoint. The season premiered with a one-hour episode that caught up with Tanjiro after his battle with Gyutaro. But it was a later episode that had fans talking, as it included a controversial bathhouse scene. In the scene, Tanjiro visits the demon slayer Corps' hidden village and encounters Kanroji, the Love Hashira, while she is bathing in a hot spring. The scene caused controversy in the manga, as Kanroji stands up entirely nude. Although the anime censored her private parts, fans were still able to see pretty much everything. The scene had been previously included in the Demon Slayer compilation film and was banned in Saudi Arabia due to its risqué content. However, for most regions, the scene went over without a hitch.

'Love Island, but make it mature', The Masked Singer's Davina McCall pitches new dating show

Davina McCall, the famous television presenter and judge of The Masked Singer, has revealed her pitch for a new dating show that she hopes will appeal to an older demographic. Dubbed "a grown-up version of Love Island," The Romance Retreat will follow single parents as they search for love in the comfort of a countryside setting.

In an interview with The Mirror, McCall revealed that she wrote to ITV 18 months ago with the idea for a midlife dating show. Her original idea was to keep the Love Island villa going and fly out herself with a group of middle-aged people who were looking to find love. To bolster her pitch, she also wrote case studies about her friends with fascinating backstories.

"These are people who have really lived a life and got to a point where maybe they have been single for years or maybe they just got divorced," McCall explained. "I've met people in the last two weeks who, when they talk about coming on the show and I talk to them about their story, start crying as they really want it."



The Romance Retreat will air on ITV1 and ITVX and promises to be an exciting new venture for the beloved television host. Fans of McCall can't wait to see her bring her energy and enthusiasm to this fresh take on the dating show format.

Love Is Blind season 4 men are breaking the mold with refreshing portrayal of masculinity



Love Is Blind has always been a source of drama and scandal on the reality TV dating scene, with accusations of gaslighting and controlling behaviour often plaguing the show's male contestants. However, season 4 of the hit series has made one key improvement: it offers a refreshing portrayal of emotionally mature men.

From Marshall Glaze supporting Jackelina in Mexico to Zack Goytowski having open and candid conversations with Irina, the men on this season's Love Is Blind have shown us that emotionally mature men do exist. Their friendships are wholesome in a way that we're not used to seeing on our screens, with discussions about the value of vulnerability and healthy male bonding.

Of course, the men on this season are not without their faults, but the show's portrayal of male vulnerability is an important step in combatting toxic masculinity narratives that have overwhelmed the genre previously.

The age of contestants this season may have played a factor in this shift, with the oldest contestants being 37 and 36, respectively, and the youngest being 27.

Overall, Love Is Blind season 4 provides positive representation of healthy relationship dynamics and opens the door to wider conversations about toxic behaviours. While not perfect, the emotionally mature men on this season's show offer a refreshing change from the toxic behaviours often seen on reality TV dating shows.



Shehnaaz Gill says 'kar gayi' after Salman Khan tells her 'move on kar jao' at Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan trailer launch

AT KISI KA BHAII KISI KI JAAN TRAILER LAUNCH, SALMAN KHAN ADVISED SHEHNAAZ GIL TO 'MOVE ON'. WITHOUT REVEALING ANY MORE CONTEXT, SHE SAID SHE HAS MOVED ON.

At Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan trailer launch, Salman Khan advised Shehnaaz Gil to 'move on'. Without revealing any more context, she said she has moved on. Actor Salman Khan and the entire cast of Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan were present at the trailer launch of their film in Mumbai. At the event, Salman grabbed attention when he

asked Shehnaaz Gill to 'move on'. The internet assumed this was in reference to Shehnaaz being stuck after the death of her close friend Sidharth Shukla who was also rumored to be her boyfriend.

At the event, Shehnaaz Gill was asked if she was nervous while working on Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. Salman interrupted and said, "Move on kar jao

(move on in life)" and Shehnaaz quipped 'kar gayi hoon (I have moved on)'. Shehnaaz went on to say, "Nahi, main nervous nahi hoti. But Salman sir ke samne hota hi hai. Apne aap ko dekhkar mujhe bahut acha lag raha hai. I love myself. First thing is that you love yourself and then Salman sir. It feels really great to stand among such versatile and great actors

who have achieved something or the other big in their life!" "The proud moment is that I am standing behind him right now. I remember going on the sets of a music video in my life and the moment I went on the sets, I was rejected.

The makers said who is this kid? And I was sent home. I cried a lot and then my mother told me that 'don't cry, one day

you will work with Salman Khan' and now I feel how my dreams have come true," she added.

On Monday, the trailer of Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan was released. It marks Shehnaaz Gill's Bollywood debut alongside Pooja Hegde, Jagapathi Babu, Bhumika Chawla, Vijender Singh, Abhimanyu Singh, Raghav Juyal, Siddharth Nigam, Jassie Gill, Palak Tiwari and Vinali Bhatnagar in pivotal roles. It will release on the occasion of Eid in April.

Mental health: it's not always good to talk

Few of us would question the need to break the silence around mental illness. Countless campaigns have drilled into us that such silence is harmful and that we should try to break it wherever we find it.

Britain Get Talking is one such campaign. It launched with a splash on Britain's Got Talent a few years ago when hosts Ant and Dec paused the show for a minute to allow viewers to talk to each other about their mental health. When the minute ended, Ant declared: "See, wasn't hard, was it?"

Doubtlessly, campaigns like this have helped many people open up about their mental health problems, particularly those who have stayed silent because of prejudice and stigma.

However, they can also feed misconceptions about silence in mental illness. They imply that silence in and around mental illness is always bad, rooted in fear and stigma, and any effort to break it is good.

In fact, silence in mental illness comes in many forms. Some kinds of silence form part of mood disorders like depression. People who have written about their experiences of depression often describe losing their ability to form thoughts and feeling unable to speak.

For example, the author Andrew Solomon recalls that he "could not manage to say



much". Elaborating, he writes, "Words, with which I have always been intimate, seemed suddenly very elaborate, difficult metaphors the use of which entailed much more energy than I could possibly muster."

This aspect of depression is well-known in mental healthcare. Thinking and speaking less are actually considered two different symptoms of depression. Some research even suggests silence is such a reliable symptom that it might be possible to develop automated tools that diagnose depression based on a person's patterns of speech.

The launch of Britain Get Talking. If you're experiencing

this sort of "depressed silence", being confronted with campaigns and people urging you to speak might not help, regardless of their good intentions. After all, the problem isn't that others aren't open to what you have to say or that they might react poorly to it. It is that you have nothing to say.

Other kinds of silence might be empowering. Some with mental illness are defiantly silent because the people around them ask unwelcome questions or give them unhelpful input. They might wisely choose to save difficult conversations for their therapist.

Such a choice isn't necessarily

rooted in stigma. That someone is well-meaning and knows some facts about mental health doesn't mean they are the right person to talk to about mental

The silences I have described should perhaps be broken under the right circumstances. Since depressed silence seems to form part of the depressive illness, it

SILENCE IN AND AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS IS NOT ALWAYS BAD; DEPRESSED SILENCE CAN NEED HELP FROM MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AS PART OF RECOVERY

illness. Silence in mental illness can also feel good. While some people struggle to think and speak, others struggle with thinking and speaking too much.

That might, for example, be the case for someone with bipolar disorder, who experiences episodes of depression as well as mania, which often involves racing thoughts and a compulsion to speak. For such people, moments of peaceful silence can be a hard-won achievement, and sometimes they pay a tragically high price for it.

We rarely hear about these other sides of silence in mental illness. But therapists have recognised the role of silence in supporting mental health, at least since Donald Winnicott published his seminal paper The Capacity to be Alone. And silence in some form is a key element in meditation, which studies have shown can prevent the recurrence of depression.

The right circumstances

may be something the patient has to break with the help of a mental healthcare professional as part of their recovery. Along similar lines, someone might benefit from breaking their peaceful silence in therapy, even if the silence feels good.

For whatever reason, many people won't find those circumstances with their family, friends, or colleagues, despite the encouragement of a celebrity on TV.

The fact is that it is very hard to talk about mental health problems, even with people who love and support us. Sometimes that is because of stigma, but sometimes it isn't.

We should, of course, continue to strive to make it easier for people to open up about their mental health problems in the right setting. But we have to get rid of the rhetoric that pressures people to break the silence without regard for why they are silent or if speaking would benefit them.

5 signs you may have a weak immune system, here's what to do about it



The job of protecting your body from diseases and fighting diseases is done by the immune system. Many times due to some symptoms, the immune system itself becomes weak or it becomes underactive or overactive, due to which many times by mistake it starts attacking its own body, which is also known as autoimmune disease. Systemic problems can be detected through an allergic reaction or other symptoms. These can also be cured through treatment after being detected. So let's know what are the symptoms of weak immune system.

Dry eye
Some immune system diseases also include dry eyes. In this, you will feel as if sand has entered your eyes and you will start seeing blurry blur. In this condition, your immune system dries up the tears that keep your eyes moist.

Depression can also be a symptom of immune diseases because in this condition your immune system sends inflammatory cells, also known as cytokines, to the brain. These cells do not allow the release of a hormone called serotonin, which makes your mood happy.

Having skin rash
If you have rashes on your skin or are suffering from conditions like eczema etc., then this can also be a symptom of an immune disease. This happens when your immune system becomes overactive. In this situation you may also have psoriasis etc.

Stomach related problems
If you get to see problems related to stomach or digestion such as gas or flatulence or weight loss without any reason, then it can be a symptom of Crohn's disease or celiac disease, which is caused by the immune system itself, gets it.

COVID INFECTION RISING IN KIDS, DOCTORS REPORT HIGH FEVER, ITCHY EYES

WHILE THE INFECTION IS RISING, THE DOCTORS SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CASE OF HOSPITALISATION AND THAT THE CHILDREN ARE RESPONDING TO TREATMENT

The surging cases of Covid-19 infection have also started affecting infants and children, with many of them reporting high fever, cough, and even itchy eyes and conjunctivitis, said doctors here on Monday. From the beginning, Covid was rare and mild in children. But some of those infected faced severe multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) - a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs.

However, this time, it is showing newer symptoms like itchy eyes that were not seen during previous Covid waves.

"There has been a sudden onset of acute febrile illness with positive RT-PCR for SARS-CoV2 among infants, aged 6-11 months," Dr. Vipin M. Vashishtha, member of WHO's Vaccine Safety Net, told.

"Most children presented with moderate fever, cold and mild cough with features of bronchitis. The one differentiating feature is conjunctivitis, not seen in previous waves, especially here," he added. Vashishtha, who is also a consultant paediatrician at the Mangla Hospital and Research Centre in Bijnor, UP, said that the Covid infection in children, which has sur-



ged once again after a gap of six months, is not 'MIS-C, which has rash and other features'. "The incidence of Covid among children is rising. They are being brought with simple respiratory infections and then testing positive for Covid," Dr. Krishan Chugh, Director and head of the department of paediatrics at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram, told. Chugh added that children, mainly of "school going age, are increasingly being affected with fever and throat pain since the last two weeks". He said that in most

cases they are acquiring the infection from infected family members.

While the infection is rising, the doctors said that there has been no case of hospitalisation and that the children are responding to treatment. They suggested using masks, maintaining social distance, and washing hands regularly. India on Monday logged 5,880 coronavirus cases, according to data released by the Union Health Ministry on Monday. The country also saw 14 deaths due to the virus. Besides, Covid, doctors report that

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is also rising among kids. RSV is a highly contagious virus that causes respiratory infections, especially in young children.

"In changing weather, along with Covid-19 and the flu, we are witnessing a spike in cases of RSV, and not only young children but even infants are getting affected by it," Dr. R. D. Srivastava, HoD and Senior Consultant in Pediatric Medicine and Neonatology at Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, Paschim Vihar, told. RSV is highly contagious and spreads through contact with droplets from the nose or throat of an infected person, or by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny or stuffy nose, breathing problems, sore throat, earache, and headache. "Prevention is the key to dealing with this. Prevention includes frequent hand washing, avoiding contact with people who have respiratory infections, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, keeping infants and young children away from crowds and people with respiratory infections, and vaccination for those at high risk," Dr. Roli Munshi, Consultant - Paediatrics at Dharamshila Narayana Superspecialty Hospital Delhi, told.

Try these psychobiotic foods instead of ice cream to reduce your stress levels!

Do you ever find yourself feeling calm and relaxed after consuming an ice cream or a bag of chips when you're feeling tense? It happens because some foods have the potential to elevate your mood and manage stress levels. After all, some healthy foods are packed with essential nutrients that improve mental health. While there are several foods to reduce stress, but have you heard about psychobiotic foods? A recent study notes that psychobiotic foods are also good for mental wellness.

What are psychobiotic foods?
Psychobiotics is the term for the use of probiotics, prebiotics and fermented foods for mental wellness. "Psychobiotics are described as live bacteria and yeasts that, when consumed in adequate amounts, give a benefit to mental health," explains Lokeshappa. They aim to assist in the treatment of various mental health conditions like stress, anxiety, and depression.

Psychobiotic foods are good for reducing stress! Here's why: A recent study published in the journal Nutrients suggests that consuming certain psychobiotic foods can reduce stress and improve sleep quality. The study involved 40 healthy adults who were randomly assigned to either a psychobiotic-rich or a placebo group. The psychobiotic group consumed a daily supplement containing Lactobacillus helveticus and Bifidobacterium longum, while the placebo group received a non-probiotic supplement.

Go90 Keto ACV Gummies Reviews [Shark Tank ACV Keto Gummies] Life Boost Keto ACV Gummies Scam Or ACV Luxe Gummies Fake Or Real Stock?

The problem of being overweight or obese is getting common these days and they also give you other health issues like diabetes, heart problems, strokes, high blood pressure and many more and there is almost every other person facing it and even small age children are also facing these health issues and that is due to the imbalance diet, consuming excess fried or junk food.

Well, many weight-reducing methods give you expected results but they all are time-consuming and some of you might not get the expected results also that is why there are many weight-reducing formulas available in the market but which one is correct for you is the main question and that is why Go90 Keto ACV Gummies is available for you which surely gives you slim shaped body and you will not face any health problem.

Shark Tank ACV Keto Gummies are formed naturally and your energy, stamina, metabolism, and immunity power will get boosted and you



6 MUST-HAVES FOR A STAND OUT GUMMY PACKAGE

will not face any health problems this formula is chemical-free and only contains natural or organic ingredients in it and it also helps in balancing your cholesterol level, sugar level, and blood pressure and you will gain many health benefits with the regular

intake of these gummies. This formula will never leave any side effects on your health and you must read the given article for knowing more details about this product.

Go90 Keto ACV Gummies are the most effective weight-reducing gum-

mies which simply attack the excess fat in your body and provide you many health benefits like better body strength, better stamina, and energy level your unwanted fat will also get melted down easily this formula is helpful in controlling the level of your hunger and makes you eat healthy food only and you will gain other healthy benefits also.

This formula does not contain any chemicals in it and you will only find natural and herbal ingredients in it this formula will make you strong easily which means you will only gain benefits with the help of these powerful weight-reducing gummies.

Go90 Keto ACV Gummies are the most trustworthy and desirable weight-reducing gummies that make you healthy by burning all the unwanted fat from your body this formula healthily promotes ketosis and you will surely notice that your energy and stamina level will get boosted and gives you other health benefits also. This formula helps in enhancing your metabolism level, digestion, and immunity level and

you will not face any health issues.

This formula helps balance your cholesterol level and even your blood pressure and sugar level will also get balanced. This formula helps you never feel tired and lazy and makes you live an active and healthy life and never makes you unhealthy and tired and you will perform your work for a long period.

Go90 Keto ACV Gummies is formed with the help of many ingredients and no doubt that they all are herbal and organic which surely gives you desired results in a short period you will not find any chemical or toxins in this formula and these ingredients helps you gain slim and toned shaped body on a short period and some of the main ingredients are discussed here:-

Garcinia Cambogia: It contains hydroxy citric acid in it which helps you reduce excess weight from your body in easy and simple without leaving any side effects on your body it balances your blood pressure and sugar level in your body and makes your heart healthy.

BHB: It is the main ingredient of this formula that promotes the process of ketosis in your body at a fast speed which simply cuts excess fat from your body and converts it into a higher energy level and you will live quite an active life.

Turmeric: It is the power to cut the production of fat in your body and never let you gain more weight even in the future and you will become healthy and active from inside.

Lemon Extract: It is rich in Vitamin C that contains antioxidant properties in it which cleanse your body from the inside by flushing all the toxins from your body and gives you other benefits also.

Lecithin: It helps enhance your immune power and never makes you deal with any health issues and it also makes you active for the long period.

There are many benefits that you will surely receive with the regular consumption of Life Boost Keto ACV Gummies as this formula is chemical free and there are only herbal ingredients involved in it and some of them are written below:-



DC Srinagar chairs workshop cum meeting of DLCC to review implementation of COPTA in District

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10:- In order to review the implementation and enforcement of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act (COPTA) in the District, a Workshop cum Meeting of District Level Coordination Committee(DLCC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Ajaz Asad here today at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Superintendent of Police, General Manager DIC, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Commissioner Drug & Food Control, senior Health functionaries, Tehsildar Headquarter, Executive Director, J&K VHA other concerned and representatives of NGOs were present in the meeting.

At the outset, a threadbare discussion was held in order to chalk out a plan to ensure visible impact of implementation of COPTA on ground by arresting the problem through effective surveillance, feedback mechanism and taking timely measures to curb the menace of Tobacco products.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner laid stress on the need of awareness generation among the masses regarding the harmful effects of using Tobacco products. He asked the Officers to work in close coordination so that Tobacco Control laws are implemented effectively on ground across Srinagar.

The DC directed for launching special drives for strict enforcement of Tobacco

Control Laws particularly around Hospitals and Educational institutions, public places.

The DC directed the concerned authorities to initiate appropriate "penal action" against the defaulters under rules. He further said that Enforcement Squads will also monitor the unlawful sale of cigarettes in Srinagar and curb the menace.

The DC also appealed to the people of Srinagar particularly the shopkeepers to desist from the sale of cigarettes and other Tobacco products and save the younger generation from the ill effects of the tobacco products.

The Nodal Principal Colleges and Chief Education Officer were asked to take all required measures to implement COPTA around all educational institutions of the District by designating liaison/Nodal officers from respective colleges and schools.

The DC further asked for preparing an action plan for Tobacco free villages in rural areas of the District.

During the meeting, the participants were given detailed information about the different sections of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act (COPTA).

Pertinent to mention that the Government has already ordered for strict enforcement of the provisions of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 and Rules, and has also issued instructions from time to time to all the concerned to take penal action against defaulters.

SHD Bandipora organises District Level training prog under HADP



J1 NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, APRIL 10: Department of sheep Husbandry Bandipora on Monday organised District level training program under Holistic Agriculture Development plan(HADP) regarding Promotion of wool & pelt for effective processing and marketing at District Sheep Husbandry office Bandipora.

The programme witnessed participation of experts from SKUAST-K, KVK Bandipora/Gurez and District Heads of Agriculture & allied departments, field functionaries from Sheep Husbandry Department and other concerned.

The event was moderated by SMS Animal Science

KVK, B'pora, Dr Nazir Ahmad Mir.

Speaking on the occasion, the key speaker of the event Professor and Head, Division of Livestock production & technology, PVSC & A.H. Dr Asif Hassan threw a detailed light on the HADP project for promotion of wool.

He thoroughly briefed the audience about various aspects of the project and its potential in transforming, upgrading and revolutionizing the Sheep Husbandry sector with interventions like increased market & industrial linkages, effective wool, pelt aggregation, processing & technology development.

He said that one mega CFC facility funded by Central wool board for wool processing is being

set up at KVK bandipora which will create vast employment generation and value addition of sheep products/ byproducts. He also addressed the concerns & queries raised by the wool growers & entrepreneurs satisfactorily. Dr Bilal PC, KVK Gurez also briefed the audience about different aspects of the project and ways for its smooth execution and implementation for the larger benefit of farmers and stressed on formation of FPOs.

Chief Agriculture officer Bandipora, who is also District Nodal officer for the programme also addressed and apprised the audience about implementation of the HADP programme at the Grass root level & sensitized the staff about panchayat level training sessions which shall commence very shortly for which the strategy has been devised.

The conclusion was marked by address of District Sheep Husbandry officer Bandipora Dr Showkat Ahmad who thanked the experts for delivering quality technical presentations.

Special Gram Sabhas held across district Ramban



J1 NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, APRIL 10: District Administration Ramban today organized Special Gram Sabhas across all 143 panchayats of the district Ramban to finalize the Gram Panchayat Development Plan(GDPP).

Secretary to government GAD, Sanjeev Verma, participated in gram sabha held in Maitra-A panchayat through virtual mode. He interacted with the PRIs and the general public.

Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal, also participated in the Gram Sabha of Kunfer Panchayat through online mode where a large number of public, PRIs and officers from line department were present.

The Gram Sabha meetings were aimed at to discuss and finalize Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDPP) along with the development plans proposed by line departments for socio-economic development of each panchayat.

The Plan(s) incorporated theme based budgeting which aims to achieve sustainable development goals envisaged by UNO and pursued by GOI with special focus on nine themes to be achieved by 2030 by all Panchayats.

People in good numbers participated in the Gram Sabha meetings and put forth their demands before respective Panchayat Officers, in whose presence Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDPP) were given final shape and approved for implementation/ execution in the current financial year.

GDC Ramgarh organises Seminar on 'Healthy Life Style'



J1 NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, APRIL10: Government Degree College Ramgarh on Monday organized a seminar on 'Healthy Life Style' under here under the guidance and coordination of Prof.(Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College. The activity was organized by Eco-Club, RRC and NSS of the College.

A large number of students as well as staff attended the event with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of the College said that Good nutrition, daily exercise and adequate sleep are the foundations of healthy living.

"A healthy life style not only keeps fit & energetic but also reduces risk for diseases. Healthy living is a way of living that helps to enjoy more aspects of one's life. It is a way of living that lowers the risk of being seriously ill or dying early" she said. She further added that Health is not just about avoiding a disease or illness; it is about physical, mental and social well-being too. When one adopts a healthy lifestyle, one provide a more positive role model for other people in family as well as society, particularly children by creating a better environment for them to grow up in. Managing stress in positive ways, instead of through smoking or drinking alcohol, reduces wear and tear on your body at the molecular level.

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Baisakhi Festival at Dera Nangali Sahib

INAUGURATES NEWLY DEVELOPED POWER SUB STATION



J1 NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, APRIL 10: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet, and the concerned officers today paid obeisance at Shromani Dera Santpura Nangali Sahib and convened a meeting with the Shrimaan Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji of Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch to discuss the arrangement for annual Baisakhi festival. The meeting was convened by the President DGPC Poonch, Narinder Singh.

In the meeting, the management committee raised various issues related to the arrangements for the Baisakhi celebration. They appealed to the Deputy Commissioner to

make arrangements of drinking water, light, sanitation, security and parking etc.

The Deputy Commissioner assured that the security and ARTO Poonch will maintain parking for vehicles.

Manager Dera Nangali Sahib, Janak Singh appealed to the Deputy Commissioner to arrange the water tanker on the day of Baisakhi.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the PDD and PHE to provide adequate power and potable water supply and also directed to arrange water tankers on the day of Baisakhi. He also directed EO municipality to repair all defunct street lights and install some more

light as per the need. He further directed to maintain cleanliness in and around the places of worship and at the places of congregations.

The officers of police were asked to ensure foolproof security arrangements during the festivals."

Meanwhile, Shrimaan Mahant Manjeet Singh Ji Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch and Deputy Commissioner Poonch inaugurated New Power Sub Station at Gurudwara Nangali Sahib. The newly developed Sub Station, a special feeder from Bandichechian receiving station, will ensure 24 hour power supply Service to Gurdwara Nangali Sahib.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development, Abid Hussain Shah; Xen PHE, Riaz Ahmed; Xen PDD, Irshad Hussain; EO, Municipality, Varinderpal Singh; Municipality, Mushtaq Hussain; Xen PWD(R&B), Harvinder Singh; ARTO Poonch, Basharat Mehmood, JE PDD, Jagmeet Singh & other concerned officers besides Bupinder Singh from Dera Nangali Sahib, Gen. Secy DGPC, Harcharan Singh, Surjan Singh from DGPC Poonch, President GSBMS, Anmol Singh and other members of Dera Nangali Sahib were present.

Covid-19: Mock drill held across District Doda to assess preparedness



J1 NEWS SERVICE

DODA, APRIL 10: The Health Department on Monday conducted mock drills in different health institutions of the district to review and upgrade the arrangements for dealing with Covid-19 Patients.

Following the instructions of the Health Secretary J&K and DDC Doda, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Ab Hamid Zargar conducted mock drill exercises to check the functionality in respect of key facilities and logistics for Covid management in healthcare institutions.

After reviewing status of activities carried out at different healthcare institutions and assessing the data uploaded on the national portal, the CMO expressed satisfaction over successful completion of mock drills carried out by the healthcare institutions and their preparedness for handling Covid cases.

The CMO informed that the day-long exercise as part of Mock Drill included checking of Oxygen Generation Plants installed at different locations, availability of machinery and equipment, availability of drugs, diagnostics and other Covid logistics.

All the healthcare institutions were found to be in the state of preparedness to tackle any surge in Covid cases in the District, the CMO added.

President MC inaugurates completed tiles works in SIKS Model GHSS Boys Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 10: The completed interlocking tiles work in the court yard of Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh (SIKS) Government Model Higher Secondary School Boys was today inaugurated by President Municipal Council, Udhampur Dr. Jogeshwar Gupta, in the presence of S. Surrender Singh Khalsa, Vice President MC, Chief Education Officer, Geetu Bangotra and others. Councillor ward number -10, Anil Arora, Councillor ward no -15 Subash Gupta, Principal SIKS Government Model Higher Secondary School Boys Udhampur Brij Mohan and all the staff members of the school were also present. The Chief Guest and other guests were warmly welcomed with bouquets.

The Chief Education Officer thanked the President, Vice President and councillors for taking keen interest in the development of the Government institutions and solicited their support in future too. While speaking on the occasion Dr. Jogeshwar Gupta said that being a former student of the institution, it is his first and foremost duty to contribute something for this institution and thus repay his debt as a student.

CSIR-IIIM distributes quality planting material among Ramban farmers under Floriculture Mission

RAMBAN, APRIL 10: The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu, in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, organised a one day training and planting material distribution programme under CSIR Floriculture Mission in Ramban under the aegis of Director, CSIR, IIIM, Jammu, Dr. Jaber Ahmed here today.

In the event, 85 farmer beneficiaries from different areas of the district were imparted training on commercial cultivation and post harvest technologies for Cut and Loose flower cultivars.

The farmers were also provided free hybrid seeds of Gladiolus, Marigold flowers and seedlings of Lavender.

At the outset of the programme, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ramban Dr. Ashwani Kumar welcomed the chief guest Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Islam, Nodal Scientist,

CSIR Floriculture Mission, Dr Shahid Rasool, officers of the Department of Agriculture and participating farmers.

In his interaction with the participants, Dr Shahid Rasool gave a brief about the different verticals being implemented across the UT of J&K under CSIR Floriculture Mission and its importance to bring about the transformational change in the commercial floriculture sector of the region.

Highlighting the scope and the opportunities in the cultivation and multiplication of the commercial cut and loose flower varieties, considering the diverse edaphic and agro-climatic conditions in the entire Chenab Valley, Ramban being centrally located between Srinagar and Jammu can be leveraged for supply of marigold during the peak demand seasons of religious tourism.

He further emphasized on resource optimization and inte-



grated approach to farming practices for overall inclusive development in the farming sector.

He informed that although this Mission has been going on in J&K for past two years yet it has now been introduced in this area. And it is a Rs.25,000 cr industrial sector in India.

In his initial remarks, Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam complimented the initiative of CSIR-IIIM for reaching out to the farmers of the far flung areas of the district Ramban and informed that more than 60 per cent of the households in the district derive their income and livelihood from the

farming sector. Making a mention of various farmer oriented schemes of the government, he informed that the district administration in coherence with the line departments is always steadfast and strives for the delivery and assistance to the farmers. While welcoming the coverage of the farmers of the district under CSIR Floriculture Mission, he emphasized that the farmlands in the district are ideally suited for cultivation of cash crops including flower varieties.

He also expressed his gratitude to the participating farmers and impressed upon the officers of the department of agriculture to have a coordinated approach for translation of the activities under the Mission for greater outcome.

Later, in the technical session a detailed presentation on scientific cultivation of Marigold and Gladiolus was delivered by Dr Iqra Farooq through Power Point Presentation.

Hand Holding cum Awareness programme for JJM Stakeholders held at Kathua

DC Kathua flags off 'Prachar Rath'; calls upon Paani Samitis to own protection of public assets

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, APRIL 10: The Project Management Consultancy, Mission Directorate, Jal Jeevan Mission, J&K, in collaboration with District Jal Jeevan Mission, Kathua today conducted a day-long mega handholding cum awareness programme here in the Auditorium of Government Degree College.

The sessions witnessed participation of different stakeholders including PRIs, Pani Samiti members, and field staff of Jal Shakti Department, Poshan Abhiyan, Health viz. ASHAs, AWWs, District Project Management Unit JJM Staff, Implementation Support Agency, water testing lab staff and other concerned.

The programme was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey, who kick-started the proceedings of the programme by flagging off the 'Prachar Rath'. The 'Prachar Rath' will spread awareness about water testing, hygiene and sanitation, Pani Samitis' role and water conservation provisioned under Jal Jeevan Mission.

While speaking on the occasion, the DC said the JJM is one of the greatest flagship programme of Government of India to provide tap water connection to every household. He said 299 water supply schemes, with 820 works, have been sanctioned for covering length and breadth of Kathua district. He informed that as many as 751 works have been tendered for the



construction of tubewells, borewells, besides laying pipe network to provide drinking water supply to all households in line with the Prime Minister's resolve to provide 'Har Ghar Nal se Jal'. He expressed hope that the water supply scheme coming up under JJM would resolve the shortage of drinking water supply in the district especially in kandi and hilly areas of the district.

The DC exhorted the stakeholders, including Pani Samitis, to understand in detail their role and duties and adopt best

overall conservation measures and the importance of Jal Jeevan Mission for ensuring adequate, clean tap water to every household.

IC Expert Shajal Srivastava explained in detail the role and duties of the stakeholders including Pani Samitis, PRI members, Asha and Anganwadi workers and shared best practices of water management and rain water harvesting with the audience and motivated them to play their role in a missionary zeal towards fulfilling the vision of JJM.

The essence of Jal Jeevan Mission, water harvesting and water conservation issues were elaborated through Audio Visual aid.

SE Hydraulic Kathua, Ashwani Kumar, on the occasion highlighted the series of steps undertaken in the district for successful implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and also emphasized on encouraging local communities to take over the rural water supply system for operation and maintenance, and help the administration so that the "Har Ghar Nal se Jal" mission is successful.

He also briefed that various JJM schemes have been approved in the district and are presently going on at full pace and works are targeted for completion within timelines.

XEN PHIE Kathua, Vikram Kumar, AEEs, staff of DPMU and other officers of various departments attended the programme.

PM National Apprenticeship Mela held at Government ITI Udhampur

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 10: As per the directions of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Government of India as well as Skill Development Department J&K, a mega Prime Minister National Apprenticeship mela (PMNAM) was today organized here in the Government ITI Udhampur.

Dr. Yogeshwar Gupta, President Municipal Council Udhampur inaugurated the mela as the Chief Guest. Around 200 pass outs of ITIs/other Institutes and about 25 Prominent Industrial establishments of Udhampur participated in the Apprenticeship Mela.

The programme started with lighting of the Lamp by the Chief Guest & other distinguished dignitaries followed by Saraswati Vandana by the Students of ITI.

Superintendent ITI Naresh Singh welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. Yogeshwar Gupta, President Municipal Council Udhampur, Chairman IMC Arun P. Gupta, President Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industry Udhampur Sham Saroop Kalotra, President Bepcar Mandla Udhampur, General Manager DIC Udhampur, Pankaj Kumar Anand,

Industry/Establishment representatives & other dignitaries present in the programme.

The Superintendent ITI gave a detailed account of the Apprenticeship Training Scheme. Superintendent ITI as Assistant Apprenticeship Advisor District Udhampur also assured to extend every type of help to Industries/Establishments and students in the registration, contract generation, uploading of opportunities, selection of candidates, examination & certification processes.

The Chairman IMC ITI Udhampur Arun P Gupta and President Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industry Udhampur Sham Saroop Kalotra also spoke on the occasion and assured every possible help in the implementation of the scheme.

General Manager DIC, Pankaj Kumar Anand also sought the cooperation of the Industry people in making the scheme a success by involving the youth of the area in their establishments and impart them training as per their need or requirement to set an example for others to follow.

He also exhorted the students to come forward and take the benefit of the Scheme.

Sukhdev Singh, General Manager Shri Ram Industries Udhampur and Social Activist delivered a motivational lecture to encourage the youth to take maximum benefit of Apprenticeship Training Scheme. He stressed upon the youth to stay away from the menace of drug abuse and contribute towards development of the Nation by getting the best skill training as per their interest.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chief guest appreciated Superintendent ITI Udhampur for putting in extra efforts to promote this youth friendly scheme in Udhampur District. He called upon the Industry representatives to come forward and enroll maximum students as per their requirement to make this scheme successful in the District. He also called upon the students to take maximum benefit of this "Earn while you learn Scheme".

Later, the Chief Guest felicitated the Industry/Establishment representatives, District officers/officials with mementos.

In the end Chairman IMC & Superintendent Govt. ITI Udhampur presented a memento to the Chief Guest. Man Mohan Raj, Senior faculty ITI Udhampur presented vote of thanks.

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UDHAMPUR, APRIL 10: District Development Council Vice Chairperson Udhampur, Juhli Pathania today called upon line departments to ensure speedy execution of sanctioned projects.

She was chairing a meeting here in her office to review the progress of work on different under execution projects.

With regard to Girls Hostel Chowki, the DDC Vice Chairperson asked the officials from the departments of PWD, Samagra Shiksha, Revenue and Education Department to take effective steps to start the project.

At the first instance, she called upon the Revenue department to identify a suitable place, preferably in the immediate flanks of GHSS Chowki Jandrore. She asked PWD to frame DPRs within the stipulated financial limit and immediately start the work for the 100 bedded girls hostel so that the hostel could be made available to the girls of the area which shall not only spur up girls' education but it shall add new flavour to the overall spectrum of School Education in that respective area.

Meanwhile a deputation from DDC Latti called for redressing the shortage of staff at HS Panchound and other institutions of Latti, Dudu area regarding which spot instructions were issued to Chief Education Officer to take care of the said issue. The delegations had detailed discussions with the Vice Chairperson regarding the key developmental issues pertaining to their areas. The Vice Chairperson DDC Udhampur issued directions to the concerned officers to speed up macadamisation of roads and construction of drainage and protection works wherever necessary.

Special Gram Sabha meetings held across District Kishtwar to finalise GPDP 2023-24

JJ NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, APRIL 10: Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj today hosted Special Gram Sabha meetings across all panchayats of district Kishtwar to finalise and approve the Gram Panchayat Development plan 2023-24 in presence of PRIs, locals and field functionaries.

The meetings were held under the close supervision of Prabhari officers (Visiting officers) and were attended by field functionaries of various departments, PRIs and locals and the Senior & their officers of District Administration.

The enthusiastic participation of the attendees ensured that the approved GPDP 2023-24 reflects the needs and aspirations of the community to pave the way for the achievement and localisation of Sustainable



Development goals. Additional District Development Commissioner, Sham Lal along with ACD, Sunil Bhatnagar and other concerned participated in Gram Sabha at Panchayat Poochal B2 of Block Kishtwar and Gram Panchayat Kwar of block Nagseni.

Additional Development Commissioner, Indjeet Singh Panthar participated in the Special Gram Sabha meeting in panchayat Trigam A of block Trigam, while Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Varunjeet Singh

DDC Rajouri discusses Holistic Agriculture Development Project with stakeholder departments

JJ NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, APRIL 10: District Development Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, chaired a meeting to discuss the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development project in the district. The meeting was attended by the officers of line departments, including the Chief Planning Officer, Mohanmad Khurshid and the District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Dr. Sarfaraz Naseem Choudhary.

During the meeting, Dr. Choudhary, who is the Nodal officer for the implementation of the scheme, briefed the meeting about the objectives of the project. He explained that the project aims to create awareness and build confidence among the stakeholders for the implementation of the prestigious project. The approved plan consists of 29 projects that aim to push agriculture and allied sectors to a new trajectory of growth, with the mission of massive transformation of the agriculture sector.

The approved projects will transform the agricultural economy of the UT in the

next five years by doubling the outputs, boosting exports, and making the sectors more sustainable.

The District Development Commissioner emphasized the use of Information Technology for the improvement of the agriculture sector in the district. He also focused on the dissemination of knowledge from lab to land through Panchayats and other local bodies. He stressed the importance of adopting the prescribed guidelines for the implementation of the project to transform agriculture from a subsistence activity to a sustainable venture.

He directed the nodal officer to conduct training sessions in an innovative manner and make sure that all the venues selected for training have proper space and other logistics.

Furthermore, the District Development Commissioner asked to encourage the ground workers to update their knowledge and skills regularly to ensure the success of the project. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and coordination among all stakeholders to achieve the project's objectives.

Development Scheme for urban areas: DC Rajouri discusses Contours with presidents of MCs

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Special Summary Revision continues across Kathua



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KATHUA, APRIL 10: On the directions of District Election Officer (DEO) Kathua, Rahul Pandey, a Door-to-door campaign was conducted today across the District to enroll the eligible new and left out voters as part of the Special Summary revision of the electoral rolls.

During the campaign, the team members comprising BLOs, Supervisors, reached out to the houses of their jurisdiction to carry out the updation of electoral rolls by filling relevant forms.

The DEO Kathua has issued directions to keep the Electoral Roll updated in all manners and to provide an opportunity to get fresh enrolment of young eligible voters having attained the age of 18 or more as on qualifying date and to give opportunities for correction in particulars of electors and also to invite objections against any wrong inclusion in the Electoral Roll.

The Booth Level Officers were instructed to work with utmost dedication and caution in registering new voters, correcting and deleting any errors and identifying and marking Persons with Disabilities in the electoral register to avoid inconvenience in the future.

Pertinently, special camp shall also be organized at every Polling Station of the District on April 15, wherein on spot inclusions of the left out eligible voters will be made.

GPDP is an all-encompassing plan across all sectors for the development of Gram Panchayat: DC Pulwama

J1 NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, APRIL 10: Under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary, meetings of the Gram Sabha were held in all 190 Panchayat of the District Pulwama for approval of GPDP 2023-24.

The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Choudhary visited many Halqa Panchayats and supervised the Gram Sabha. The Deputy Commissioner visited Block Shadimarg, Halqa Panchayat Drabgam and presided over the special Gram Sabha Meeting there.

A large number of people, senior citizens, PRLs actively participated in the Gram Sabhas, during which agenda points along with other issues were discussed in detail and focus was laid on the developmental activities of respective Panchayati Halqa.

The DC impressed upon the local people present in the Gram Sabha Meeting to speak up for their village, discuss and finalise the Gram Panchayat Development Programme (GPDP). He insisted upon the local people that by par-

ticipating in the Gram Sabha Meeting, they are actually becoming a part of the development process of their areas. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by ADDC Pulwama Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz and IWO Shadimarg, Officers/officials from all line departments.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the Gram Panchayat Development Programme (GPDP) is an all-encompassing plan across all sectors for the development of Gram Panchayats in the District. He said, it is imperative for development of a participatory plan that the representatives of the different line Departments come together in the Gram Sabha, which serves as the fulcrum of the Panchayat and a vital platform where people discuss issues of local governance.

The DC said that this integration helps to augment awareness about the Central and State schemes and in preparing a comprehensive, inclusive GPDP through participatory mechanisms.

The DC added that GPDPs are to be aligned with the 09 thematic areas for LSDGs, which are an integral part of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and are a key to ensuring that no

one is left behind in the journey towards sustainable development.

The DC further said that these meetings of Gram Sabhas will provide an opportunity for locals to come together and participate in the decision-making process for their respective panchayats.

This will ensure that the approved GPDPs are reflective of the needs and aspirations of the community and will pave the way for the achievement of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). The prime aim of the Gram Sabhas is to ensure expeditious improvement in the socio-economic status of the people and achieving holistic development of the area. He said the essence of democracy is that people shall rule themselves and decide for themselves what is good or bad for them.

While addressing the Gram Sabha, Deputy Commissioner said that the Government is committed to provide equitable developmental benefits in all urban and rural areas of the district. He said that the three Tier Panchayati Raj System has increased the expectations of the public and assured that all demands shall be fulfilled step by step. The DC during the proceedings of

Gram Sabha impressed upon the participants to formulate and finalise the plan as per the set guidelines.

The DC added that Gram Sabha's in every Panchayat shall be held along with Panchayat Convergence Meeting with full involvement of all Panchayat Prabhari Officers to deliberate upon and approve the GPDP for its subsequent uploading on revamped eGramSwarajportal (<https://egramswaraj.gov.in>)

While supervising the Gram Sabha, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on the preparation of the GPDP plan in convergence mode. Reiterating the directions of the Government, the DC said that Village Prabhari Officers have an important role to play in the preparation of GPDP 2023-24 in convergence mode.

The DC added that a truly participatory process has been followed in the entire District during the Peoples' Plan Campaign (PPC), 2022 and the Back to Village-IV in preparing the GPDP for the FY 2023-24. Gram Sabha was also held in Panchayat Halqa Gangoo wherein the GPDP Plan formulation meeting was presided by Mr. Majid Khalil Ahmad Drabu.

Special Summary Revision 2023: ACR hosts meeting of political representatives at Udhampur

J1 NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 10: Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Udhampur (Electoral Registration Officer for 59 West and 60 East Udhampur Constituencies) Rafiq Ahmad Jari today held a meeting with heads/representatives of political parties here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex to seek their cooperation in mobilizing the new voters for registration under special summary revision of Electoral Rolls 2023 in the District.

He informed the heads of political parties that Summary revision commenced from April 5, 2023 under the supervision of District Election Officer, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna, which shall culminate on April 20, 2023. He added that those who have attained the age of 18 years on April 1, 2023 are eligible for registration as voters, while prospective voters who shall attain the age of 18 years on 1st July 2023 and on 1st October 2023 can also submit their documents for their enrollment as voter; besides they can also contact their BLOs for registration.

The ACR stressed the importance of maximum registration of new eligible voters and requested the representatives of political parties to become part of electoral election during the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls 2023.

DDC Kupwara chairs Gram Sabha at Manigah Hyhama for GPDP preparation

J1 NEWS SERVICE



KUPWARA, APRIL 10: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today chaired Gram Sabha at far lung Panchayat Manigah-C in Kupwara district.

Addressing the gathering, the DDC said that Gram Sabhas were held in all 385 panchayats of Kupwara district today and the objective of holding the Gram Sabhas was approval of Gram Panchayat Developmental Plan (GPDP) for financial year 2023-24.

He said the GPDP is the basic platform for the holistic development of villages. This public participatory process involves full convergence of centrally sponsored schemes and UT level schemes for registering overall development at grass root level.

In his speech, the DDC familiarized the people with the concept of GPDP and said that this system has revolutionized the rural economy of the district. He said gone are the days when people used to visit officers for resolving their developmental issues adding that today all officers are participating in Gram Sabhas in the Panchayats at the doorsteps of the people.

The DDC gave a detailed account of the success of Government schemes at ground level including AYUSHMAN Bharat, PMGSY, PM-KISSAN and JMM. He said the doors of administration and officers are always open for the common people to hear and redress their issues.

On the occasion, the DDC also resolved various issues by giving onspot directions to the officers.

The DDC Member Hyhama, Haji Sonaullah, ACD Kupwara, Hial Ahmad Mir and PRLs also spoke at the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Gram Panchayat Development Plan proposed by the Panchayat Committee was put forth before the general public for deliberate discussion & approval.

Special Gram Sabhas held across the district Anantnag



J1 NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, APRIL 10: Special Gram Sabhas were held through out the length and breadth of district Anantnag in all its 335 panchayat halqas along with other districts of the UT as an extra ordinary step to ensure convergence of various government schemes executed by different departments at panchayat level with the consent of general public so as to ensure all round development in a transparent manner.

Furthermore, it is a step towards theme based budgeting which aims to achieve sustainable development goals envisaged by UNO and pursued by GOI and nine themes to be achieved by 2030 by all Panchayats.

District Development Commissioner, Dr. Basharat Qayoom oversaw the programme and ensured its smooth conduct in the district. People in good numbers participated and put forth their demands before their respective Prabhari Officers, in who's presence

Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) has been given final shape and approved for implementation/execution in the current financial year.

Official from all other line departments also participated in the programme. Additional Deputy Commissioner SM Ashraf visited the panchayat halqas Sofigund, Semthana of block Anantnag and Bijbehara. The representatives of the concerned departments were present in the gram sabhas and the people discussed the further plans of their concerned panchayats.

ADC while speaking on the occasion said that the programme is being organised to put the panchayat plans as per the desire of the people and as per the primary requisition of the public.

People on the occasion put some demands and issues before the ADC which were addressed at spot. They also appreciated the district administration for holding special Gram Sabhas.

ADC who was accompanying ADC also briefed the public about the activities carried by the RDD department and the achievements gained so far.

SVEEP awareness Prog held at SP College Srinagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10: As the part of extensive Systematic Voter Education Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign in District Srinagar, awareness cum registration programme was held at Government Sri Pratap College, M.A Road Srinagar by the District Election Authority.

The programme was organized by electoral literacy club of the College in association with Dean Student's welfare while Service Support was facilitated by department of IT.

The programme was presided over by the Principal Sri Pratap College, Srinagar Prof. (Dr) Gh. Jeelani Quershi. Prof Rabia Ahmad Head Department of English, Dean Student Welfare Dr Khalida Hassan, Dr shazia Mushtaq, Dr Rais Mohmmad, Coordinator Electoral Literacy Club of Sri Pratap College, Dr Syed Javed Ahmad Andrabi, was attended by coordinator SVEEP Zahoor Ahmad Mir, National Level Master Trainer/Consultant and Sr. Election Officials from District Election machinery, besides Administration, Staff and Students of the College.

The Programme witnessed large participation of the students who were apprised about the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls 2023. The students who have attained age of 18 were sensitized about the process of registering themselves as voters to become eligible to exercise their franchise to cast their vote to elect their representative.

Tourism Deptt Kulgam launches Rural Tourism Planning at village Tangmarg Aharbal

J1 NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, April 10: The Tourism Department Kulgam today launched a Rural Tourism Planning Programme at the village Tangmarg Aharbal.

Speaking on the occasion, Asstt Director Tourism Kulgam said that the main focus of the

programme is to stimulate rural economy through rural tourism, besides creation of the new business and self employment opportunities especially through home stays.

The officer said that revitalization of local art & craft, home stays and best tourism village are other agendas of the pro-

gramme. The convergence between tourism and rural development through involvement of panchayat will be key to development of village tourism. The panchayat tourism plans have been framed early this year and now need an action plan for execution.

The officers laid stress on cleanliness and sanitation of tourism villages with special focus on Aharbal villages. Clean and green Kulgam will be important for the long run of sustainable tourism.

Needless to mention that due to special focus on Aharbal through summer and winter fes-

tival, tourism in Kulgam has doubled. The panchayats, tourism department, Aharbal development authority (ADA) and RDD are key contributors to this success.

GRAM SABHAS HELD ACROSS DISTRICT SHOPIAN

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, APRIL 10: In connection with organising Gram Sabhas in all Panchayat Halqas of the district, special Gram Sabhas were held in 98 Panchayat Halqas of the District. The Gram Sabhas were conducted in Panchayat Halqa Heerpora in Block Shopian, Panchayat Halqa Chotipora in Block Shopian, Panchayat Halqa Barburgh in Block Imamsahib, Panchayat Halqa Losenadow in Block Imamsahib and Panchayat Halqa Nadigam in Block Imamsahib.

Shopian presided over by respective Prabhari officers of these Panchayat Halqas of the district? Similarly, Gram Sabhas were also held in various other Panchayat Halqas of the district where Prabhari officers presided over the Gram Sabhas. A large number of people actively participated in



these Gram Sabhas, during which agenda points along with other issues were discussed in detail and focus was laid on the developmental activities of respective Panchayati Halqas. People were also made aware about the significance of the Gram Sabhas. Special thrust was also laid on the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) adoption and adoption of Gram Sabha resolution. The concerned people of the said

Dir Horticulture presides Gram Sabha at Lolab

J1 NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10: Director Horticulture Kashmir, Mr. G. R. Mir presided over a special Gram Sabha meeting today at Panchayat Halqa Chandigam-A Lolab, Kupwara as Prabhari Officer.

The meeting was held in connection with the approval and finalization of the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), 2023-24.

The meeting was attended by all the panchayat members besides the representatives of line departments and local people.

During the meeting, the proposed Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the year 2023-24 was thoroughly discussed and approved. Additionally, the action plan for MGNREGA 2023-24 was also discussed.

After the conclusion of the meeting, Dir expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the members of the Gram Panchayat, officers, and local residents for their active participation and engagement throughout the meeting.

He stressed on the significance of the Gram Panchayat members, officers, and local residents' participation in the decision-making process for their respective panchayats. Their involvement can lead to better decisions and outcomes, as all stakeholders' opinions and needs are considered.

Later, he visited the Fruit Plant Nursery at Base Station Chougul, Handwara, where he assessed the progress of various developmental activities and discussed the management practices being implemented in detail.

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NOTICE

Subject: Maintenance Service of Air Conditioners in respect of Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu Administration Block, Hospital Ward & OPD Complex, Jammu for the year 2023-24.

Sealed quotations are invited from reputed and experienced firms for the service of different types of Air Conditioners installed in the Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

Copies of following documents should be attached with the quotation, failing which quotation will be rejected:

1. Copy of PAN, GST registration number and copy TIN Number (if any) of the firm.
 2. Details of experience in providing Maintenance Services of Air Conditioner.
- Sealed quotations should be delivered to Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within weeks time positively from the issue of notice and the same will be opened on 24-04-2023 at 1:30 P.M. in the presence of bidder or their authorized representatives in the office chamber of Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The firm may depose their representative at the time of opening of the quotation.

General Terms & Conditions:-

1. The terms "Maintenance/Service" shall include washing, oiling, cleaning, greasing, servicing etc.
2. As far as possible, the repair work shall be carried out in the premises of this hospital, execution of which is not possible in the premises of this hospital may be allowed to be done in the workshops of the firms after the permission of competent authority.
3. The Quotation should be given on Firm's letter head, giving full address, telephone number, Mobile number and E-mail Address etc.
4. The Service work of A.Cs should be the full satisfaction of the Concerned Officer/Section.
5. The GST bill in triplicate to be sent to the department for making payment after the Maintenance/Service of Air Conditioners.
6. Medical Superintendent, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu reserves the right to cancel, amend or withdraw the quotations at any stage, without assigning any whatsoever reasons.
7. Incomplete quotations or without documents shall be rejected outrightly.
8. The firm should quote the rates on Firm's letter head as per the proforma which is given as under:-

S.No	Description	Quantity	Rate per item (including GST)
1	Window Air Conditioner (AC)	1	
2	Split Air Conditioner (AC)	1	

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Advisor Bhatnagar addresses 'G-20 University Connect; Engaging Young Minds' lecture series at SKICC

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today addressed the lecture series 'G-20 University Connect; Engaging Young Minds' at SKICC here.

The lecture series was organised by Central University of Kashmir (CUK) in association with Ministry of External Affairs and Research and Information System for Developing Countries.

Addressing the huge gathering of scholars, educators, professors and large number of students, Advisor Bhatnagar said that it is a matter of pride for the entire nation that our country is holding G20 presidency, adding that India is on the path of becoming world leader.

He added that the main objective of the country-wide G20 programmes is to engage the people and youth as brand ambassadors to spread awareness regarding India's role in world.

Advisor said that the theme of India's G20 Presidency - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (One Earth-One Family-One Future) affirms the value of all life-human, animal, plant and microorgan-



isms and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. He added that the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of 'Amritkaal', the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence on 15 August 2022, leading up to the centenary of its independence, towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core.

Advisor Bhatnagar further remarked that India's G20 Presidency is a sign of the country's recognition as a global economic and political power. He added that under India's presidency, the coun-

try will seek to bolster the G20's status and authority as the premier global forum for cooperation on global economic and financial issues with a focus on climate change and sustainable development.

Speaking in the significance of lecture series, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the youth are the future of the world and their power should be harnessed in all domains. He added that this lecture series focused on engaging young minds in the G-20 countries.

"The lecture series aimed to bring together scholars and experts from various fields to discuss the importance of

global education and research collaboration among universities", Advisor Bhatnagar said.

Former Ambassador and Professor Emeritus and Director International Relations, Sushant University Gurugram, Ambassador JS Mukul; Professor, Centre for Canadian United States, and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, Professor Arvind Kumar and Vice Chancellor CUK, Professor A Ravinder Nath also spoke on the occasion.

On the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar also distributed prizes among the students who excelled in different competitions of the G20 University Connect.

Among others, Vice Chancellors of other universities, faculty members, senior functionaries of CUK and students were also present on the occasion.

Pertinently, Ministry of External Affairs had designated 75 universities, across the country to hold different activities under the G-20 University Connect Programmes, and the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) being one among them, organised more than 35 programmes till date under the series.

President All India Football Federation calls on Lt Governor

Discusses roadmap for Football activities in J&K

JJ NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 10: Sh. Kalyan Chaubey, President All India Football Federation called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan, today.

Sh. Chaubey, accompanied by Dr. Shahji Prabhakaran, Secretary General, AIFF discussed with Lt Governor the roadmap for Football activities in J&K.

The Lt Governor asked the AIFF officer bearers to set up at least one Centre of Excellence each in Srinagar and Jammu and organise capacity-building programmes for local referees so that they are eligible for officiating in bigger events like I-League etc. The Lt Governor further asked the AIFF to include J&K in the panel of states and union territories that will host national level competitions, international and I-League matches on regular basis.

AIFF should also come up with programme for promotion of women's football in the Union Territory and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions, he added. Sh. Kalyan Chaubey, President AIFF assured the support of AIFF in the development of football in the UT. AIFF is ready to work with all the stakeholders to help the youth of J&K to hone their abilities, he added.

Sh. Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports and Ms. Nuzhat Gull, Secretary, J&K Sports Council were also present during the meeting.

GHSS Ploura students educated about environment conservation

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 10: Member Red Cross Society and social activist Kewal Krishan Wadhwa today visited Government Higher Secondary School Ploura and interacted with the staff and students.

He enriched the students about moral values, ethics, hazards of single use plastic and environment protection.

Emphasizing the need to protect and conserve environment, Kewal Krishan Wadhwa propagated sustainable ways in all walks of life. He presented saplings to students and staff members whose birthday fall in the month of April. A handmade cloth bag was gifted to Principal of the school. He encouraged all the staff members to make 5 cloth bags and distribute among their friends to discourage the 'Single Use Plastic bags'.

J&K Pollution Control Committee conducts public hearing at Khatri Palce Vijaypur

JJ NEWS SERVICE



SAMBA, APRIL 10: Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee today conducted public hearing for the Environmental Clearance of Minor Mineral (River Bed Material) Block 1/5 Devak River upstream Railway Bridge Samba and Block 1/11 Devak River Downstream NH1A Samba, at Khatri Place, Near Railway Crossing, Village Thalori, Vijaypur.

A large number of the people and public representatives including Chairman, Municipal committee Vijaypur, Ganesh Dutt Sharma, Sarpanches/Panches of the adjoining Panchayats of Guralasaltha, Thalori Brahmana and public from Vijaypur town participated in proceeding.

During proceeding of public hearing, Deepak Abrol, Divisional Officer, JKPC, Samba (South) briefed the public about the importance of conducting public hearing and Role of JKPC. The Project consultant from M/s Vistata Enviro Service Pvt Ltd., Jaipur gave the details about salient features and Environmental impact Assessment (EIA) & Environment management plan of the project.

All the related issues were discussed and queries raised were answered by the project consultant. Naib Tehsildar, on behalf of Additional Deputy Commissioner and District Mineral Officer, Samba, also attended the public hearing and addressed the gathering & assured that all the important issues/ concerns raised by the project affected people have been recorded by videography and will be incorporated in the report to be submitted to Competent Authority. Narayan Thakur (Field Inspector) JKPC, Kathua and Dr. Aram Singh Subash Chander of JKPC also attended proceeding of the public hearing.

Power shutdown

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 10: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Hajjar Kotli, Dansal, Jindrah, Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 11 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to PHE Rakh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on April 11 from 10 am to 1 pm.

DC JAMMU CHAIRS NCORD MEETING

EMPHASIZES ON ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING



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JAMMU, APRIL 10: To review the steps taken to curb drug abuse and narcotic trade in the district, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa today chaired a meeting of the District-level NARCO Coordination Committee (NCORD) here.

ADC L&O, Harvinder Singh; CEO, Suraj Singh Rathore; CMO, Dr Harbhaksh Singh; DSWO, Manjit Rajput besides other concerned officials were present in the meeting.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various issues pertaining to incidence of drug addiction, areas of concern and hotspots of drug use and action taken by the concerned departments to curb the menace of drugs.

The Deputy Commissioner suggested a string of measures and asked the concerned to work in coordination at different levels to combat drug trafficking.

She called for maintaining close coordination among the stakeholder

departments and institutions.

The CMO and Drug Control Organisation were asked to intensify inspections of chemist shops, health centres and courier service centres to restrict illegal transport, sale and distribution of psychotropic drugs and other banned substances in the district. The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the Drug Control Department to cancel the registration of the chemists who violate laid down guidelines under Drugs & Cosmetic Act. The Deputy Commissioner also sought Action Taken Reports from all stakeholder departments about the measures taken by them to control the drug menace.

She directed all stakeholders to launch a massive awareness campaign against drugs and also appealed to parents of teenagers and young children to keep watch on their children to prevent them from drug addiction.

DLTP Placement Drive: Polytechnic, ITI trained get Job offers

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JAMMU, APRIL 10: Director Skill Development Department, Sudershan Kumar today distributed Job offers to Polytechnic and ITI trained candidates lettered by Private Sector Enterprises. M/s SKH Metals Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana has selected pass out students from Government Polytechnics in Electrical, Mechanical and Automobile Engineering as Operational Engineer Trainees (OET) with Rs 16619 CTC per month. Revant Communication Pvt.Ltd. and E.T.I.L. selected 3 and 2 pass out students from ITIs, respectively. The Director congratulated the selected students and advised them to work hard. He thanked the companies to provide the job opportunities to the polytechnic & ITI students and impressed upon the students to participate in different placement drives with full enthusiasm and make full use of their professional and technical skills for employability to various organization. The placement drive was organized by the Division Level Training and Placement (DLTP) Cell Jammu and ITI Placement cell of Skill Development Department. Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Govt. Polytechnic Jammu, Er.G.M Bhat, Joint Director Skill Development Jammu, Jatinder Kesar, OSD, Rajesh Khajuria, Neena Dulloo, Karan Singh Training and placement officers were present on the occasion.

Principle Secretary Forest reviews ongoing works on Jambu Zoo

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JAMMU, APRIL 10: Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, today convened a review meeting regarding ongoing Jambu Zoo works.

Dheeraj Gupta asked the officials of department of wildlife protection, contractors and service providers to expedite the works to ensure that under con-

struction Jambu Zoo be dedicated to public in the month of April 2023. He emphasized enhanced coordination among various agencies to ensure timely completion of vital works such as main road, parking area development, water supply and allied infrastructure.

Principal Secretary also reviewed different services to be offered to public in Jambu Zoo such as ticketing, cafeteria,

kiosk, drinking water points, shelter sheds, battery cars, viewpoints and parks. He issued instructions to the officials for timely mobilization and trial run of various services by 3rd week of April 2023.

He directed the department to gear up for animal shifting plan for relocating the Manda Mini Zoo animals in the upcoming Zoo by 24th of April 2023 as per the evaluation carried out by

CZA officials. Dheeraj Gupta stressed on the importance of real time coordination among executing agencies for inter-linked activities to avoid any delay in shifting of material and machinery/equipments. He directed the officials to take daily review of such activities with contractors.

Taking note of the gaps in the resources mobilization viz-a-viz targets to be achieved, Principal

Secretary directed officials to ensure all efforts to achieve zoo operational status by 26th of April 2023 for inspection and trial run.

The review meeting was attended by Regional Wildlife Warden Jammu, Wildlife Warden Jammu Zoo and senior officers of Wildlife Protection Department and service providers of outsourced activities and contractors.

GRAM PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT PLAN-2023-24

Special Sabhas held in all 257 panchayats of Kathua District

PRABHARI OFFICERS PLAY GUARDIANS' ROLE IN FINALISING ANNUAL GPDPS

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KATHUA, APRIL 10: The Special Gram Sabha Meetings were on Monday held in all 257 panchayats of Kathua District to finalize and approve the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDPD) 2023-24. Prabhari Officers and Officers of Line Departments attended the meetings. The Panchayats met with members and other stakeholders to finalize the priorities of respective Panchayat halqas, while 21 Line departments also came up with their development plans for panchayats so as to formulate a workable and inclusive GDPD. The front-line workers/supervisors of all key sectors were also roped in to get feedback on the key issues of the panchayats. After extensive and brain-



storming discussion, all 257 Gram Panchayats approved the GDPD aligned with the 09 thematic areas for LSDGs, which are an integral part of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and are the key to ensure that no one is left behind in the journey towards

sustainable development. While throwing light on the extensive exercise of holding Special Gram Sabhas for GDPD, the Prabhari Officer for Kardoh Panchayat, Dr Mushtaq Ahmed (Special Secretary, Information Department) said, "The event holds prime importance in the

development calendar of the PRIs as it provides an opportunity to the locals to come together and participate in the decision-making process for their respective panchayats". He further said "the approved GDPDs are reflective of the needs and aspirations of

the community and will pave the way for the achievement of the Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs)".

During the Special Gram Sabhas, panchayats were also sensitised about the ongoing Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls and on spot registration of new voters along with applications for deletion and correction which are also being entertained by BLOs and supervisors.

Pertinently, the approval of GDPD for the year 2023-24, will provide Gram Panchayats full year for implementation and effective monitoring of works. This will also help Gram Panchayats to effectively utilise the resources available with them and other schematic interventions under GDPD during 2023-24.