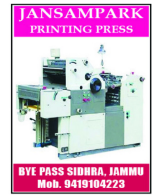




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Country's armed forces capable enough to counter every situation apart from their duties at border: Rajnath Singh

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that the country's armed forces are capable enough to counter every situation apart from their duties at the border.

He said, the Indian armed forces are the best example in the world for their commitment and discipline. Singh was addressing the exercises of Armed Forces in the Kendriya Sainik Board meeting held in New Delhi today. The Minister lauded the ex-servicemen's

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PM Modi will inaugurate Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway before LS polls: Gadkari

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JAMMU, APR 11

Setting the tone right on the track for infrastructural development, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate 670-kilometre long Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Greenfield expressway in February or March 2024 before Lok Sabha polls.

According to the news agency, Gadkari while interacting with reporters here in



Katra, said, "I have been told that Rs 40,000 crore Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Greenfield

expressway would be complete around December 2024."

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Jammu-Srinagar highway to have 5 tunnels, 245 km distance to be covered in 3 hrs: Union Minister

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SRINAGAR, APR 11

Union Minister for Roads, Highways and Transport, Nitin Gadkari Tuesday said that on the 45 km stretch of Srinagar-Jammu highway, five tunnels will come up of which one has been inaugurated while work on other four is going on. He said once all the tunnels will be completed, the travel distance on Srinagar-Jammu highway, the life-life between J&K and the rest of the country will reduce to just three hours.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function in Srinagar, Gadkari, who was accompanied by MoS PMO Dr Jitendra Singh, as per the news agency, said that of the total 245 km stretch of Srinagar-Jammu highway, there will be five tunnels coming up on 45 km stretch. "Today, we have achieved a break-



through on one tunnel and next three will be completed by March next year. The fifth tunnel is a bit difficult and that may take a bit of time," the Union Minister said. He said that a resort will also come up on the highway where Kashmiri handicrafts will be showcased. He said once the highway and tunnels will be ready, the road will get connected with the Katra and then to Delhi.

"This way, J&K will get connected with the rest of the country," he said.

On Monday, Gadkari had stated that in the next ten years, J&K roads will match with the United States. "We aim that the Srinagar to Jammu distance will be covered in three hours, Katra to Delhi in six hours and Delhi to Srinagar in 8 hours," he said, adding that better

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Gadkari, V K Singh among over 3 lakh devotees pay obeisance at Vaishno Devi shrine in first 10 days of April

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JAMMU, APR 11

Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari and Minister of State General, V K Singh are among 3 lakh devotees from all over the country who visited the cave shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi in the ten days of the current month. According to the news



agency, on Tuesday, Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Jitendra Singh and V K Singh along with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha paid obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu division.

The Union Road Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari was on a

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VDC member suicide case: Post mortem conducted at GMC AH Rajouri, weapon seized

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RAJOURI, APR 11

The Post mortem examination and other medico-legal formalities of the body of a Village Defence Committee (VDC) member in Bai Nambal village of Rajouri, Police have started legal proceedings and investigation while the weapon has been seized.

After the occurrence of the incident, a team from Kandi police station rushed to

location. In an official statement issued to the news agency, police said that in connection with incident of suicide of a VDC member in Bai Nambal village of Rajouri, Police have started legal proceedings and investigation while the weapon has been seized.

After the occurrence of the incident, a team from Kandi police station rushed to

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Cong singularly responsible for all mess in J&K: Rana



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JAMMU, APR 11

Senior BJP leader and former legislator Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday accused the Congress of murdering democracy in Jammu and

Kashmir, and said it "singularly responsible" for all the "mess and uncertainty" in the Union Territory.

He said holding assembly elections is a prerogative of the Election Commission

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CS emphasizes on digital DPRs & billing of all works under OMMAS only

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NEW DELHI, APR 11

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today highlighted the need for introducing the Online Management & Monitoring System (OMMAS) for raising bills of all works under execution by different Departments such as Public Works Department, PDD, PHE etc throughout J&K. He impressed on all the concerned Departments to look into their readiness within 15 days and decide about the timeframe to onboard themselves onto this online system of bill preparation, submission and monitoring.

Dr Mehta also directed for



automation of DPRs in digital mode of all the projects to be taken up in the UT so that automated and hassle free

checking can be introduced. He said that the digital DPRs will make the

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Two militant associates arrested in Bla: Police

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SRINAGAR, APR 11

Jammu and Kashmir Police alongwith security forces have arrested two militant associates linked with LeT in Pattan area of Baramulla and recovered arms & ammunition, IED & other incriminating materials on their disclosure.

"Acting on specific information regarding movement of militant associates, Police alongwith Army (29RR) and SSB (2ndBr) busted a terror module at Pattan Baramulla and arrested 02 militant associates linked with LeT," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency, adding that they have been identified as Farooq Ahmad Parra son

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CDS calls for greater collaboration to augment space-based defence capabilities in India

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NEW DELHI, APR 11

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan on Tuesday called for greater collaboration to augment space-based defence capabilities in India.

The CDS made the statement after inaugurating the 'Indian DefSpace Symposium 2023', being organised by Indian Space Association (ISpA).

In his address, Gen Chauhan said, "Today's symposium will assist all of us to center our national security, while identifying possible solutions to address future challenges. The aim for all of us should be towards developing dual-use platforms with special focus towards incorporating cutting-edge technology and we must expand our NAVIC constella-



tion, provide agile space-based ISR and ensure secure satellite assisted communications."

"We also need to explore the field of miniaturisation of satellites and reusable launch platforms to mitigate cost, challenges and accelerate the pace of augmenting our space-based capabilities. The populating of space domain and the emergence of dynamic threat environment to our space assets also demands that we enhance our space situational awareness capability. There's also a requirement to safe-

guard our assets with counter space capabilities. We must build resilience and redundancy in a space-based infrastructure," a release quoted the CDS as saying.

Samir V Kamat, Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), said, "We at DRDO have started increasing our focus on the very critical space domain with focus on space-based surveillance, space situational awareness, protecting our space-based assets."

"We are now looking at working very closely with industry as well as academia right from the development stage and have started DRDO industry-academia centers of excellence in about 15 institutions mostly within the country. We request

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27 passengers injured after mini bus overturns in Udhampur



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At least 27 passengers got injured after a mini-bus overturned near Dak Bungalow in

the Udhampur district. The incident took place in Ramnagar in the Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

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Around 10 country-made hand grenades recovered, one held

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NEW DELHI, APR 11

Around 10 country-made hand grenades were recovered from forest land behind Metro Vihar, Phase II Holambi Kalan area of Delhi's Outer North district and arrested one person, police said on Tuesday.

The police had received secret information on April 9, regarding the country-made hand grenade lying in the area of Holambi Kalan. The team of special

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Gadkari inspects Srinagar-Banihal section of NH-44 with J&K Lt Governor

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NEW DELHI, APR 11

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari with Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, Union Minister of State General (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd) and Union Minister of Jammu to Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal to Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) being



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Covid-19 mock drills held in different hospitals of J&K

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SRINAGAR, APR 11

Like other parts of the country, the Covid-19 mock drills were held across hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir for the second

day for an emergency response to ensure medical equipment and other infrastructure are functioning properly.

A health official told news agency, that amid a rise in cases, the Covid-19 preparedness-related mock drills were conducted on Tuesday in different health institutions across J&K.

"All the PMCs, Directors, CMOs and Medical Superintendents conducted the mock drills to ensure the operational readiness of the Covid-dedicated facilities, with a

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Raina, Kavinder, Arun felicitate Chirag Kotwal for bringing laurels to J&K



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JAMMU, APR 11: Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, Arun Prabhat State President BJYM felicitated Chirag Kotwal, 2nd runner up of Indian Idol, for bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory by participating and reaching at the top finalists at the national level singing competition of Indian Idol.

Former Minister Priya Sethi, former MLA R S Pathania, BJP Vice President Anuradha Charak, Secretary Vikas Choudhary, senior leader Sanjay Baru and others were amongst the prominent leaders present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Ravinder Raina said parents of Chirag Kotwal need special accolades for their son's feat as he has brought laurels not only for them but also for the entire

Union Territory of J&K. The senior BJP leader said that others should take cue from the success of Chirag and toe his line to ensure more such occasions for the Union Territory to feel proud and elated. Congratulating Chirag Kotwal for his exceptional performance in the national level singing competition, Kavinder Gupta said he has made Jammu and Kashmir proud. He hoped Chirag would continue his winning spree in events to

come in near future. He advised the youth to stay focused in their resolve towards excellence and continue to be an inspiration for others.

Arun Prabhat in his address, said that youth of Jammu and Kashmir are second to none in talent and ability as is evident by their outstanding performance in the national level examinations in which they have proven their mettle and made mark conspicuously. He said the present age is the age of competition and youth have to face various challenges and they should prepare themselves for tougher competitions and prove their ability.

Chirag Kotwal said that it is a matter of immense privilege for him to reach this level. He said that youth of J&K should work hard as the sky's the limit for those who believe in themselves and pursue their dreams by the virtue of their hard work.

BJP District Jammu South pays tribute to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule

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JAMMU, APR 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu District South celebrated Jayanti (birth anniversary) of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule on the occasion Samajik Nyay Saptah under the presidency of Rekha Mahajan District President Jammu South, organized the program in the esteem presence of General Secretary org Ashok Koul, Former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, Deputy Mayor Baldev Billowria, DDC Prof. Garu Ram Bhagat, State President OBC Morcha Sunil Prajapati, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, Former MLC Vikram Randhawa, Mandal President Gandhi nagar Bharat Bhushan at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul paid tribute to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule on his birth anniversary today. Koul said Jyotiba Phule was an iconic social reformer who strove tirelessly to dismantle caste barriers and social inequalities. Ashok Koul also recalled Jyotiba Phule's towering contribution to social justice and empowering the downtrodden. He



stated his thoughts give hope and strength to millions. Jyotiba Phule's views and contribution will keep inspiring all of us throughout our lives Ashok Koul, said. He said, his endeavor for the uplift of the underprivileged and women remains an eternal source of inspiration in our efforts to build an inclusive and egalitarian society. Ashok Koul furthermore admired the endeavors of Jammu District South under the leadership of Rekha Mahajan.

Kavinder Gupta paid tributes to social activist Mahatma Phule on his birth anniversary. Gupta said that Mahatma Phule is widely respected as the

champion of social justice and a source of hope for countless people. Recollecting the great personality, Kavinder Gupta said Mahatma Phule was a multifaceted personality who worked tirelessly for social equality, women empowerment, and boosting education. He said India will forever be grateful to him for his monumental contribution.

In her presidential address, Rekha Mahajan accentuated that April 11 is celebrated each year as Jyotiba Phule Jayanti in the country in honor of Jyotirao Govindrao Phule, the social activist, and reformer from Maharashtra. She said, Phule worked towards the

eradication of untouchability and the caste system in India. Along With his wife, Savitribai, he sowed seeds for women's education in India. Rekha, added, Rekha underlined that Phule was born 196 years ago on April 11, 1827. He founded his first school for girls 172 years ago in Pune. He created the Satyashodhak Samaj, Society of Truth Seekers which aimed to achieve equal rights. He fought against female infanticide and launched a large campaign to get rid of the water crisis Rekha said.

The proceedings of the program was conducted by Rekha Mahajan and a vote of thanks was presented by OBC Morcha District President Vijay Dogra.

DF,SS demand 2 cable cars initiation on Mata Vaishno Devi trek



J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: The Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu witnessed a huge rush of devotees as serpentine queues were seen on the Trikuta hills. Devotees hailing from different regions of the country, including children, were seen chanting 'Jai Mata Di' as they made their way up and down the hill. There is a huge rush of people lakhs of people have visited the shrine and

due to the heavy rush of devotees all the hotels are booked and people have to sleep on pathways and roadside at Katra. The workers of Dogra Front & Shiv Sena under the leadership of President Ashok Gupta took out a rally demanding 2 cable cars initiation between Tarkote Marg & Sanjichat the second one from Shankaracharya Mandir to Adkutarvi. Gupta stated that registration counters should be made at Raghunath temple

and other places in Jammu city so that the yatries can visit other temples in Jammu as well which benefit the economy of Jammu city as well. He further stated that like the way Durga bhawan has been made which is catering to a lot of yatries in the same manner cable car should be made at the earliest. The 24 km long alignment from Tarkote Marg to Sanjichhat will have 14 towers (tentative), a 16 meter corridor, 8 track

crossings, etc. Presently, the pilgrims cover a distance of 12 km long journey on a foot trek up to Bhawan, whereas the ropeway will cover the same journey in 6 minutes. The ropeway will prove to be a major attraction for tourists as the visitors will be able to get a picturesque view of the area. With the completion of the ropeway project, tourist footfall will increase. After the development of the ropeway service, people will spend less time at Bhawan, thereby, reducing the chances of any unfortunate incidents.

There will be less pollution on the trek due to less garbage and waste. So the cable car project should be co plated at the earliest to provide amenities to the yatries. The party people who were present at the time of protest Abhishek, Ram, Prem, Sushil, Charan, Lovely, Rahul, Kamal, Ramalal, Vinay, Naresh, Kalu, Ashish and various others were present.

NC HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING AT SIMBLE

Don't make people scape-goats for sake of development: Babu Rampaul to LG admin

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: Former Minister and Zonal President JKNC, Babu Ram Paul has urged the UT administration to devise a mechanism so that people who are been asked to vacate 75 feet of land alongside Satwari-iran Sahib road should not become scape-goats in the name of development.

He said this while addressing a public meeting at Simble Morh. Babu Rampaul was the chief guest whereas Dr Vikas Sharma, Thoru Ram Mandi, B.D Dalotra, Dr Gourav Bharat were guests of honour. The public meeting was organized by S.Surjit Singh Sussan Zonal Secretary and Coordinator District Jammu (Rural-Lovely), Rahul, Kamal, Ramalal, Vinay, Naresh, Kalu, Ashish and various others were present.

Babu Rampaul listened to public grievances wherein he was told that administration has served a notice and asked the people to vacate 75 feet of space for six-laning of the road. People told him that several houses and shops are falling under the 75 feet space and it will leave many people homeless and several others will be snatched of their livelihood.

Babu Rampaul assured the people



that NC leadership will highlight their issue with the concerned authorities. He also urged the LG administration to get seized of the matter which is of public importance. He said, "Development cannot be ensured at the cost of public loss." Former minister suggested that the proposed flyover from Satwari to Airport be extended further instead of six-laning the road. "It will be a great relief for poor people and the issue of road connectivity will also be resolved," he added.

He also said that growing unemployment was a matter of great concern as the present regime has miserably failed to create job opportunities

for the youth. While addressing the mammoth crowd Zonal Secretary Dr Vikas Sharma said that before 5th August 2019 Jammu used to be called as the City of temples when people were getting all basic facilities like drinking water, power and clean roads. But, sadly, after August 5th 2019 Jammu city was painted as Smart City with people now facing tremendous problems with regard to drinking water supply, electricity as even roads connecting streets are in broken conditions. Instead different taxes are being imposed upon the public on the pretext of providing amenities, but there is none to listen for redressal of public grievances.

Zonal Secretary S.Surjit Singh Sussan highlighted that roads are in total dilapidated conditions, public facilities are lacking and people are facing difficulties in getting their work done in offices. He warned the administration to come out of their comfort zone and redress public grievances otherwise the NC cadre will launch sustained agitation.

Prominent among others present included Bahadur Lal, Baldev Raj Nargotra, Manohar Lal, Sagar Lal and others.

Gadkaris Announcements on J&K Historic: Vibodh

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: Welcoming the work plan and ongoing works of Roads, Ropeways and tunnel connectivity Senior BJP Leader, Former MLC & General Secretary J&K BJP Advocate Vibodh Gupta on Tuesday morning in a media interaction termed yesterday's announcements of Union Minister Nitin Gadgari as Historic. Vibodh Gupta said that the recent two-day-long visit of Union Road Transport and Highway Minister Nitin Gadgari to Jammu and Kashmir U.T. to review several ongoing tunnel and road projects. Will determine the future robust plan of the Modi Government to Develop connectivity infrastructure of J&K on US PATTERNS and resolve of govt to connect J&K with Kanyakumari. Gupta while interacting with media persons at Rajouri expressed heartfelt gratitude to Modi government and especially to Union Minister Nitin Gadgari who made several important announcements during his two-day-long visit to Jammu and Kashmir. Gupta further added that BJP is committed to the all-round development of Jammu & Kashmir through better road connectivity under the leadership of PM Modi. Vibodh lauded the ongoing fast



track construction of Asia's Largest historic Zojila tunnel. While attacking on the previous governments of Congress, NC & PDP Gupta said that the previous governments did not pay heed towards this as this terrain near Zojila Pass is extremely inhospitable, with many fatal accidents taking place here every year. Gupta added that due to the tireless efforts of PM Modi and Nitin Gadgari the work on the Zojila tunnel is going on at great pace and after the completion of the Zojila Tunnel, the chances of accidents will be zero and this tunnel will provide year-round connectivity between the Kashmir valley and Ladakh, which will be extremely important for the development of Ladakh, the promotion of tourism, free movement of local goods and the

movement of Indian Armed Forces in case of emergency.

It's pertinent to mention that the estimated cost of the Zojila Tunnel project was 12000 crores but after several deliberations and discussions with experts and international consultants for a year, its cost was brought down by 5000 crore rupees. "This is for the first time in the history of our country that only our government have a saving of Rupees 5000 crores as far as the estimated cost of the project concerned", Gupta added.

Gupta who himself hails from Pir Panjal region said that the announcement made by Union minister Gadgari for the construction of a 5000 crore rupees tunnel at Pir ki Galli on Mughal Road, connecting twin border districts of Rajouri-Poonch in Jammu region to Shopian in the valley is a historic step. "We (BJP & J&K Unit) time and again have approached our Union leadership for the construction of a tunnel at Pir ki Galli to make it an all weather road and Gadgari Ji under the leadership of PM Modi fulfilled this demand & Whole Pir Panjal region is celebrating this announcement and people from all walks of life are expressing their gratitude to the Modi Government," Vibodh commented.

Shiv Sena submits memo to EC, bats for early Assembly elections in J&K through ballot paper

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JAMMU, APR 11: The Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasabhe Thackeray) Jammu and Kashmir unit today submitted a memorandum to the Chief Electoral Officer of J&K, demanding early Assembly elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir through ballot paper. In this context, a team of party leaders headed by Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K called on the Chief Electoral Officer Pandurang K Pol (AS) and submitted a memorandum regarding the early Assembly elections in J&K.

Sahni said that a request has been made before the Election Commission to restore the democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir and to conduct the first assembly elections of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir through ballot paper.

Sahni said that the Home Minister of the country and all the central leaders of the BJP claimed that "all is well" in Jammu and Kashmir but why the Saffron Party is shying away from



announcing elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

All the preparations including delimitation, voter list have been finalized, so the delay in conducting elections is beyond the understanding, he added.

Sahni asserted that after the fall of the PDP and BJP government in 2018, Jammu and Kashmir is under the rule of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor for almost five years which

seems not to be a good sign for any state or union territory in the democratic country.

At the same time, doubts are being raised on EVMs by almost all the opposition parties of the country. From America to Bangladesh, people have repented from EVM, he said, emphasizing that the Assembly elections should be conducted in Jammu and Kashmir only through the ballot paper.

JKPCC organizes Jai Bharat Satyagrah Mashal Rally at RS Pura

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: Former MLA Thakur Balwan Singh, Chief Spokesperson and Incharge Jammu rural and Urban Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary JKPCC Pawan Raina, senior Congress leader Rajinder Singh Nathu, Block Presidents Gurmeet Singh, Sunil Dutt today led a Jai Bharat Satyagrah Mashal Rally from RS Pura to Suchetgarh today organized by senior Congress leaders Karan Bhagat and Sarpanch Badrinath Sharma. The rally crossed through RS Pura Bazaar amidst rising of slogans against BJP Govt.

Speaking on the occasion, Balwan Singh accused the BJP government of targeting Rahul Gandhi to stop him from exposing the corruption of the Narendra Modi government. He accused that the BJP government had been shielding economic offenders like Nirav Modi, Lalit Modi, and Mehul Choksi. Instead of addressing Rahul Gandhi's questions regarding Modi-Adani nexus, the BJP is counter attacking Congress by accusing Rahul Gandhi of having insulted OBCs, he said. There are many other politically related cases but the way in which Rahul Gandhi was convicted and disqualified in such a short notice is suspicious, Singh added.

Accusing the BJP of even suppressing the voice of the media, Singh added that the Congress, however, will not be intimidated by the dirty scheme of the BJP. He said that the All India Congress Committee (AICC) has launched a pan India and month-long Jai Bharat Satyagraha to extend solidarity to Rahul



Gandhi who has been removed from being a Lok Sabha member by the BJP forcefully. Claiming that Rahul Gandhi was targeted for highlighting the nexus between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and business tycoon Gautam Adani, he added, "People know the truth."

Further claiming that Rahul Gandhi didn't accuse the entire people with Modi surname other than targeting Nirav Modi, Lalit Modi and Narendra Modi of looting National wealth, Singh alleged that Rahul Gandhi was singled out mainly for demanding a probe into the Adani issue by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). He also claimed that the process in which Rahul Gandhi was disqualified bypassed the functioning of the Election Commission.

Accusing the BJP of running the country tyrannically, Singh asked how long BJP is going to send CBI or ED to critics. Even if one has committed a grave crime, one will be excused if the person is willing to join the BJP, he claimed. He further said that the grand old party will do whatever it can to save democracy and until all those who engage in

crony capitalism are booked. Speaking to media persons, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson accused the BJP Government of being a fascist. Indian democracy is in danger, if a person raises voice and questions the Government, they will slap different charges to silence him or her," he claimed. Every right thinking citizen of the country must come together irrespective of their political affiliation and safeguard democracy, he appealed. He slammed the BJP Government for using laws as their tool allegedly. He said that Rahul Gandhi always stand by the truth and the people of India against the incompetency and failure of the BJP and all other such agencies which work against the people of the country. He maintained that the conviction and disqualification of Rahul Gandhi is nothing but an intentional target and a sinister ploy to save Adani which obviously demonstrated that the Prime Minister does not want his relationship with Adani to be further exposed.

Karan Bhagat said that "Rahul Gandhi is a true crusader against corruption. He has been advocating for the people without fear of repercussions. Despite having had three Prime Ministers from his family, today, Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi do not own a home. BJP government by serving an eviction notice to Rahul Gandhi wanted to render him homeless. By targeting Rahul Gandhi, the BJP is trying to conceal its alleged cronyism and corruption," he explained. He said that a martyred Prime Minister's son, who walked thousands of kilometres for national unity, can never insult the country. Badrinath Sharma said that time has come to raise voice against an "arrogant government" as barring Rahul Gandhi from contesting elections does not bode well for the country and its democracy. His family's blood has nurtured democracy in this country. We are ready to do anything for this country's democracy.

Great leaders of the Congress laid the foundation of democracy in this country. "Rahul Gandhi ji is fighting for people of this country, for women, for youth, fighting against unemployment and inflation," Sharma said.

Abhinav calls on LG, seeks Munsiff's post for Marh, adequate facilities at SDH

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: Senior Advocate Abhinav Sharma, Spokesperson BJP J&K Unit called on LG Manoj Sinha and highlighted the problems confronted by the people of Marh Tehsil.

At the outset of the interaction, the senior BJP leader took up the issue of the post of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class (Munsiff) in Tehsil Marh. He said that despite the Tehsil being in the vicinity of the Jammu City, the government has not created the aforesaid post giving a hard time to the people. He said it is strange that tehsils which are far away from Jammu city including Bishnah, R 5 Pura, Hiranagar and Akhnor have been sanctioned with the posts of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class (Munsiff) but Marh which came into existence around two decades back is still lacking for this post, which can provide succor to the litigants of the area as they have to go to Jammu for delivery of justice.



Abhinav said that it seems that Marh is facing discrimination for being close to Jammu city. He urged LG Sinha to intervene and issue specific directions to create the aforesaid posts giving a sigh of relief to the people of the Marh tehsil, who are facing difficulties while going to Jammu city to mitigate their legal issues. He however praised the government for ensuring hassle-free legal services at the other tehsils where the judicial work is going on with extreme ease and proficiency. He said that records have been testifying that the litigation rate in Marh is too high as compared to other tehsils there.

He said that the government in J&K is committed to ameliorate the difficulties being faced by the people and as such it will leave no stone unturned to bail out people from their difficulties and problems.

He gave point-wise detail of the urgent services and edifice required in the aforesaid hospital to carry out normal functioning and to cater to the needs of common people. He said that SDH Marh has no anaesthetist, no provision for surgery and no pediatrician.

"Moreover there is not even a single ventilator, and the X-Ray equipment lying is totally defunct", he said, adding that these shortcomings reflect the serious lacunae in providing proper health and medicare facilities to the people of this Tehsil and that the facility is just for namesake.

After listening to the demands and issues raised by the BJP Spokesperson, LG thanked him for bringing to the fore this important information and assured prompt action in the matter.

He said that the government in J&K is committed to ameliorate the difficulties being faced by the people and as such it will leave no stone unturned to bail out people from their difficulties and problems.

132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar to be celebrated on April 14 : BSAJCC

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APR 11: Dr. Preeti Bhagat, the convener of Baba Sahib Ambedkar Jayanti Celebration Committee (BSAJCC) while addressing the media, said that Committee is going to celebrate 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, on 14th April 2023.

Dr. Preeti Bhagat told that in the birth anniversary celebrations, a huge rally will be taken out by the youth paying tribute to Ambedkar ji, for which they will assemble at Dablehar at 9 am and leave following the traffic rules. Dr. Preeti urged the youth that two wheeler drivers must wear helmets and four wheeler drivers must wear seat belts so self-protection as well as disciplinary message can go to the society.



The rally will reach Ambedkar Chowk, RS Pura from Dablehar via Chak Mohammad Yar, where after paying floral tributes in front of Ambedkar statue, proceed from there via Chohala, Chak Aslam and end at Sharma Palace, Dablehar.

Dr. Baba Sahib Bhimrao Ambedkar's life will be highlighted by the speakers at the Jubilee Celebrations in the Palace and cultural programs will also be presented by the school students. Students who have passed 90% or more marks in 8th, 10th and 12th classes will also be honored. Dr. Preeti Bhagat told that Ambedkar is not only of Dalit society, it will not be a true tribute to limit him to only one society. Baba Sahib Ambedkar ji worked for the upliftment of every class of people, so we all should celebrate his birth anniversary. Dr. Preeti Bhagat said that the committee makes a

humble request to people of all classes, ladies, elders, youth, social workers, social organizations to attend the ceremony along with all the families on April 14 to pay tribute to Baba Sahib Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. Others present were Ram Lal, Melo Ram panth, Choudhary Desh Raj, Darshan Kundal panth, Girdhari Lal Naib sarpanch, Vijay Kumar and others.

Langeh discusses arrangements for Dr Ambedkar's Jayanti celebrations

PAYS TRIBUTES TO MAHATMA JYOTIRAO PHULE ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

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JAMMU, APR 11: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) SC Morcha will celebrate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on 14th April at every district and Mandal level across the Union Territory.

This was stated by Neelam Langeh, President BJP SC Morcha while chairing a meeting of party workers at RS Pura today.

The meeting was organized under the chairmanship of Neelam Langeh in which necessary arrangements were discussed in detail to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. In the meeting, State General Secretary Adarsh Jathiyar, State Incharge Jagdish Bhagat, Professor Charu Ram Bhagat, Co-convent Jeet Angral, Vijay Anand Gill, B.R Rao, M.L. Rao, Ashwani Chadhak and other party workers were present.

Langeh said Baba Saheb was India's crusader for human rights and was known as the father of the Indian Constitution. He said that BJP SC



Morcha has envisaged a number of events to hold glittering functions to mark the Jayanti of Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

The former MLA said that SC Morcha is bound to uplift the marginalized sections of the society and for this, every single activist of the Morcha has the moral duty to fulfill this responsibility with due care. He said that the BJP SC Morcha is committed to act as a beacon of light to guide the underprivileged sections to avail all the benefits of centrally sponsored schemes and lead a life full of dignity and pride.

Langeh asked party workers to make every possible effort in making the celebrations of Dr Ambedkar's Jayanti successful at every district

and Mandal level.

Meanwhile, Neelam Langeh also paid glorious tributes to Mahatma Jyotirao Govindrao Phule on his birth anniversary in a function held here today.

The former Legislator threw light on the life history of Mahatma Phule who dedicated his entire life to the welfare of downtrodden citizens, especially women.

He exhorted upon the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to follow his footsteps to make India one of the best countries across the world.

Adarsh Jathiyar, Jagdish Bhagat, Jeet Angral, Professor Gharu Ram Bhagat, B.R Rao, Vijay Anand Gill, Ashwani Chadhak and others were present during the program.

Public grievance redressal goes off full throttle at BJP headquarters

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JAMMU, APR 11: While conducting grievance redressal at BJP headquarters, Jammu, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, called for a pro-active approach for taking on public issues. He called upon PHE authorities to check drinking water preparedness with regard to ensuing summers.

Ranbir Singh Pathania, former MLA & J&K BJP Spokesperson, called for setting 'acquisition' and 'relouing' cases of district Udhampur. Lands of



poor farmers have been taken over by Defence authorities since decades back but rent/compensation as per prevalent market rates and norms still elude the affected farmers.

Anuradha Charak, Vice President, BJP called upon the females to act as harbingers of innovation and creativity.

Vikas Choudhary, BJP Secretary, remained present and piloted proceedings.

Amongst other general issues pertaining to compassionate appointments, enhancement of rentals to people of Jallochak,

Kaluchak and Ratnuchak for their lands requisitioned under RAIP Act by defence authorities, exorbitant electricity bills, relief to cross-firing victims, drinking water, building permissions, staff shortage, proper voltage electricity, NABARD roads were projected by a number of deputations who called on in the BJP office with references and telephone calls to concerned officials. Bhim Singh, sarpanch Chigla Balota called for clearing work done liabilities of works executed under Bad Pocket

initiative. He also called for inclusion of Lehri to Royal via Dhara Dhrah Fogla and Kumari (Phase II) road under NABARD.

Displeasure was expressed regarding human-haw over issuance of appointment orders to selected Junior Statistical Assistants (JSAs). They have been selected and CID verifications also performed for almost one year. Rehbar e Janglats sought to ensure a time bound regularisation and against a post having higher pay scale than that of a Forest Guard.

Tehsildar conducts Joint Market Checking with AD Food , Officials of Municipality, Metrology, and SHO Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR, APR 11: A joint market checking was conducted by Tehsildar Kishtwar Muneeb Umar, AD Food Shafiq Keen, officials of Municipality, Metrology, and SHO Kishtwar.

The aim of this checking was to ensure the availability of quality products in the market and to

curb the sale of spurious and adulterated goods. During the market checking, several shopkeepers were found to be violating the rules and regulations. These violations included selling products beyond their expiry dates, not maintaining proper hygiene standards, and selling goods without proper labeling. As a result, a total fine of Rs.

17,000 was imposed on the defaulters.

The officials have urged the shopkeepers to adhere to the rules and regulations set by the government and ensure the availability of quality products to the consumers. They have also warned that strict action will be taken against those who violate the rules.

The joint market checking is a part of the ongoing efforts of the administration to ensure the welfare of the citizens and to promote a healthy and safe environment. The officials have assured that similar initiatives will be taken in the future to ensure that the consumers are not duped and that the quality of products is maintained.

Govt committed to best services at door step: MP Khatana

ANANTNAG, April 11: MP Rajya Sabha Er Gulam Ali Khatana today chaired a meeting of developmental activities and centrally sponsored schemes in the district offices, Anantnag here today. Deputy Commissioner Basharat Qayoom, IAS presided. Sectoral officers presented their departmental scenario and achievements in various centrally sponsored schemes.

Er. Gulam Ali while speaking on the occasion said that government is committed to provide the best services to the people and at door steps besides

to bring transparency. He directed the officers to be people friendly and not to be politically biased besides ease the access to the government schemes and ensure timely disposal. He further emphasised on the upgradation of infrastructure of hospitals, education sector, health sector, R&B, agriculture sector, generation of employment, ease the access to the benefits of old age pensions and benefits of other social security schemes.

Er. Gulam Ali asked the district Anantnag administration to be fully prepared for Shri Amarnath yatra

which will be commencing soon and pilgrims from not only India but world over will be visiting Cave shrine in Pahalgam area of the district. He said that the annual peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath yatra showcases the secular traditions of Kashmir.

MP while enquiring the implementation of Har Ghar Nal Say Jal scheme, the Jal Shakti officers advised that 63% habitations of the district are connected through tap water and 35% habitation are yet to be connected for which works are under execution and target will be achieved in stipulated time line.



Chief Education Officer, Anantnag apprised that campaigns and camps are being organised to enroll the dropout students

besides rationalisation of the staff in schools.

Chief Agriculture Officer that by applying the new technologies in the agriculture sector the economy of the agriculturists has boosted to a great extent. CMO also informed about the Golden card status

and said district is leading in list of Golden card holders and cent percent saturation will be achieved in near future.

Earlier various public representatives, PRIs, councillors and prominent citizens called on BJP MP Gulam Ali. They apprised him about the problems of the people and demanded that Anantnag Municipality, the oldest in Kashmir be made Corporation to improve tourism infrastructure in achabal, cold storage facilities, maternity hospital, trauma hospital on Pahalgam road for Shri Amarnath yatra ban on polythene, old

highway beautification, opening of pvt colleges and universities campuses in Kashmir. Prominent persons included Abdullah Kashmiri, Aman Shanti Party Akhtar Hussain Kasana, DDC Cong. Liyakat Ali, Prince Sheikh MC Kokernag, Ab Hamid, Apni Party, Parveen Akhtar BDC Chairman, Sofi Arafat, councillor NC, Shazia Ghousari Journalist, Talib Hussain BDC Chairman Shanguis, Bashir Ahmed Najar, Corporator, latif ah khan, shaheena Cong executive member, Haji Abdul Majeed Bhat, BJP, Muzammil RASHID Sofi, Apni Party.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

PM Modi will...

I hope that it will be ready well before as in May we will see elections (Lok Sabha) and if in (expressway) will complete after that it is of no use to us to inaugurate and I am not hesitant to accept the truth."

"I hope that the expressway will be ready well before the inauguration of the model road to conduct (MCO) and it will be inaugurated in February-March by Prime Minister," he said, adding, "I have directed NHAI (National Highway Authority of India) to complete the work so that Prime Minister will inaugurate it in February-March 2024."

He further said that the expressway will fully connect Kashmir with Jammu.

Gadkari said that with the development of state-of-the-art road network by the central government through every state and UT, the Kashmir to Jammu will no longer be a dream for the people of India. "We built Atal Tunnel in Manali which connects Ladakh and then Z-Morh tunnels connect Kashmir and followed by this expressway, which connects Jammu with Rajasthan and Gujarat, and then to Southern states," he said.

On redevelopment of Katra, the union minister said that Inter Modal Station (IMS) to be established in Katra will be a world-class state-of-the-art project constructed to improve travelling experience of the pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

He also announced that the 110 km long Amarnath Marg-leading to the holy Amarnath cave in Pahalgam will be built at a cost of around Rs 5300 crore for the convenience of the pilgrims going to Shri Amarnath Shrine.

Earlier, the minister said that four more tunnels will come up on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway which will reduce the travel time.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting the Nayyug Banihal-Qazigund tunnel, Gadkari said that on the 245 km stretch of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, a three-lane marg would come up and work on the 200 km has been completed.

"Today we have achieved a breakthrough on one tunnel and on the 45 km long stretch three more tunnels will be completed by March next year," Gadkari said, adding the work of one tunnel has been given to TATA which will take time and when these tunnels are complete it will reduce the travel time.

With the construction of this route, there will be all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. Travel time from Srinagar to Jammu will be reduced from 9-10 hours to 4-5 hours.

A carriageway of a 40 km 4-lane road between Ramban and Banihal will be completed by June 2024 which will provide relief to the commuters of Srinagar.

The Union Minister said with the construction of these roads will connect Katra with Delhi and Delhi to Srinagar. He said it will provide an impetus to the social and economic growth of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said a resort would also come up on the road stretch where the handicrafts, handloom and other known items would be put for sale and at least 500 local people will get jobs.

Gadkari said that he came to know that during the construction work of the Nayyug Tunnel, 99 percent of the staff working on it is local.

He said after completing the road infrastructure four times more tourist inflow would increase which will improve the economic growth of Jammu and Kashmir.

"I often remember late American president John F Kennedy saying that American roads are not good because American roads are rich and America is rich because American roads are good," he said.

Moreover, Gadkari said, developmental works worth Rs 1,30,000 crore are being taken up by MoRTH in J&K and since 2014, around 500 km of the road network has been completed in the region. "41 significant tunnels are being constructed in J&K and Ladakh at a cost of Rs 45,000 crore, and 18 ropeways worth Rs 5,000 crore will be constructed in the UT," Gadkari informed. KNO

Jammu-Srinagar highway...

roads will help socio-economic growth of the J&K UT and generate lots of employment through tourism. "Tourism is set to increase four times once we have quality roads and highways," he said. KNO

CS emphasizes on...

process of analysis easy and less cumbersome and shall bring about much needed efficiency. He also stressed on use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in gauging the efficiency and output of employees so that dead-weights are identified easily by the system.

On the occasion he also launched auto-appeal feature for O8 more online services offered by different Departments. The feature is going to auto escalate the appeals in case the services are not provided to the applicants within the time limits set under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA).

Dr Mehta complimented the IT Department for integrating this vital feature in the digital services offered

by these Departments to the citizens. He stressed upon need for integrating the Auto-appeal feature for all the designated 48 services offered over Service Plus immediately and rest of services by May 2023.

The Chief Secretary said that the auto-appeal feature for services related to everyday life of the people like birth and death certificates are critical for enhancing ease of living. He emphasized that benefits like old age and widow pension, scholarships under various social security schemes etc should also be included in the system without any delay.

He observed that this feature would act as a turning point in maintaining transparency and accountability in services to the public and eradicating corruption. He stated that auto escalation feature of online services is going to put an end to malpractices besides promoting fairness, a priority set by the current dispensation in all its affairs including offering of government employment and public contracts to its citizens on the basis of merit alone.

The Chief Secretary was apprised that with onboarding these 08 services, the total number of services with active auto-appeal feature has reached 22 in the UT. It was further said that the feature like auto-appeal is going to bring much greater transparency in these services in future as these would ensure their delivery as per the timeframe set for them under PSGA.

The Services which were today brought under the Auto-appeal system include issuance of unmarried/widow/divorce certificate; issuance of family income/property certificate for Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme; Issuance of Dependent Certificate; Issuance of Income Dependency Certificate; Issuance of OBC Certificate; Issuance of Street Vending/Rehri/Issuance; Application for Road cutting permission under Municipal Corporations; and Application for Road cutting permission under Municipal Councils/Committees.

Those who were present included Principal Secretary, H&UD; Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary Revenue, SIO, NIC; Scientists from the IT Department besides other concerned officers of these Departments either physically or virtually through video link.

Gadkari, V K Singh...

two-day tour of J&K to review various highway projects. After inspecting and inaugurating several projects on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, Gadkari accompanied by the two other union ministers visited the Cave Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi and offered prayers.

Moreover, Shrine Board officials said that with examination season over, the rush of devotees has come, adding, "In the weekend, 46,219 (Friday), 47,388 (Saturday) and 37,500 (till 3 PM on Sunday) devotees offered prayers at the sanctum sanctorum."

"Due to heavy rush, the yatra registration center was also closed briefly following which, thousands of pilgrims remained halted at Katra base camp," an official said, adding that the devotees were seen standing in long queues to get RPID (Radio Frequency Identification) cards at Yatra Registration Centers set up by the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in Katra.

The Shrine Board Administration has opened all Yatra Registration Centers for the convenience of the devotees. Meanwhile, tight security arrangements are also in place 24x7 at Katra base camp and en route to Bhawan for the safety of the devotees. KNO

Country's armed forces...

selfless effort to serve the society during COVID pandemic. He said, these ex-soldiers are always ready to contribute in fighting any calamity in the country. Singh stressed that ex-servicemen are national assets and the country prouds on them. The Defence Minister informed that some states have taken new initiatives to create new jobs for ex-servicemen, although a lot more needs to be done in this.

He said that about 60,000 soldiers are added every year to the existing strength of 34 lakh Ex-Servicemen. Therefore, the government has a great responsibility to take care of these ex-servicemen and their families. The Minister said that sainik welfare and welfare schemes are being administered by state and district level Sainik Welfare Boards. Presently, 34 Rajya Sainik and 409 District Sainik Offices are in the country. The meeting was conducted to discuss ex-servicemen's welfare issues. (CNS)

VDC member suicide...

the spot and took the body into possession and it was shifted to GMC Associated Hospital Rajouri where medico-legal formalities and post mortem examination was conducted, police said in its official statement.

An investigation of the incident is going on while the weapon of offence has been seized, police further said, adding that prime facie it has come to the fore that the man committed suicide due to some personal issues. The weapon was issued to the deceased VDC member

years ago while further investigation and legal proceedings are going on. KNO

Cong singularly responsible...

but his party is ready round-the-year for the democratic exercise.

The BJP firmly believes, he said, it would emerge victorious with a strong mandate owing to "pro-people" policies of the party and the "restoration of peace and rule of law" in the Union Territory.

"The BJP is promise-bound to work for the welfare of people and safeguard their interests. After Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's August 5, 2019, decision, J&K is marching on the path of development," Rama told reporters at the party headquarters here, talking about the abrogation of Article 370 and withdrawal of J&K's special status.

He said Jammu and Kashmir will emerge as an important state in north India in the next five years.

Peace and normalcy have returned to J&K and every region and every section of the society is getting their rights, he said. "India is on the path of becoming the world leader and J&K will be its bright star." As far as Assembly elections in J&K are concerned, Rama said, it is a decision for the Election Commission of India, which is an autonomous body, to take and there is no role of any political party in it.

"The BJP is always ready for elections round-the-year and will emerge with a strong mandate whenever the polls are held because of the pro-people measures taken by the party which have brought a change on the ground," he said.

Asked about the opposition parties' claims that the BJP is unwilling to hold polls in the UT as it has lost ground due to its "anti-people" policies, he said, those making such remarks have lost their credibility and are responsible for all the mess and uncertainty in J&K.

"Who are they? The Congress which I believe is responsible for the murder of democracy in J&K. It is the party which is singularly responsible for the present day situation in J&K," he said.

The BJP leader hailed Lt Governor Manoj Sinha-led administration for taking care of the public interests and said whenever the party raised any issue of public importance with him, he responded in a positive manner.

"Federation of Industries and other trade bodies raised an issue of J&K Power Development Corporation planning another power tariff hike with the party recently. They submitted a memorandum stating that there has been a 25 to 35 percent increase in electricity charges and one more hike will harm the industrial sector."

"We met the Lt Governor who assured us that there will be no hike in power tariff in near future," he said. (Agencies)

Two militant associates...

of Gh Ahmad Patta resident of Par Mohalla Pattan and Saima Bashir daughter of Bashir Ahmad Mir resident of Chinkipora Sopore and have been shifted to Police Station there they remain in custody.

On their disclosure, arms & ammunition including a Pistol, 02 Pistol Magazines, 05 Pistol rounds and IED (approximately 2kgs) alongwith remote control & other incriminating materials have been recovered, police said.

During preliminary questioning, the arrested duo revealed that they were working as militant associates with active militant Abid Qayoom Lone of Wussan Pattan linked with LeT.

Accordingly, police said that a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and further investigation has been initiated. KNO

CDS calls for greater...

academia, startups, MSMEs and larger companies to work with us closely so we can help our country achieve these capabilities much faster than what we have been able to do for all other systems," Kamat said.

The Indian Space Symposium is the first of its kind event focused on creating a platform for all stakeholders who have a keen interest in boosting India's military space capability and plans. The platform will bring together experts from multiple domains to discuss the latest trends and challenges in the field of defence, making it an excellent networking opportunity for attendees from the defence, DRDO, and government sectors, as well as industry professionals, a statement said.

It will focus on delivering space domain awareness and satellite communications to enhance military operations, and address issues related to securing funding for new space capabilities, expanding international partnerships, and developing a Defence Space Strategy in line with the National Space Strategy, the release said.

27 passengers injured...

The bus was on its way to Surni from Ramnagar. All the injured were admitted to Sub-District Hospital in Ramnagar, the Udhampur Police said.

Around 10 country-made...

staff moved towards the location after confirming the facts, said Delhi Police.

During the raid, a suspected person, identified as Dilip (33) alias Billi, was apprehended from there. The suspect was sustained and interrogated at that time he told police that he was given around 10 hand grenades by his friend who is the other co-accused (name withheld) to keep these grenades in safe custody, police said.

Thereafter, the grenades were recovered on the instance of Dilip. It was observed that the recovered grenades were put inside a plastic bucket and covered with grass and bushes and kept in the mud near a drain. The crime team and bomb Disposal squad were informed. Further, the concerned intelligence agencies were also informed to interrogate the accused, police said.

The accused has been arrested after registration of FIR under section 286 IPC and 3/4/5 the explosive substance act.

The probe is under way and search of another accused is going on. The motive of hiding these grenades in forest land is yet to be clear, police said.

Covid-19 mock drills...

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 the health department and staff manages an emergency using available resources and hospital protocols to avert any chaotic situation.

A top health official said that doctors at the hospitals tested the equipment, oxygen concentrators and other facilities.

He said that besides checking equipment and oxygen concentrators, they reviewed the overall preparedness to tackle the Covid-19 situation.

He said that drills were carried out in a phased manner on two days to ensure that all healthcare facilities are tested thoroughly.

"The mock drills are an important exercise that help us to assess the preparedness of healthcare facilities and frontline workers to handle COVID-19 situations. We are confident that the drills will help us identify any gaps in our preparedness and take corrective measures to ensure that we are better equipped to handle a surge in cases," he said.

He said that department is fully prepared to tackle any eventuality in case of surge in Covid-19 cases

He said that if Covid appropriate behavior is being followed by the people there won't be much increase in the Covid-19 cases.

He further added that precautions are needed to be taken at all levels and people should maintain the SoP.

Notably Secretary Health had directed all the heads of the institutions to be in the ready mode and check medical equipment and other infrastructure were functioning properly.

The mock drills were held to ensure the operational readiness of the Covid-dedicated facilities, with a specific focus on oxygen plants, ventilators, logistics and human resources, he said.

"The concerned officials and officers have been asked to remain alert and continue the testing of suspected cases in all the hospitals," he said. KNO

Gadkari inspects...

constructed to provide all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar.

To ease the travel between Jammu and Srinagar, 3 corridors are being built at a cost of Rs 35,000 crore. Under this, the first corridor from Jammu to Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal and further to Srinagar includes the section from Srinagar to Banihal. This 4-lane road of 250 km length is being built at a cost of Rs 16,000 crore. Out of this, 4-laning of 210 km route has been completed, including 10 tunnels of 21.5 km.

The design of 4-laning of this road has been done on the basis of geo-technical and geological investigation to overcome the possible landslides in this area. Crash barriers and other road safety measures have also been put in place to make travel between Jammu and Srinagar safe and smooth.

With the construction of this route, there will be all-weather connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar. Travel time from Srinagar to Jammu will reduce from 9-10 hours to 4-5 hours. A carriageway of 40 km 4-lane road between Ramban and Banihal will be completed by June 2024 which will provide relief to the commuters of Srinagar. KNO

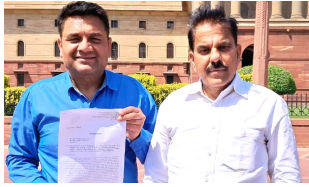
NPP submits memo in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

Public exchequer being looted, govt properties plundered by powerful politicians in J&K: Harsh Dev

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JAMMU, APR 11: Pointing towards the illegal occupation of govt bungalows, State lands, govt vehicles etc by certain favoured politicians in J&K in defiance of all laws and SOPs, NPP President and Former Minister, Mr. Harsh Dev Singh submitted a memorandum addressed to the President of India in Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi today. He was accompanied by Mr. Gagan Pratap Singh, senior leader of the Party. The memorandum read thus: "with a high sense of duty and Constitutional obligation as a conscientious citizen I am approaching your honour to apprise you about the brazen violation of norms, laws, guidelines and SOPs by a powerful political mafia in J&K who have usurped govt properties including palatial govt bungalows, govt lands, govt vehicles besides the security apparatus of the Police Deptt and continue to enjoy the patronage of the helmsmen. Almost every day there are reports in the media about the illegal encroachments of public properties by these political dons who continue to float above the fray and abuse the public exchequer and govt resources by defying the law of the land and contemptuously discarding the SOPs in view of their political clout.

Pertinent to mention that the Estates Deptt had only recently published a list of 53 politicians who had illegally occupied/usurped govt bungalows for the last five years with the J&K



helmsmen acting as mute spectators shocking that even the vigilante organizations have not bothered to take cognizance despite repeated media reports and public complaints. The vested interests in govt have continued to shelter them by not only allowing their illegal retention of such mansions but also providing them all luxurious items of furniture, fixtures, smart TVs, Refrigerators and other accessories in such bungalows out of Public exchequer. The tax-payers money was being looted by the BJP and its allies not only through the Estate Deptt but also through the Police Deptt and its security wing by providing huge paraphernalia of security staff and vehicles to the leaders of these parties without any entitlement.

Most intriguing was the silence of vigilante organizations including CBI, ED and ACB over the open violation of SOPs and guidelines in the matter of allotment of government accommodation and conferment of undue and illegitimate benefits upon the political persons owing allegiance to BJP and JKAP.

It was shocking to note the immunity granted to such blue-eyed leaders. And while the opposition

leaders including Ex-Ministers and heads of recognized political parties were hounded out of Estates Quarters years back through police force, the said BJP and JKAP workers were allowed to retain the same thereby providing the most glaring example of present govt's dictatorial and autocratic policies besides being indicative of patronized corruption in BJP rule.

Not only that the Apni Party had been conferred undue favours by allotting govt accommodation for its political office by defying the orders of the High Court.

Strange are the ways of the present regime which provides the most glaring example of the famous proverb Rules are for fools and while the govt was demolishing/evicting the poor, marginalized and unemployed in the name of illegal occupation of State lands, it had granted a sort of immunity to the corrupt leaders of ruling party who had encroached huge chunks of State and Forest lands worth crores.

Not only the Estates Bungalows but the security vehicles and PSOs were being allotted purely on political considerations. The Ex-MLAs and Ex-Ministers of BJP and JKAP

were provided security vehicles and huge paraphernalia of security personnel while denying bare minimum security to opposition leaders. Even top leadership of recognized political parties has also been divested of their due security by withdrawing their escorts, vehicles as well as security PSOs despite facing militants' threats. The security agencies had withdrawn the security cover of majority of opposition leaders and allotted the same to even the small time lower rung workers of BJP. Only a few years back a report had been made public that a BJP worker of Kashmir had been provided as many as ten PSOs. Likewise many other insignificant people had been provided huge security at public expense in the most arbitrary manner purely on the whims and fancies of the helmsmen.

While a high level probe preferably through CBI is necessary into the whole gamut of illegal allotments of govt bungalows and huge encroachments of govt lands and properties by BJP leaders besides provision of govt vehicles and huge security paraphernalia to them, we demand punitive action against the officers who were acting more as BJP servants than public servants.

That the non-adherence to any set of norms and differential treatment of political parties by abusing of public exchequer and conferring benefits upon favourites was not only a crime but a financial scam which needed due attention of the your Excellency".

BJP pays tributes to Jyotirao Phule

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JAMMU, APR 11: In an impressive program organized by OBC Morcha of BJP, tributes were paid to great social reformer Jyotirao Govindrao Phule on his 196th birth anniversary who dedicated his life to serve humanity. Former Minister and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma (CA) along with District President BJP Jammu Pramod Kapahi, UT President OBC Morcha Sunil Prajapati, Mandal President BJP Keshav Chopra and several others paid their tributes and remembered the works done by Phule.

The program was organized by Talab Tillo Mandal of OBC Morcha under the leadership of Omkar Verma.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that Jyotirao Phule was a prominent social reformer, philosopher, and writer who played a crucial role in women's education and the upliftment of the oppressed castes in India during the British rule. He was born on April 11, 1827, in Maharashtra, and his contributions to Indian society and culture are celebrated on this day, Sharma stated.



He also stated that Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj, which advocated for the education of women and the lower castes and fought against the oppressive caste system prevalent in India.

Pramod Kapahi said that he was a social reformer, anti-caste activist, thinker, and writer who dedicated his life to the education and upliftment of the oppressed, as well as the eradication of untouchability and the caste system.

He coined the Marathi word 'Dalit' in the 1880s to refer to the untouch-

ables and outcasts who were oppressed by society.

Sunil Prajapati and Keshav Chopra said that Satyashodhak Samaj, a social reform movement was founded by Phule which aimed to fight against casteism and other oppressive social practices prevalent in Indian society at the time.

OBC Morcha District President Ashok Salgotra, Anil Balgotra, Suresh Salgotra, Hem Raj, Kewal Verma, Abhishek Sharma, Nitish Kumar, Shobhit Sharma and several others were also present.

Nehru, Indira emotional and illogical actions were the main culprits of Kashmir turmoil : Rajesh Gupta

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JAMMU, APR 11: National Democratic Party Indian (NDPI) J&K UT Chief Rajesh Gupta while briefing to media here on Tuesday said Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi were the main culprits of Kashmir turmoil. Gupta said, "Kashmir has been a sore point for the country and still is today. Who is responsible for it and to what extent? Who did what in this regard and to what extent?"

NDPI leader further added, "the National Conference continued with its campaign against Maharaja Hari Singh and in 1946 Sheikh Abdullah; taking cue from Quit India Movement of Congress, launched a 'Maharaja Quit Kashmir' campaign. Sheikh was arrested and was sentenced for a jail term of three years. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, being a Kashmiri himself, was highly sentimental towards Kashmir.

In the year 1946 he wanted to encourage his jailed friends; especially Sheikh Abdullah. However, fearing a political backlash the state gov-



ernment banned Nehru's entry. Nehru defied the ban was arrested.

Gupta maintained, adding the Congress Working Committee was not in favour of Nehru breaking the rule of the state and being arrested. Sardar Patel was extremely unhappy with Nehru's obsession with his friendship with Sheikh Abdullah. Patel's unhappiness in this connection is reflected in a letter that he wrote on July 11, 1946 to D.P. Mishra of Madhya Prant, which is now Madhya Pradesh.

In the said letter Patel said, "Recently he (Nehru) has shown

immaturity on a number of occasions that have been a cause of concern for us. His actions in Kashmir, his interference in election of Sikhs in the Constituent Assembly and his 'Akhbari Parishad' soon after the meeting of the Congress committee, have all been emotional and illogical actions.

NDPI president said, "The extreme of crossing the limits happened during the 'Shimla Samjota' in 1972 when Zulfikar Bhutto met the then Prime Minister of India Smt. Indira Gandhi and he begged to free his 93,000 war prisoners arrested during 1971 war.

An intelligence officer in the guise of butler virtually saw, that Bhutto was lured down in front of Smt. Indira Gandhi and begging the return of his army war prisoners.

Gupta said, it's quite surprising that why Indira Gandhi didn't negotiate with Bhutto? And why didn't she asked to return the POK, Baluchistan, Sindh? And why didn't she ask for Pakistan foreign affairs and defence will be controlled by India?"

Anti Drug Awareness Campaign organised at Degwar Maldiana, Poonch

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JAMMU, APR 11: Anti Drug Awareness Programme was organised by Dreams Alive Foundation at Govt High School Degwar Maldiana in District Poonch (J&K).

The Anti Drug event consisted of lecture by Mr Ashok Kumar Sharma Head Master, Degwar High School, Mr Ranjeet Rao, SHO Poonch and Mr Pritam Singh, Sarpanch Degwar. Post the lecture, Nukkad Natak was per-



formed by students bringing forth the ill effects of drug consumption on both individual and society. The gathering also took a pledge against drug usage

and trafficking. The primary aim of the programme was to educate the youth about the ill effects of drug consumption and effects on the family and

the society holistically. More than 250 villagers participated in the event and came together with a pledge to eradicate drug menace in their village.

DC Baramulla Flags off teams constituted for Traffic De-Congestion, Market Checking at Dak Bunglow

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BARAMULLA, APRIL 11: In order to overcome traffic congestion and streamlining the traffic in Baramulla town besides having proper vigil on market rates ahead of Eid, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Shershish Asgar, Dr Syed Shershish Asgar informed that a proper mechanism has been formulated by the District Administration to boost the commercial activities in the district and to avoid traffic congestion and various problems faced by the public in the main market. She stressed for strict implementation of the plan devised for proper man-

agement of traffic and other trade related activities and warned that any kind of violation shall be viewed seriously.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that the squad teams have been directed to ensure regulate traffic more effectively in the town and immediate measures be taken for decongestion.

She said that the teams will search the traffic mess hotspot areas and take strict action to regulate it.

The DC also directed authorities to remove road side encroachments and take strict action against violators.

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

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

With regard to market checking, the DC has directed all the concerned authorities to intensify the market checking across the district to have a proper vigil on the market rates.

She exhorted upon the concerned departments to have inspection of restaurants, bakery and confectionery and other food and vegetable outlets across the district.

NSS Campus Unit -IV, JU organises Induction cum Orientation Program; Releases News Letter & Annual Calendar

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JAMMU, APR 11: The NSS Volunteers of Campus Unit-IV, University of Jammu organized an Induction cum Orientation Program for newly enrolled NSS volunteers. The Induction cum Orientation Program was conducted under the mentorship of Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor and Chairman NSS, University of Jammu. News Letter was released wherein NSS Volunteers thanked Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Chairman NSS, University of Jammu. Prof. Jasbir Singh, Head, Department of Philosophy, University of Jammu was the Chief Guest while Prof. Vishva Raksha, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu and Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba were Guest of Honour. Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Head Department of Urdu and Dr. Hema Gandotra, Program Coordinator NSS, University of Jammu were special guests. Mr Jasvir Singh, District Council, DDC, Udhampur was the Resource Person.

The News Letter was released by the esteemed guests. NSS Unit-IV has come up with an annual calendar which was released in a colourful manner before all the volunteers by the Guests. More than 100 Volunteers participated in this Induction cum Orientation program and received the opportunity to become enrolled in NSS Unit IV as Volunteer.

NSS volunteers also performed singing and cultural activities. Singing was performed by Ranju Rani and Group dance were executed by Neha Rani, Preety and Vervsha from Physical Education department, University of Jammu.

Chief Guest of the program Prof. Jasbir Singh, Head, Department of Philosophy lauded the efforts put in by NSS volunteers and congratulated



them for the successful conduction of the event. He interacted with the students and motivated them for coming out to help the society and motivated NSS volunteers for supporting society and reaching to village level. Further Professor Jasbir Singh assured complete support of any kind to NSS Volunteers and Congratulated for the efforts and organizing of this event in a successful manner.

Guest of Honour Prof. Vishva Raksha, Head, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu applauded the volunteers for the sincere work being done for the society. She mentioned about her journey as NSS Volunteer and guided newly enrolled volunteers for working with honest approach and clear thinking. She also discussed with the students about the importance of NSS and its real value for the society.

Mr Jasvir Singh, District Council, DDC, Udhampur delivered motivational lecture and guided the NSS volunteers for the future prospects. Further expressing importance on the role of NSS in the life of the youth, he stressed upon channelizing the youth's energy through NSS Platform. Special Guest and Program Coordinator Dr. Hema Gandotra University of Jammu addressed NSS Volunteers and provided them the guidance to progress in life and career through NSS. As a Program

Coordinator Dr. Hema Gandotra assured every possible support to NSS volunteers and focussed on the need for community service by the volunteers. She focussed on the need to work with dedication, honesty and truth for the welfare of society.

Prof. Mohd. Reyaz Ahmad, Head Department of Urdu, University of Jammu while speaking on the occasion appreciated the efforts by NSS volunteers of Unit-IV and assured his support to NSS in spirit and action. He spoke on the learning and moral values associated with NSS.

Dr. Daoud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports, University of Jammu, congratulated the entire team and added that the main motive for the Induction program was to spread awareness among the NSS Volunteers and appealed to organize such events regularly.

Dr. Meghna Dhar, NSS Programme Officer, Campus Unit-II, University of Jammu, was also present to grace the occasion along with the prominent NSS Unit-IV Volunteers among others who worked for the success of Induction cum orientation were Mannat Sharma, Priya Chh, Ranju Rani, Rajat Sharma, Neha Rani, Komal and Aryan. The program was overall Coordinated by Dr. Mandep Singh, NSS Programme Officer, Campus Unit-IV, University of Jammu.

“ THOUGHT OF THE DAY ”

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

JINDRAH IMAGES

Upcoming engineering marvel!

It is heartening to hear that over 35 percent of the work on Asia's longest Zojila tunnel being built to ensure round-the-year road connectivity to the strategically-important Ladakh region has been completed. The Zojila tunnel, if one goes by the Government of India's claims, will be historic in history and the longest one in Asia given its length. The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced that a part of the tunnel would shortly be inaugurated while the total estimated cost of the tunnel is Rs 7000 crore, Zojila, which is considered as a lynchpin of round-the-year connectivity to the country's cold desert, is located at an altitude of 11,649 feet above the sea level and forms an important connect between Kashmir and Ladakh. During winters, this pass remains inaccessible due to unprecedented snowfall. The terrain near Zojila Pass is extremely inhospitable, with many fatal accidents taking place every year. The Pass serves as the gateway to Ladakh region and after the opening of 434-kilometer-long Srinagar-Leh road which passes through Zojila, the trucks, loaded to the hilt with essential supplies and other items, crawls along the badly disfigured highway, grinding their way up the Zojila pass. With aggressive China on its vast borders, Zojila is emerging as a strategically important road. It also serves as an important and only connecting link between Ladakh and Kashmir. Opening up of the Zojila Pass after a gap of over six months, a fixed calendar for every year, also serves an important emotional link between the people of Ladakh and Kashmir region, and thousands of soldiers stationed in Ladakh. The two places, otherwise, see less interaction because heavy snow keeps them apart for the most of winter and spring. The Government of India came up with a plan to build a tunnel with an estimated cost of Rs 12,000 crore and after roping in national and international experts, its cost was brought down by Rs 5,000 crore. In winters, working conditions are tough in Ladakh as people have to work under minus 26 degrees temperature. Earlier, this tunnel was tendered four times and on the fifth go, work was started. Under the Zojila Tunnel project, the main Zojila tunnel of 13,153 meters with four culverts of total length of 810 meters, and four Nilgrat tunnels of total length of 4,821 meters are proposed. 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. It has been claimed that after the completion of Zojila Tunnel, the chances of accidents would 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 the movement of Indian armed forces in case of emergency. The government of India should ensure the timely completion of this mega project having both historic and strategic importance. All technical and administrative glitches need to be sorted out in a time-bound manner.

WHY WE LEARN WRONG LESSONS FROM CHINA

The technique of importing technology through purchase, investment and often outright theft, and then systematically 're-innovating' is what has made China an industrial giant. Unfortunately, all lessons we seem to be learning are the negative ones. We can learn the importance of domestic social stability from Beijing. The Chinese accept all past empires, be they Han or led by foreigners like the Mongols or Manchus, as being part of their history and are now trying to Sinicise all their minor

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There are many things China can teach us. Some good, others bad. Sadly, for the present we seem to be learning only bad lessons. The good in the Chinese system is obvious — how to eliminate poverty on a mass scale, build a world-class manufacturing system, develop a huge science & technology base and so on.

The bad, too, is apparent — the denial of basic human rights to a large chunk of its population, restrictions on the freedom of speech and political paternalism of a single party that denies agency to the citizenry, and seeks to enforce political and cultural uniformity.

In many 'bad' areas, the Chinese are world-class. Their surveillance companies such as Hikvision and Dahua dominate the global market and within the country over 250 million CCTV cameras operate, along with facial recognition software and big-data analytics. The Chinese Internet is first-rate, but it is a closed affair; all posts are monitored on a near real-time basis. Access to VPNs (virtual private network) is largely barred. And there are other means of social monitoring such as national identity cards and household registration system for all.

India is getting there in some of these areas. Television surveillance is in its infancy but rapidly growing. However, phone tapping has been around for a while. The government refusal to provide any information on Pegasus tells its own story. Last year, the use of VPNs was effectively banned. As for identity cards, we have our own Aadhaar.

More recently, the government has taken a step towards regulating social media by assuming the role of fact-checker. A lot of this is seemingly driven by technology and allegedly aimed at shoring up national security. But there are few signs that the restrictions come with genuine restraints against their misuse.

As in the case of China, 'national security' has entered into our discourse in a big way. Recently, the Supreme Court scolded the government for using national security as a pretext to deny citizens their rights. In China, according to the Financial Times, "sixteen aspects of the central government's work are now officially classified as matters of national security, including politics, economics, cyberspace, ecology and others. India also seems to be moving in China's direction in shaping its media to be uncritical and nationalistic." One interesting feature of this is an increasing assertion the West is determined to prevent China/India from rising.

Just how this is playing out is evident from the recent incident involving Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's UK speech in criticising the state of Indian democracy and its caste and



communal problems. Just why Rahul saying these things on foreign soil was 'anti-national' is not very clear; surely an Indian's rights and freedoms are not limited to Indian soil alone.

There is some hubris here — the belief that India is on the verge of becoming a superpower and, hence, the global conspiracy. To counter charges of the democratic decline in the country, a fantastic counter-narrative is being generated that India is actually the mother of democracy since ancient times. The Chinese, too, laud democracy, but insist that their 'socialist democracy' led by the Communist Party is its most effective form.

How does this square with the other reality — that western countries are ardently wooing India because they see it as the only viable counterweight to China in the Indo-Pacific? It doesn't. Actually, the mild western reaction to a number of recent events like the raids on the BBC, the instances of communal violence in the country, the use of state agencies against Opposition leaders and the Indian neutrality on the Ukraine conflict suggests that New Delhi is actually getting a free pass because of its geopolitical importance to the West. And you can be sure that the high-ups in our government are aware of this.

There are, of course, better things we could be learning from China. The first being the importance of domestic social stability. The Chinese accept all past empires, be they Han or led by foreigners like the Mongols or Manchus, as being part of their history and are now trying to Sinicise all their minorities in the name of social stability.

There is an Indian echo here in the 'Hindi, Hindu, Hindustan' slogan, but for now, the reality is of unchecked hate speech and divisiveness.

One positive lesson we need to learn is about the single-minded Chinese pursuit of aatmanirbharta. Their ruthless one-party system has facilitated this, but where India has faltered is not on the goal, which has been common to all governments, but in its implementation.

The results are somewhat pathetic. In recent days, we have been treated to grand political celebrations of the Vande Bharat trains. For Indians, the train looks like a futuristic marvel, with top speed of 110-130 kmph. The reality is that we are far behind Japan, Europe and China in this area.

Till the 1990s, the Indian Railways was superior to its Chinese counterpart. In 2004, they issued a tender for 200 train sets and divided them between major world companies, demanding technology transfer as part of the deal.

They invested significant money in absorbing that technology without bothering too much about IPR issues. Today, they are world leaders with a 42,000-km high-speed network where trains travel above 250 kmph on dedicated tracks.

This technique of importing technology through purchase, investment and often outright theft, and then systematically 're-innovating' is what has made China an industrial giant. There has been a single-minded approach we could emulate. Unfortunately, all lessons we seem to be learning are the negative ones.

Kairon gave precedence to region over religion

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The demand for Khalistan, recently raised by the fugitive, Amritpal Singh, is based on the faulty presumption that Punjab is the land of the Sikhs only. No, it is not. Punjab is the land of people who live in Punjab. A similar demand was raised by Master Tara Singh in 1946-47 in synchrony with Muhammad Ali Jinnah's insistence on Pakistan as a country for Muslims.

Unfortunately, such demands can cause much harm. Jinnah's tantrums led to bloodshed and created a colossal failure in the form of Pakistan. In the 2020 biography of former Punjab CM Partap Singh Kairon, it has been documented that Tara Singh revived his demand for a separate nation for Sikhs after Independence. On that occasion, he was rebuked by Kairon, who was then merely a minister in the Punjab Cabinet. Kairon's contention was based on the ethical principle that no country can be or should be based on religion. Kairon realised that Tara Singh's anachronistic demand was being fuelled by the Arya Samajis and Sanatanis in Punjab who had been pushing for the imposition of Hindi as a language in Punjab.

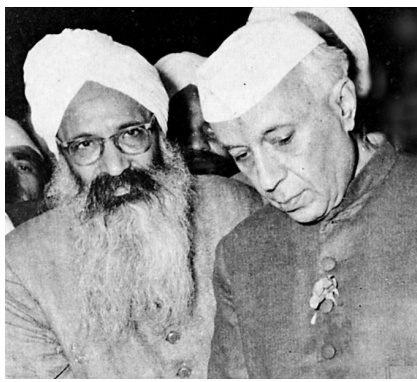
The Hindi agitation in Punjab was getting out of hand and the then Chief Minister, Bhim Sen Sachar, was hesitating in dealing with the agitators firmly. Sachar's excuse to allow

ONCE THE HINDI AGITATION WAS TAKEN CARE OF, KAIRON TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF REGIONAL ASPIRATIONS. THIS MEANT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PASSING ORDERS TO MAKE PUNJABI THE LANGUAGE OF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION, THE LANGUAGE OF COURTS TILL THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND DOING AWAY WITH RELIGION-CENTRIC HOLIDAYS. TILL THEN, VARIOUS RELIGIOUS GROUPS USED TO HAVE THEIR OWN HOLIDAYS. KAIRON CHANGED THAT. HOLIDAYS WERE GIVEN TO ALL EMPLOYEES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RELIGION.

the Hindi agitators a free rein was that India was now a free country and everyone could demand whatever he or she wanted.

At this point, Kairon reached out to the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, returned to Chandigarh and in the next few days convinced his fellow Cabinet ministers that Sachar as Chief Minister was up to no good. The ministers told Sachar that they had lost confidence in him. Sachar, despite having the overt backing of Nehru, resigned. As soon as Kairon succeeded Sachar, he cracked down on the Hindi agitators.

Once the Hindi agitation was taken care of, Kairon turned his attention to the issue of regional aspirations. This meant, among other things, passing orders to make Punjabi the language of official communication, the language of courts till the district level and doing away with religion-centric holidays. Till then, various religious groups used to have their own holidays. Kairon changed that. Holidays were given to all employees, irrespective of their religion. This also meant that many religion-specific holidays were cancelled. Few today remember that the rest of India then followed



Kairon's example to do away with such holidays. When Master Tara Singh once again raised the matter of a separate state for Sikhs, Kairon dealt with him firmly too. Kairon was of the belief

that in India there could be no state based on religion. Anyone who thought otherwise was handled with an iron hand.

We in India often forget that the simplistic belief that a country can be

equated with a religion has its roots in the troubled history of Europe. Till some 300 years ago in Europe, people had to compulsorily follow the religion of the ruler. Religion was supposed to 'come out of a book' and people were willing to kill those who did not follow the book or followed some variant thereof. Millions were killed in the process. One of the greatest civilising moments in Europe was when some rulers agreed — at the instance of the Pope, who was presumed to be the representative of the son of God — that the ruled did not need to follow the book of the religion which the ruler followed. This process eventually got called 'secularism'. And killings mostly stopped till Hitler arrived to wipe out six million Jews in Europe.

Coming from that European tradition, the British in India adopted the same criterion for defining a country and its people. In India, there never had been a time when the ruled needed to follow the religion or beliefs of the ruler. Even followers of Islam lived peacefully in India for almost 300 years before Islamist invaders from the North-West started inflicting tremendous horrors on the mass-

es. There are, however, still people in India who imagine that they can convert India into a region ruled by a book. In the 1980s, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale tried to do it. The shortsightedness of the government of those days allowed him to flourish for a brief while. Then he was sorted out. The Popular Front of India (PFI) recently made such an attempt towards creating an Islamic state in India. In Punjab, Amritpal Singh, allegedly with the help of Pakistani military spooks, has tried his hand at creating Khalistan. Both have failed.

What has 'succeeded' is the effort of Swami Nityananda. He has set up an entirely new 'country' for himself somewhere far away from India. He calls it the 'United States of Kailasa', apparently named after the mountain abode of Shiva, as described in Hindu mythology.

The 'country' of Kailasa even managed to send a 'permanent representative' to a United Nations event earlier this year! Much to the mirth of the people of India, the authorities of several American cities have signed agreements with representatives of this 'country'.

Ananya Panday is single, says mom Bhavana amid Aditya Roy Kapur dating rumours: 'Link-ups happen...'

Ananya Panday's mother Bhavana Pandey quashed dating rumours of the actor and shared that her daughter is single. She was rumoured to be dating actor Aditya Roy Kapur after they were seen hanging out at several recent events. The actors also walked the ramp together as showstoppers for designer Manish Malhotra at the grand finale of the Lakme Fashion Week in March. Bhavana denied that her daughter was in a relationship and also added that link-ups happen in the acting profession.

Bhavana Panday is married to actor Chunky Panday. They also have a younger daughter Rysa Panday. Along with her friends Neelam Kothari Soni,

Maheep Kapoor and Seema Sajidh, Bhavana also appears in the Netflix reality series Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives. Ananya has guest-starred in the second season. The reality series was renewed for a third season recently.

Speaking to ETimes, Bhavana Pandey spoke about Ananya and her love life. She said, "The fact is that Ananya is single and link-ups happen in a profession like this. It's okay. It's like that's a part and parcel of an actor's life, and you have to take everything in, good or bad. I feel like they get so much love and adulation, so I'd rather genuinely focus on that than the negativity that comes with it, because



Sushant Singh Rajput's Sister Priyanka Singh Drops Cryptic Post After Rhea Chakraborty's 'Roadies' Announcement



Late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput's sister Priyanka took to social media where she wrote a cryptic post saying 'tum kiyu darogi?' (why will you be scared) after actress Rhea Chakraborty was announced as a gang leader for the upcoming season of 'Roadies'.

It was on Monday, that Rhea was named as one of the gang leaders in the 19th season of the youth-based reality show 'MTV Roadies'. She had shared a promo on Instagram.

Rhea was heard saying: "Aapko kya laga main wapas nahi aungi, dar jaungi? ab darne ki baari kisi aur ki."

Taking to Twitter, Priyanka Singh wrote: "Tum kiyu darogi? Tum to vaishya thi aur rabog! Prashna yeh hai ki tumhari uphogta koun hai? Koi Sattadhari hi ye himmat de sakti hai. Who responsible delays InSRCS is obvious (sic)."

Sushant Singh Rajput died in 2020 in mysterious circumstances which created a nationwide uproar. He was found hanging in his flat in Juhu. Days after his death, the actor's father filed a case against Rhea, the actor's then girlfriend, accusing her of abetment of suicide and money laundering.

THE ROYAL NAWAB: 5 LOOKS OF SAIF ALI KHAN THAT HAVE ALWAYS IMPRESSED EVERYONE

Saif Ali Khan was recently seen at the star-studded NMAACC launch event with his wife, Kareena Kapoor Khan and sister-in-law, Karisma Kapoor. The trio made for a striking visual that is trending on social media for days. What impressed all was the fact that the Nawab always manages to make women weak in their knees with his bandhgala, pocket square, kurta and trademark swag. His fashion is on a different level altogether.

So, without further ado, let's dive deep into his style statement. Here are a few times that Saif Ali Khan has given us royal vibes:

Saif in a tuxedo in Gstaad is the epitome of sophistication and class. His dashing appearance in the well-tailored tuxedo commands attention and leaves a last-



ing impression. The crisp lines and elegant cut of the tuxedo perfectly complement his charming demeanour and

impeccable style. It is a Men in Black situation as the dapper Saif Ali Khan twins with his mini-me, Taimur, who also rocks

a black jacket.

Bollywood's power couple, Kareena Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan arrived at the NMAACC inauguration in Mumbai. While the couple looked as elegant as ever we could not keep our eyes off Saif's three-piece ethnic suit. He is the perfect blend of tradition and modernity. The suit drapes over his frame perfectly, emphasising his sharp features and complementing his confident aura proving his refined sense of style.

Saif Ali Khan's House of Pataudi, one of the most loved ethnic and occasion wear brands of the country, launched its store in Mumbai. Keeping up with the aesthetic of his brand, Saif in true fashion made an appearance in a timeless ethnic suit. The actor's unmatched class is truly

Kim Kardashian joins American Horror Story season 12, receives mixed reactions: 'We didn't ask for this'



Kim Kardashian is teaming up with Ryan Murphy for the latest season of American Horror Story. The reality star and businesswoman took to Instagram to announce that she is joining AHS alum Emma Roberts for the 12th season of the hit show, while posting a teaser video accompanied with eerie music, along with a caption that included eyeball and blood drop emojis.

The short teaser video which was posted by The Kardashians revealed that she will be joining American Horror Story alum Emma Roberts in the 12th season, which is eyeing a release sometime around this summer. The teaser also hinted that the upcoming season of Ryan Murphy's anthology series will be called Delicate. Emma Roberts also posted the same video with the caption, "This summer... Kim and I are DELICATE."

Fans were surprised at the announcement and wrote in the comments.

A fan said, "This is the 2023 plot twist I didn't see coming!!" while another wrote, "Just when you think she's done it all, she's back again (clap emoticons)." Kim's sister Kylie Jenner reacted to the post and commented with fire emoticons. There were also some mixed comments to the announcement, where one user wrote, "We didn't ask for this." Another comment read, "Ugh guess I'm skipping this season." One user also wrote, "Well this is the end of ahs."

Anil Kapoor Calls Jeremy Renner 'Toughest Avenger'



Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor has praised Hollywood star and his "dearest friend" Jeremy Renner and said that he is "absolutely indestructible."

Renner, who got severely injured in a snow plough accident on New Year's, appeared on a chat show for the very first time after the tragic incident.

Anil, who will be seen sharing screen space with Renner in the upcoming series 'Rennerervations', took to Twitter to praise the 'Hawkeye' star after his appearance on the chat show.

Renner had tweeted about his Jimmy Kimmel Live appearance.

He wrote: "Oddy comfortable coming out a different door, with different stories, and brand new cane?"

Replying to his tweet, Anil wrote: "Absolutely indestructible my dearest friend @JeremyRenner the toughest avenger."

'Rennerervations' is a four-part series, which revolves around Renner, who embarks on his passion of bringing communities together by reimagining unique vehicles that serve the purpose and aid people's requirements.

Millie Bobby Brown shows off diamond ring in pic with boyfriend; fans are shocked: When teenagers are getting engaged...

Strangers Things star Millie Bobby Brown hinted that she and boyfriend Jake Bongiovi have gotten engaged. The actor posted a black and white photo of the happy couple at a beach where she's sporting a diamond ring. She posted the photograph to the lyrics of Taylor Swift's song Lover, while Jake posted a photo of the couple with the caption 'forever'. Mille, who is 19, and Jake, who is 20, have been dating for the past two-and-a-half years.

On Instagram, Millie shared a picture of the couple dressed in white during a happy moment. Taking a lyric from Taylor's Lover, she wrote, "I've loved you three summers now, honey, I want 'em all (white heart emoji)." Fans seemed shocked by the actor's news and asked her if she was engaged. Others were happy for Millie and congratulated her and Jake.

A comment on her post read, "When teenagers are getting engaged a n d I ' m j u s t



running a meme page."

One fan tagged Jake and shared, "@jakebongiovi Thank you for saving our girl, you deserve the world (red heart emoji)." Another fan wrote, "It literally makes me cry... made my day! I'm happy to see you happy and that's all. Thank you. I love you." Jake also shared his low-key announcement of the engagement with the couple's two pictures. He added the caption 'forever' to the photographs.

The 20-year-old is the son of singer Jon Bon Jovi and his wife Dorothea. Earlier this year, Millie had referred to Jake as her 'partner for life' in an Instagram post where she put several pictures of the couple and their life together. Millie is known for her role as Eleven on the Netflix sci-fi series 'Stranger Things'. The global hit series is expected to end next year with a fifth and final series.



Swara Bhasker o- marriage with Fahad Ahmad, faci- g 'societal pressure': If you love each other, the- fight the fear

Swara Bhasker and Fahad Ahmad appeared together on a magazine cover recently. A few weeks ago, the actor had registered her marriage to Fahad, who is state president of Samajwadi Yuvjan Sabha. The couple had celebrated with friends and family at a grand reception in Delhi, among other functions. In a recent interview, Swara and Fahad spoke about what they believe is the secret to a healthy relationship.

In their joint interview, Swara Bhasker and Fahad Ahmad also reflected on their journey from friendship to love, what drew them to each other, and more. The two had met for the first time during a public protest in January 2020. After keeping it a secret for more months, the two announced their relationship in February this year.

When asked what the secret to a successful relationship is, Swara Bhasker told Brides

Today, "I don't want to give advice because our relationship is very new.

But I think what enabled us to be together was that we accepted that we come from different worlds. In India, love comes with a lot of societal pressure.

Young couples in India have to battle caste, class, and religion... But if you love each other, then fight the fear."

She further said about her relationship with Fahad, "We

need to acknowledge that we are two different people, hailing from different backgrounds, who have different lived experiences.

I would say don't change who you are fundamentally, but it is okay to step out of your comfort zone. That's how you learn."

Fahad also spoke about Swara, calling her wonderful as he praised her for having a 'non-judgmental attitude towards everyone'. He said she

was 'extremely supportive' towards him. Swara Bhasker had announced her marriage plans through a video she shared on her social media accounts in February. The couple had a court marriage and later held various wedding celebrations in Delhi and Bareilly.

The couple had celebrated the wedding with friends and family by hosting functions like haldi, mehendi, musical evening and sanget, among other festivities.

Does high-intensity exercise affect our hearts? Minds? Life spans? Waistlines?

HIIT may help to reduce fat stores around our midsections, and it seems uniquely beneficial for our brains. But general guidelines advise limiting this form of workout to thrice a week.

For the past five years or so, high-intensity interval training, or HIIT, has been one of the most popular and controversial forms of exercise. Consisting of brief spurts of intense exercise interspersed with rest, various versions of HIIT have been tested, tried, talked about and sometimes derided by countless researchers, coaches, journalists, influencers and almost anyone else interested in fitness.

Gym franchises and online classes specialize in HIIT. Dozens of scientific studies every month explore its benefits and drawbacks. By almost any measure, HIIT is hot. But plenty of questions remain about HIIT. Is it particularly good for our hearts? Minds? Life spans? Waistlines? Is it better for us, long term, than taking a brisk daily stroll? And what does "intense" exercise even mean?

With New Year's exercise resolutions almost around the corner, now seems the right moment to home in on HIIT, and how and why to try it. It is also useful to explore the best way to do HIIT, as well as whether we need a pricey heart rate monitor, gym membership, personal trainer and advanced math skills to get started, or if sneakers, a handy hill and a distant tree can be equipment enough.

What is HIIT? With HIIT, you strenuously ride, run, swim, hop, crunch or otherwise push yourself aerobically for a few minutes or even seconds, slow or stop to rest for a few more minutes, and repeat that sequence three or four times, or more. The aim is to "challenge" your cardiovascular system and muscles during each interval without tipping yourself into abject exhaustion or injury, said Martin Gibala, a professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and prominent HIIT researcher.

Alluringly, HIIT workouts often require fewer than 10 minutes in total to complete. This exercise approach is not new, of course. Athletes looking for performance boosts have threaded interval sessions into their broader training since time immemorial. But today's HIIT is often promoted as the only exercise you have to do—and not an add-on to longer, moderate sessions.

Does HIIT work? "For most people, there is no doubt that HIIT leads to larger increases in VO2max"—or maximal oxygen uptake, a measure of our aerobic fitness and endurance—"than exercise of a more moderate nature," said Ulrik Wisloff, a professor and head of the cardiac exercise research group at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, who has been studying HIIT for more than 20 years. A higher VO2max is strongly associated with greater longevity, he added, suggesting that intervals are likely to have a more potent influence on our life spans than, for instance, gentle walks.

HIIT also may help to reduce fat stores around our midsections as effectively as longer, easier exercise, and it seems uniquely beneficial for our brains. "HIIT improves memory in younger and older adults" in ways that standard, moderate exercise cannot, said Jennifer Heisz, a professor at McMaster University and the author

of the upcoming book "Move the Body, Heal the Mind," which will be published in March. Only strenuous exercise prompts the muscles to produce a gush of the chemical lactate, she said, which then travels through the blood to the brain, where it is known to promote the creation of new cells and blood vessels, upping brain health and lowering our risk for dementia.

Most intriguing, HIIT workouts can be exceptionally brief. In a famous 2006 study

at the University of Guelph, Gibala's lab, for two weeks, one group of college students pedaled stationary bicycles moderately for 90 to 120 minutes three times a week, while another group grunted through four to six sessions of 30 seconds of all-out cycling followed by four minutes of recovery. The moderate exercisers, who topped out at about 12 hours of exercise altogether, showed improved measures of fitness and healthily remodeled the inner workings of their muscle cells. But the HIIT riders, who completed 12 total minutes of intense exercise, grew just as fit or fitter and showed even more molecular alterations inside their muscles.

"It is neither practical nor advisable to be doing HIIT on a daily basis," said Jamie Burr, a professor at the University of Guelph in Ontario, who has studied the physiological effects of many types of physical activity.

Health guidelines generally advise against this kind of exercise more than three times a week, he said, to avoid burnout or injury.

But in that case, we are not exercising for at least four days of the week, which can be problematic. "There are a number of health benefits," most of them related to better blood sugar and blood pressure levels, he said, that occur only on days when we exercise. When we skip working out, even if we did HIIT the day before, our blood sugar and blood pressure control may slip, undercutting the long-term metabolic gains from those earlier intervals.

So if you decide to do HIIT, plan to schedule other types of exercise, he said, such as moderate walking, cycling, swimming, jogging or calisthenics on most other days of the week.

IT RATHER THAN HIIT? Perhaps the biggest impediment to HIIT for many people is that name.

"I wish we would start using the more-encompassing term 'interval training,'" rather than HIIT, Gibala said. "So many people are intimidated, because they think HIIT has to be this all-out, hard-as-you-can-go, gut-busting workout." It does not, he said. On a green-yellow-red spectrum of physical effort, he said, it is "yellow."

"You should be able to have short conversations with another person" during a typical interval, Wisloff said. "But if that person asks you to sing, you should not be able to."



In practice, this level of effort could mean walking up a hill instead of on level ground, Wisloff said. Interval walking, in fact, can be an ideal introduction to this kind of exercise.

In a large-scale experiment a few years ago in Japan, almost 700 middle-aged and older adults walked for 30 minutes, some at their usual pace, while others alternated three minutes of up-tempo walking with three minutes of strolling. At the end of five months, the interval walkers were considerably fitter and stronger than the others. And when the researchers checked back in with the volunteers two years later, 70% of the interval walkers were voluntarily

continuing with their interval program. Keep it simple. Consider fartleks. Interested in trying HIIT now? Good, Wisloff said. "I would say that everyone should aim for at least one HIIT session per week, for the sake of health," he said. Choose whichever variety of HIIT appeals to you. You might try one minute on, one minute off, meaning you push yourself for 60 seconds, rest for 60, and repeat, or the four-minute interval workouts employed often in Wisloff's research, with four minutes of strenuous effort followed by four minutes of rest. Other researchers use four-second intervals, and I have tried and enjoyed the 10-20-30 approach, which was pioneered by scientists in Copenhagen, Denmark: You jog or otherwise exercise gently for 30 seconds, ramp up the effort for 20 seconds and then sprint for 10 seconds before returning to the easy half-minute jog. But lately, I have settled into frequent fartleks. Swedish for speed play, fartlek workouts involve picking a goal, such as a tree or light pole up ahead, and speeding up until you reach it.

MIX THESE TOPPINGS TOGETHER ON YOUR OATMEAL FOR WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS!@

The Best Oatmeal Combinations for Faster Weight Loss, Says Nutritionist

For weight loss (and general health) it's hard to name a better breakfast than oatmeal. The whole grain goodness of oats loads you up with fiber and protein, keeping you full throughout the morning. And at a mere 150 calories per half-cup, oats won't start your day on a heavy note. In fact, a 2016 study from the Journal of Nutrition found that oatmeal increased satiety and suppressed appetite better than ready-to-eat cereals. Still, if you frequently turn to oatmeal as your weight-loss-friendly breakfast of choice, you might need some new ways to keep things interesting in your morning bowl. Fortunately, though oats all by themselves aren't known for packing much flavor, they're a perfect canvas for all sorts of compelling concoctions. Vary up your oatmeal routine with any of the intriguing flavor

combos below—then check out our 21 Cozy Oatmeal Recipes Perfect for Weight Loss This Fall.

BLUEBERRIES + ALMONDS
You may think calorie-dense almonds wouldn't be slimming, but studies show that people who eat nuts more frequently tend to have a lower body mass index (BMI). So go ahead and include a small handful of sliced almonds in your next oatmeal creation. Then, for sweetness, turn to fresh or frozen blueberries. Some research indicates that anthocyanins, the flavonoids that give blueberries their signature color, may have natural weight loss-promoting properties.

PEARS + CINNAMON
The cozy flavors of fall come through loud and clear when you combine pears and cinnamon in your oatmeal. Half a



fiber-rich medium pear adds an especially low-cal choice. Try finely diced ripe pear in microwaveable oats, or add firmer pears to baked oatmeal.

FLAXSEED + BANANA + PEANUT BUTTER
Banana and peanut butter are a classic combo for a reason. This simple food pairing isn't just delicious, it's good for weight loss, too! A tablespoon of peanut butter packs 4 grams of protein to keep a full belly, while bananas add sweetness so there's no need for honey or brown sugar here. Sprinkle in a tablespoon of flaxseed for extra texture, fiber, and heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

PUMPKIN + TURMERIC + POMEGRANATE
Ready to think way outside the bowl? Spice things up—literally—with a unique mélange of pumpkin puree, turmeric, and pomegranate seeds. Pumpkin provides plenty of fiber to stave off cravings and boasts important micronutrients like vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium. Meanwhile, turmeric's antioxidant proper-

ties make it a worthwhile addition to your diet at any time. Its spicy bite pairs beautifully with the pumpkin's mild creaminess. Finish things off with jewel-toned pomegranate nubs for sweetness and crunch. A quarter-cup contains just 36 calories!

SHREDDED CARROTS + WALNUTS + MAPLE SYRUP
Fruit is an obvious go-to as an oatmeal topping, but veggie can find their way into a tasty bowl, too. Create a carrot cake-inspired breakfast by incorporating shredded carrots, walnut pieces, and maple syrup into your next baked oatmeal. Baking will soften the carrots and walnuts so they're not overly crunchy. Between the fiber from the carrots and the protein and good fats in the nuts, it's a satiating, healthy mix that still manages to taste like dessert.

AYUSH organises Vaishakh Aarogya Utsav in GC OE Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11: Government College of Education, Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of AYUSH, J&K today organised a 2-day Vaishakh Aarogya Utsav to mark Baisakhi celebration.

Dr. Mohan Singh, Director AYUSH convened the program to promote Indian Traditional Knowledge System through educational institutions.

Prof. Aketa Gupta, Principal, GC OE Jammu inaugurated the two day program in the college campus. Dr. Zubair Kales, Dean, School of Education was the Guest of honor on the occasion.

Dr. Shivani Padha, Dr. Gagandeep Kour and Dr. Arun Gupta Medical Officer, Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu and other Doctors from Government Ayurvedic Hospital, Jammu visited the college. A free AYUSH awareness and health checkup camp and Prakriti Pariksha was organised for the students and faculty of the college.

The experts from the department of Ayush emphasized on the health benefits of millets and they also told the audience



about the variety of recipes that can be made by using Millets. Dr. Arun Gupta said that the doctors from AYUSH are at the frontline and we are here to serve people better. He also said that AYUSH medicines come under the category of experience medicine and are time tested, cost effective, and have no side effects.

Stressing that the relevance of AYUSH has become more now, Dr. Gagandeep

said that AYUSH medicines are widely used as a standalone option and as an adjunct with bio medicine in the long term diseases.

Dr. Gagandeep gave a presentation on "PCOD and PCOS Management with Ayurveda".

Dr. Arun Gupta presented a PPT on "Millets and Health benefits of millets in disease prevention" and displayed vari-

ous types of Millets like Cheena, Kodra, Kungani, Madhulika, Jowar, Sawaan etc. An exhibition of Ayurvedic products was also displayed in the college premises. Students were also given products from the department of AYUSH.

Prof. Aketa Gupta, Principal, GC OE appreciated the efforts of the college team to conduct such events that are helpful in the long run. During the program a book on "Health & Wellness" authored by Dr. Vinod K Bakshi and Prof. Ramadeep Kralia of Govt. College of Education, Jammu was released by the dignitaries.

Prof. Anju Bala (B.Ed Co-ordinator), Dr. Rajinder Kour (M.Ed Co-ordinator), Dr. Shubra Jamal (NSS PO), Dr. Shalini Rana (Convener, IQAC), Prof. Seema Kotalwal, Prof. Radhika Mahajan, Dr. Deep Kumar Bangotra, Prof. Shapia Shameem, Prof. Sarita Dogra, Prof. Satish K. Sharma, Prof. Niraj Verma, Prof. Seema Kumari, Prof. Vinay Lata, Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary, Prof. Shambho Nath, Dr. Sushma Bala and other faculty members were present on the occasion.

The event ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Seema Kumari.

DC B'pura reviews enrollment for registration under PMJJBY/PMSBY

CALLS FOR JOINT EFFORTS TO ENSURE BENEFITS FOR MASSES

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, APRIL 11: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed on Tuesday chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the enrollment drive for registration of beneficiaries under social security schemes including Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

Dr. Owais on the occasion asked all the concerned officers and representatives of Banks and financial institutions to gear up for the saturation campaign and ensure active involvement of PRI members to cover all eligible beneficiaries under the Social Security schemes.

He calls for joint efforts of the banks and other departments and active participation of the District Administration to ensure that benefits of the two Jan Suraksha schemes PMJJBY and PMSBY reach the masses. The Deputy Commissioner stressed upon the Officers of concerned Departments and financial institutions to utilise their field functionaries for identification and mobilisation of the Scheme beneficiaries for cent percent enrolment.

He also stressed on intensive awareness among the people regarding awareness of the scheme.

Dr. Owais on the occasion asked the departments to achieve the targets within shortest possible time.

Besides ADDC Bandipora Ali Afzar Khan, the meeting was attended by Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, DIO Bandipora Jahangir Akhoun, Lead District Manager Bandipora and other concerned.

DC inaugurates Blacktopping work on Pingla Mata road

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 11: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna today visited Ramnagar and inaugurated the blacktopping work on Pingla Mata road taken up under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

While inaugurating the road work in presence of PRI members, the DC said that road connectivity was the basic requirement for growth and development of any area. Interacting with PRI members and general public of the area, the DC informed that Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is majorly funded by the central government to provide road connectivity to the rural areas.

She called upon the officers to put in sincere and dedicated efforts to take the benefits of all government schemes to the targeted sections of the society.

The Executing Agency was directed to complete the work at the earliest to provide benefits to the general public of the area.

DC Kulgam reviews arrangements for Baisakhi festival

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, APRIL 11: To review and finalize arrangements for Baisakhi festival a meeting of officers and members of Gurdwara Prabhadhak Committee Palpora, was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at Mini-Secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting finalized arrangements of safe drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, first-aid, sanitation and other related arrangements.

The DC instructed the Officers of Jal Shakti and KPDCL to provide uninterrupted power and water supply to Palpora area during the days of festival.

KPDCL authorities were also instructed to repair defunct high mast lights in Palpora area.

District heads of various departments were given directions to ensure fool-proof arrangements pertaining to their respective departments.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rafter, ADC Viqar Ahmed Giri, Tehsildar Devsar, BDO Devsar and other officers besides President and members of Gurdwara Prabhadhak committee Palpora.

Secretary DLSA, Bandipora visits Senior Citizens Home, presides over an awareness programme

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA APRIL 11: Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora today visited Senior Citizens Home Bandipora (AHAT-E-WAQAR) and presides over Legal awareness programme on "Maintenance and welfare of parents & senior citizens Act, 2007" and supervised the living conditions of senior citizens.

The programme was organized under the Chairman DLSA Bandipora, Amit Sharma and under the guidance of Secretary DLSA Bandipora Nusrat Ali Hakak.

Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora interacted with the senior citizens and said that, AHAT-E-WAQAR is a recreational centre for elderly people. She said there is an urgent need to boost our efforts to support the elderly members of our society and raise legal awareness among them.

It is well known that the elderly people require a significant amount of attention and support to lead fulfilling lives, she added.

Secretary DLSA said that such personal interactions can significantly improve the mental and emotional wellbeing of the elderly persons, especially those living in isolated conditions.

Advocate Irshad Ahmad Dar acted as a resource person and delivered a lecture on legal aspects and explained different laws for senior citizens including MWFS Act, 2007 and prevention of Elder Abuse.

To accelerate MSME growth, J&K Bank signs MoU with CIMSME

WE HAVE ROBUST NUMBERS TO BACK OUR COMMITMENT TOWARDS MSME GROWTH IN THE COUNTRY: MD & CEO BALDEV PRAKASH

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: Forging partnership with Chamber of Indian Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (CIMSME) to accelerate growth of manufacturing enterprises, J&K Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the country's apex chamber of MSMEs that represents their interests and issues with the Government and various Regulators while being active participant in MSME related policymaking.

General Manager (Corporate Banking/MSME/Agriculture) Ashutosh Sareen signed the MoU on behalf of the Bank, while as, President Mukesh Mohan Gupta put in his signatures representing CIMSME in presence of MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash, Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, General Manager Narjay Gupta, Director (CIMSME) Sulbhash Jainwal, DGMS and other senior Bank officials. Bank's Divisional Heads also joined the function through VC Mode.

While lauding the role of CIMSME in promotion of MSMEs, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash expressed pleasure over the signing

of MoU. He said, "As a responsible financial institution we understand that MSME sector plays a critical role in fostering entrepreneurship and generates huge employment opportunities thereby contributing greatly to the country's GDP. Moreover, MSME lending is profitable for banking industry and we need to translate this MoU into solid business growth especially in the rest of India because this is the sector which complements the large industries in the form of subsidiary units that are vital to the entire ecosystem." "J&K Bank has always been on the forefront of creating employment opportunities and we have robust numbers to back our commitment towards encouraging the MSME growth in the country. There has been a growth of 440% in the number of Bank's MSME accounts during the last six years while as the credit exposure to the sector has witnessed 23% increase from Rs 4768 Cr to Rs 15872 Cr.", he added.

Asserting that MSME sector will bolster economy of the UT and the country alike, MD said, "We will ensure that bankable leads generated by the CIMSME are processed in

a time bound manner." Speaking on the occasion, President (CIMSME) Mukesh Mohan Gupta said, "We feel honoured for J&K Bank's acceptance of our request for the tie up. Having J&K Bank on board is great boost for us that will eventually help MSME sector a great deal."

Citing the lack of awareness about various MSME schemes and processes to avail the facilities, he stressed upon the need to educate lenders particularly at operational levels and borrowers of this sector. He further added, "We will soon be coming up with a web portal for ease of both MSME lenders and borrowers." Executive Director, Sudhir Gupta said that signing of the MoU with the apex chamber is akin to forging a partnership that will go a long way in promoting the culture of enterprise across the country while adding to the Bank's business profile.

Earlier, GM Ashutosh Sareen said that under the tie-up CIMSME will not only source the MSME/Start-up proposals across the country but will conduct due diligence of these proposals as per the Bank policy and RBI Guidelines.

SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION-2023

SVEEP activities gain momentum in Kathua

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, APRIL 11: As part of the ongoing Special Summary Revision 2023, the District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Kathua, Rahul Pandey, today conducted a series of events under the aegis of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Programme.

The activities were organized to educate the prospective voters about the importance of voting and their role in the electoral process.

The SVEEP programmes were held at various locations including government schools and public places in the district. In particular, special awareness sessions were held at all the polling stations where hundreds of Youngsters & the general public participated.

The awareness exercise under SSR is aimed to highlight the importance of voter participation in a democracy and educating prospective voters about the Special Summary Revision 2023. The Election Staff is emphasising the need for greater participation of voters and the significance of exercising the "Right to Vote." The newly eligible voters were also informed about the online portal for registering as a voter on the National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) and the Mobile Voter Helpline App.

The SVEEP activities held in Kathua are gaining momentum with every passing day & are successful in raising awareness about the importance of voter participation and educating prospective voters about the Special Summary Revision 2023.

The Election Cell is committed to conducting further awareness activities in the district to ensure maximum voter registration and participation in the upcoming elections.

LCMA holds 128th Building Permission Authority meeting

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: The Lake Conservation & Management Authority today held 128th meeting of the Building Permission Authority under the Chairmanship of Vice

Chairman, J&K-LCMA at Head Office Complex, LCMA, Miskeen Bagh, Khanyar, Srinagar. Joint Commissioner (P) SMC, Executive Engineer Lake Division 2nd LCMA, Executive Engineer Electric Inspection Division & representative Chief

Town Planner Enforcement Officers LCMA, representatives Executive Engineer UEDD Division 1st, & PHE, representative Tehsildar Khanyar and Law officer LCMA as members of the Building Permission Authority were present in the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed threadbare and a total of 29 cases were decided upon by the BPA on merits.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chairman J&K LCMA who is also the Chairman of BOCA has requested the people residing in

the local jurisdiction of LCMA to apply online for proper building permission through its building permission authority, before starting any sort of Construction. Construction raised illegally shall be dealt seriously under law & will be demolished.

Boat Race, Cricket match held as part of SVEEP activities in Bandipora

SVEEP ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ACHIEVING VISION OF IMPROVING VOTER PERCENTAGE: DR. OWAIS



JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA APRIL 11: As a part of Systematic Voter Education Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, District Administration Bandipora in collaboration with District Election office Bandipora on Tuesday conducted voter awareness campaign at Wullar vintage Bandipora to raise awareness regarding vari-

ous voting related activities. The campaign turned into a celebration with the active participation of the newly-enrolled voters, youth and huge gathering of local populace.

The event witnessed first of its kind boat racing among local youth to generate awareness among people and a cricket match was also held to ensure maximum participation of eligible voters.

In his address, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Owais Ahmed said that district administration has set the vision of improving the voting percentage and the SVEEP activities are aimed at achieving the target.

He said district administration is also committed to develop more sports infrastructure for the benefit of local youth.

DC reviews status of Aadhaar Enrollment in Rajouri district

JI NEWS SERVICE



RAJOURI, APRIL 11: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the status of Aadhaar enrollment and the progress achieved so far in the district. Sanjeev Mahajan, Director UIDAI Chandigarh also attended the meeting during video conference.

In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner sought a detailed report on all aspects of Aadhaar enrollment with main focus on enrollment of the 0 to 5 year age group. The meeting was appraised that 58.01 percent achievement has been recorded regarding Aadhaar enrollment of 0 to 5 years age group. Similarly, the DC also reviewed the progress achieved under Aadhaar enrollment in other age groups including 05 to 18 years and 18 years above.

The Director UIDAI Chandigarh,

Sanjeev Mahajan also provided valuable suggestions to the concerned stakeholders for achieving hundred percent Aadhaar enrollment in the district. He urged the officers to work with added zeal to achieve the desired results at the earliest. While addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, underscored the importance of effective implementation and maximum Aadhaar enrollment in the district. He also reiterated the commitment of the district administration to ensure enrollment of all citizens to enable them to avail benefits of different schemes. He directed the officers to actively monitor the process for efficiency, accuracy and full saturation. Officers who attended the meeting were ASP, Vivek Shekhar; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; CDPO Rajouri, Nasser Ahmed and Project Manager CSC & Government, Shahid.

VC KVIB presides awareness camp at CFC of Pattan Embroidery Cluster Tilgam



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BARAMULLA, APRIL 11: Dr. Hina Shahi Bhat, Vice Chairperson J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board presided over an awareness camp at the CFC of Pattan Embroidery Cluster Tilgam here.

The programme was organised by Diamond Khadi Gramudhyog Sangh, Implementing Agency of the said cluster and was also attended by Public representatives from the cluster area, large number of artisans and stakeholders. Besides, senior officers from Board, SDM Pattan, Tehsilidar Pattan and Senior officers from Technical Agency (Craft Development Institute Srinagar) also attended the programme.

While giving the presentation on the aims, objectives and expected impact of the establishment of the said cluster, the officers from Technical Agency informed that cluster is being established with assistance of Rs. 221.85 and its CFC shall be equipped with facilities like Tracing,

Dyeing, Washing, Calendring, Fabrication and Raw Material Bank.

It was further informed that with the establishment of this cluster, the product mix shall be enhanced, product design shall be improved; besides upgradation in skills of artisans etc. thus making the products customer savvy and attractive thereby enhancing the earnings of artisans, raising the profit margin.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hina underscored the need for coordinated and synchronised efforts from stakeholders to ensure target oriented and objective implementation of the said cluster.

She said that the establishment of Cluster will empower the artisans and other stake holders by way of providing them all the facilities under one roof which shall in turn boost the products and also improve the economic condition of the artisans. The Vice Chairperson emphasized that there is an urgent need for adoption of cluster approach to revive the traditional crafts and activities.

DC/Chairman DDMA Srinagar reviews District Disaster Management Plan

Asks Departments to update Resource Inventory within a week's time Work on ₹ 13.0 Cr project for construction of protection bund along Zero Bridge Pantha Chowk axis to be taken up during current Financial Year

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11:- In order to review the District Disaster Management Plan and preparedness for Disaster Mitigation, Response and Recovery to tackle any exigency, a meeting was held here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, who is also the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Srinagar. At the outset, the DC/Chairman DDMA took a detailed review of the District Disaster Management Plan and preparedness measures for Disaster Mitigation, Response and Recovery to tackle any exigency.

The threadbare discussion was also held on updation of Resource Inventory on Indian Disaster Resource Network (IDRN) Portal, Conduct of Mock Drill Exercises, Fire Safety Audit of Hospital etc.

During the meeting, confirmation of decisions taken regarding Disaster Preparedness and augmentation of Stockpiles in 2022-23 were also approved.

On the occasion, the Chairman DDMA laid stress on addressing most critical dimensions of natural disasters by revamping the District Disaster Management Plan and incorporating required mitigation measures and safety precautions to plug in the loopholes to

make a real time District Disaster Management Plan.

The Chairman DDMA also stressed on formulating pre-disaster and post-disaster measures plan for timely Disaster Mitigation, Response and Recovery to ensure safety of people and property.

The Chairman DDMA also took a Department wise appraisal of the preparedness to tackle any disaster or natural calamity and role of line Department was also defined in detail so that appropriate actions are taken by the concerned Departments.

The Chairman DDMA also laid emphasis on imparting necessary training to the staff and students of colleges and schools volunteers besides youth from adjacent localities.

He said along with emergency management, law enforcement, government organizations, disaster relief organizations, volunteers are a valuable part of a disaster response.

He further said Volunteers can augment a community ability to respond to disasters by providing additional response capacity through different skills and abilities. In order to updation the Resource Inventory on Indian Disaster Resource Network (IDRN) Portal, the Chairman DDMA asked all the concerned Departments to upload the disaster related resource details on IDRN within weeks time.

DC Kupwara inspects transit accommodation of GMC Handwara

J I NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, APRIL 11: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today visited Handwara for inspection of transit accommodation for Government Medical College (GMC) Handwara. Principal GMC, Dr. Iffat Hassan Shah; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; Medical Superintendent DH, XEN R&B, Tehsilidar and concerned officers were present at the occasion.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner had a detailed inspection of various apartments of the transit accommodation which include Laboratory block, Library, Class Rooms, Cafeteria and other sections.

While talking to media persons, the DC said it is a matter of great privilege for the people of Kupwara district that the transit accommodation for GMC is at finishing level and shall be completed within 15 to 20 days for functioning of the Medical College. He said this was a dream that has come true now adding that classes will start shortly there.

During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner passed on spot directions to the concerned officers to make proper arrangements of electricity, water, lighting and approaching links to the College accommodation for its smooth functioning.

SVEEP Awareness Prog held at Imtiyaz Memorial Govt. Degree College Shopian

J I NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, APRIL 11: On the directions of District Election officer Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya a SVEEP Awareness programme was organized today at Imtiyaz Memorial Govt. Degree College Shopian by a team of election employees under the supervision of District Nodal officer SVEEP Mohammad Mushtaq who is also the Chief Education Officer Shopian, and Dy. District Election Officer Shopian.

A large gathering of teachers, students and other officers/officials were present on this occasion.

Mushtaq Ahmed, Assistant Professor Political Science conducted the proceeding of the function.

Dy. District Election Officer, spoke on the occasion about significance of electoral participation and electoral roll registration in the ongoing Electoral Roll revision and stressed upon participants for maximum voter registration.

Election Naib Tehsilidar and Booth level Officers were also present during the programme and shared their experiences among the participants to register themselves through their concerned BLOs.

A large number of forms viz. form 6, Form 7 and Form 8 were also distributed among the Students for different registrations.

District Nodal Officer SVEEP Shopian while concluding gave a brief lecture about the importance of vote and elections and informed the student how to register themselves through various modes like online mode and off line mode. He also highlighted the educational value and importance of SVEEP and other Electoral processes.

The audience was also informed about various online and offline modes available to the voters. A list of all the Booth Level Officers (BLO) was also published before the school students and they were informed to contact with their concerned Booth Level officer for further assistance and help.

The schedule of revision issued from Chief Electoral Officer J&K for Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls was also displayed before the students and the students were educated about how to fill Form No. 6, 6B, 7, 8 for error free and 100% photo electoral roll.

The I/C Principal of Imtiyaz Memorial Govt. Degree College Shopian presented the vote of thanks.

Start estimation of works under MGNREGA, District Capex: DC Kulgam to RDD



J I NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, APRIL 11: The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of officers of Rural Development Department and instructed them to start the estimation process of works under MGNREGA and District Capex at the earliest.

During the meeting, it was informed that under MGNREGA there are 3400 new works and under district Capex RDD has 1800 works for the year 2023-24.

During the meeting the DC also reviewed progress under the model panchayat programme.

The DC was informed that under Solid Waste Management 84 segregation sheds are under progress in the district.

The DC instructed ACD and ACP to take up execution of 50 community soakage pits and also instructed to carry out an intensified cleanliness campaign to make the villages clean and beautiful.

The meeting was attended by JD (P), Zahid Sajjad, ACD Mohammad Imran, ACP Shurjeel Ali, Exen REW, BDOs and other officers from RDD.

DEO Kulgam presides over SVEEP programme at Mini Secretariat

J I NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, APRIL 11: With an aim to maintain participative democracy and raise awareness regarding voter literacy, Election Department today organized an awareness programme in which PRI members, Asha and Anganwadi workers also participated.

This programme was presided over by the District Election Officer Kulgam Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

While speaking on the occasion the DEO instructed the concerned to ensure registration of all eligible voters during the ongoing special summary revision of Photo Electoral rolls.

The DEO also highlighted the value of vote and the role of voters in the democratic set up of the Government. He stated that vote has empowered people and urged upon all the eligible persons to get enrolled and become part in strengthening democratic values

of the Nation. During this awareness programmes participants were apprised about the ongoing Special summary revision process Under which registration of eligible/ new voters, removal of entries of dead and permanently shifted electors, correction of errors in elector's details is being done and we're urged to be part to get register the eligible voters under the processing- their areas.

On the occasion Nodal Officer SVEEP said that SVEEP is the flagship programme of the Election Commission of India for voter education, spreading voter awareness and promoting voter literacy and added that such programmes will be carried out in Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools.

ACD Mohammad Imran Khan, Dy-DEO, Bilal Ahmad Kamgar; Nodal Officer SVEEP Mushlaq Ahmad Qadri, and other officers also participated in this programme.

Aspirational Block Development Programme

ADDC KISHTWAR SETS DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF ONGOING WORKS ASKS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FORMULATION FOR NEXT YEAR

J I NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, APRIL 11: Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishthwar, Sham Lal on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review the progress made under the Aspirational Block Development Programme.

The meeting was attended by several district and sectoral officers, including Joint Director Planning Mohammad Iqbal; ACD, Sunil Bhatnagar; SDM Marwah, Dr Mohsin Raza; DSEO, DSWO, CDPO Warwan, CEO, CAHO, CHO, CMO, ExEn PWD Marwah, and ExEn REW besides others.

The meeting focused on the programme's indicators and the plans proposed for the next fiscal year for the Aspirational Blocks of Marwah and Warwan.

During the meeting, the ADC reviewed the progress made under the programme and identified areas that required improvement. The ADC directed concerned departments to take necessary steps to improve the indicators and achieve the targets. The meeting also discussed the physical progress of ongoing works being executed by RDD & PWD, and the ADC set a deadline of 15th June 2023 for their completion.



The ADC emphasized the need to prioritize timely and judicious utilization of funds and proactively fill developmental gaps in education, health, and agriculture sectors. He also stressed the importance of channelizing resources towards the modernization, facility, and overall development of play fields in the schools in the Aspirational Blocks of Marwah and Warwan, to ensure the holistic growth and development of the students.

The meeting also discussed new plans for the next fiscal year for the Aspirational Blocks of Marwah and Warwan.

The concerned departments were directed to submit their plans in a time-bound manner to ensure effective implementation of the programme.

The ADC reiterated the govern-

ment's commitment to the development of these blocks and assured that all necessary steps would be taken to achieve the programme's objectives.

In addition to the Aspirational Block Development Programme, the meeting also discussed the progress of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), including the agriculture and allied sectors and the KISAN SAMPARK ABHIYAN farmers orientation programme. The meeting aimed to review the developments in the agriculture sector and provide insights into the effectiveness of the HADP program in promoting sustainable agriculture practices. Participants analyzed the impact of the program and discussed ways to enhance its reach and impact among farmers across the District.

ACS chairs review meeting on roll out of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, formulation of FPOs under HADP

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11:- Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today held a review meeting regarding roll out of KISAN SAMPARK ABHIYAN in Jammu and Kashmir here at Civil Secretariat Jammu.

Director General, Sheep Husbandry Department, Director, Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Extension, SKUAST-J, all district Nodal Officers and district officers of APD and allied departments were present in the meeting in person and virtually.

Threadbare discussion was held on various aspects regarding successful roll out of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was



informed that 18 central sponsored schemes have been identified including Rashtriya Gokul Mission, KCC and others. It was further informed in the meeting that resource persons have already been identified for smooth conduct of awareness camps to educate the farmers about these schemes.

The meeting was further informed that during the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan the pamphlets will be distributed among

the farmers in three languages including English, Urdu and Hindi containing details on various schemes of Agriculture Department.

ACS exhorted upon the nodal officers and district officer to clear all impediments hindering smooth implementation of the Abhiyan.

He stressed upon the officers to ensure that the PRIs actively participate in the camps during Kisan Sampark Abhiyan. He

also directed the concerned to submit daily feedback of the program to the concerned quarter.

Later, Atal Dulloo held a review meeting regarding formulation of Farmer Producer Officers (FPOs) under Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in J&K.

Commissioner Secretary, Co-operative Department, Yasha Mudgal; DG SHD; Directors, AHD; Directors Horticulture;

Director Extension, SKUAST-J; MD JKP&M; MD, NRLM and other officers of concerned departments were present in the meeting in person and online.

Agriculture Expert, Rajeshwari gave PowerPoint Presentation about agenda points including department wise distribution of FPOs under HADP scheme, distribution of FIGs and Krishi Mitras, challenges in FPO formation and structure of training and capacity building.

ACS enquired about the allocation of funds for the FPO formation and other activities. He directed the concerned officers to prepare list of resource persons to be trained in FPOs formation.

He asked the Directors Agriculture and Horticulture of both the divisions to recommend the youths for training from SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir so that they set up their own businesses in agriculture sector.

No need to panic about current spike in Covid cases: Experts to CS

GENOME SEQUENCING LABS ESTABLISHED IN BOTH CITIES | COMMITTEE FRAMED TO LOOK INTO STANDARD PROTOCOL FOR TREATMENT ACROSS HOSPITALS OF UT FOR VARIOUS AILMENTS

JJ NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 11: In a meeting with health experts...

The meeting was attended by the Secretary, Health Director SKIMS; Principals of Medical Colleges and Heads of Medicine...

Dr Mehta enjoined upon all these health experts to take all the necessary measures to tackle any issues that may arise fully...



emphasized on taking stock of medicines and other paraphernalia before hand so that people are served better...

ing a three member committee under Director SKIMS with Principals of Government Medical Colleges of Jammu and Srinagar as members for working out a standard protocol for treatment of patients across the health facilities of J&K for various ailments...

measures to address this issue. He further asked them to frame a mechanism in consonance with the hospitals in other regions regarding a policy for taking off days in lieu of night duty and working of medics...

The Secretary Health informed the meeting that currently there is no ICU bed occupancy related to covid in the health facilities of the UT. He made out that the testing capacity of J&K has been augmented by many folds...

The Secretary apprised the

meeting that Mock Drills were conducted in 162 health facilities across the UT on 10th April to ensure Operational Readiness for management of COVID at all identified facilities including GMCs/ DHs and CHCs with specific focus on Oxygen Plants (LMO/ PSA/ Manifold), Ventilators, Logistics & Human Resources...

He gave out that the covid vaccination doses given in the age groups of 18 years & Above, 15-17 years and 12-14 years in the UT are above that of the National Average which is quiet an encouraging affair...

Moreover the health experts also gave their suggestions regarding the current scenario and preparedness of J&K UT. They informed that the virus is not so lethal this time although the spread may be faster...

They advised people to only take precautions so that they keep themselves safe as well as others.

Operation of 45 drug retail outlets suspended for violation of norms

JJ NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11: Drug Control Organisation has suspended operation of scores of Drugs retail sale establishments across Jammu Province for violation of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940...

As per the department, an extensive drive was conducted in Jammu Province wherein Supervisory Checks of Drugs Sale Establishments were carried out under the direct supervision of respective Assistant Drug Controllers & overall supervision of Deputy Drugs Controller, Jammu Mohammad Iqbal Palla...

The drive was targeted to ensure that the pharmacies operate strictly in consonance with the mandate of law and don't indulge in any unethical sale of habit forming formulations...

During the said drive, Operations of Forty Five Retail Sale Establishments (15 in Jammu, 08 in Samba, 05 each in Kathua & Rajouri, 03 in Doda, 03 in Udhampur, 02 in Poonch, 12 in Ramban, 01 each in Reasi & Kishtwar) were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on spot...

The reason for suspension was particularly Non maintenance of Sales records in violation to the rules mandated under the Act. The Licenses were warned of severe action in case the violations are not removed/rectified within stipulated period of time...

Statutory Drug samples of more than Hundred Pharmaceutical Preparations were lifted randomly viz Antibiotics, PPI, Steroids, NSAIDs etc were also for determination of strength and purity...

These samples were referred to Drug Testing Laboratories for framing legal opinion to ascertain their quality parameters, so as to ensure that quality and genuine medicines are provided to the end users...

Stocks of Drugs worth Rs 8155 that were found contravening the provisions of the Act were also confiscated from the supply chain by the Regulatory Officers of the organization under section 23 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

JKRLM Shopian organises Orientation Programme



JJ NEWS SERVICE

SHOPIAN, APRIL 11: To strengthen the roots of women Empowerment, a day-long, orientation and deliverance of awareness on departmental schemes was carried by NRLM and Allied Line Departments which include Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Handloom and Handicraft and Krishi Vegiyon Kendra Shopian at Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (UMED) office Shopian today...

quota or percentage is being kept reserved for the women populace. He further added that if women populace are provided a conducive environment they would not let a single stone unturned to reach their sustainable livelihood goals...

District Programme Manager, Financial Inclusion, Irfan Basheer disseminated awareness among the participants about the efforts laid down for availing hassle free financial support from department as well as from allied banking institutions. He further added that in financial year 2022-23 besides the capitalization from department, an amount of 3435 crore has been availed from banks in district Shopian by SHG members of UMEED for setting their rural livelihoods in their community set ups...

JJ NEWS SERVICE

Representatives from allied departments highlighted one by one their schemes which included National Livestock Mission, Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDS), Kissan Credit Card and value addition benefits.

JKRLM-UMED felicitate DC Bandipora

JJ NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA APRIL 11: JKRLM-UMED felicitated Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed on behalf of Mission Director JKRLM for timely support to the team for implementing NRLM at district level...

A Team of JKRLM - UMEED Bandipora including Shreeen Shaif, Owais Mir and Zahoor Ahmed Pail, DPMs of three villages-IBC, Livelihood and Financial inclusion called on DC Bandipora in his office chambers and felicitated him on behalf of the Mission Director. Officers informed that in recently conducted SARAS Kashmir four product stalls from district Bandipora were displayed. The stalls showcased the hand made products of Self Help Groups. DC Bandipora received a patricka of NRLM in which the success story of SHG Member from Bandipora is published.

ACR flags off Voters' awareness rally at Panchari

JJ NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, APRIL 11: To generate awareness among the common masses about the importance of election process in Democracy, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Udhampur (Electoral Registration Officer Udhampur West-59 and East-60 Constituencies) Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, today flagged off voters awareness rally here from Government Higher Secondary School Panchari under the aegis of Systematic Voters Education and Electoral participation (SVEEP)...

Interacting with the participants, the ACR said the main objective of organising this awareness rally was to educate the common masses of the District and to disseminate the information about Special Summary Revision 2023 to the last voter of the District to achieve 100% enrollment of eligible voters. He said that the main focus of the campaign is to register all youth who have attained the qualifying age of 18 years on April 1, 2023, however prospective voters who shall attain the age of 18 years on 1st July 2023 and on 1st October 2023 may also submit their documents for their enrollment as voter in during the year, besides they can also contact their BLOs for registration during Special summary revision. He apprised the participants that Summary revision has commenced from 5th of April 2023 under the supervision of District Election Officer, Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna, which shall culminate on 20th of April 2023 in the District Udhampur. He impressed upon the young students to participate in the electoral process with great enthusiasm, so that healthy electoral roll is ensured.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division, Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu NOTICE INVITING TENDER (SHORT TERM)

Advertisement for a tender notice. It includes details like MHD/e-NIT 02 of 2023-24, dated 10.04.2023, and describes the work as 'COMPLETE CLEANING AND SERVICING OF WINDOW/SPLIT AIRCONDITIONERS FOR UPCOMING SUMMER SEASON'. It lists the estimated cost as Rs. 4,40,000/- and the bid amount as Rs. 200,000/-. The notice is issued by the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division, Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE. Sr. DEN-IVFZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www ireps.gov.in with closing date- 04.05.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Details of tenders include: 1. Installation and Commissioning of effluent treatment plant of 50 KLD at UHP railway station on JAT-SVDK section under ADEH/UHP. 2. Through Turnouts Renewal of 28 nos. (BG Track) on PTK-JAT Section KJNH 1 in 8.5 + 7 nos. OR DIS-01 BBNM 1 in 8.5+11 Nos. JAT 1 in 8.5 + 01, MDPB 1 in 12+04, SJKP 1 in 12 + 01 & 1 in 8.5+02 OR PTK 1 in 8.5 + 01 NO 1 (1 in 8.5 + 8+11+12+22 NOS) OR DIS-01 AND 1 IN 12+4+1+05 Nos). Details include Advertisd Value, Earnest Money, Validity of Offer, and Period of Completion.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE. Sr. DEN-IVFZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www ireps.gov.in with closing date-28/04/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Details of tenders include: 1. Work of various Base Depot/Site activities in c/w CTR (P) 12 864 KM & 4:111 KM from (DN) Km 91 to Km 92:533, (DN) Km 97, 15 to Km 99: 1 & (UP) Km 42:310 Km 47, (UP) Km 52:59 to 56:33, (UP) Km 53:59 to 56:33, (UP) Km 53:59 to 56:33 and from (DN) Km 99: 1 to Km 102:1, (DN) Km 109:889 to Km 111 respectively already laid with 52kg 90UTS rails PSC-5 Sleepers (M-7) with 60kg 90UTS rail on PSC-6 Sleepers (M-8) density on JUC-PTK Section under ADEH-UPTK. 2. Protection work of BR No. 232 by providing approx 45 nos piles and retaining wall along PTK and abutment of UP line bridge in c/w Retaining Measures due to damage near Railway bridge no. 232 over Chakki River (Pahsnakt, Punjab) report submitted by IIT Roorkee Feb-2023 in JUC-PTK Section under ADEH-UPTK. 3. Misc. works in connection with provision of 6 mtr. wide covered FOB at Jalandhar City station on SNL-ASR section under ADEH-UPTK. Details include Advertisd Value, Earnest Money, Validity of Offer, and Period of Completion.

Budget 2023-24 to give major infra push towards transforming power, road sectors in J&K

18.36 LAKH HOUSEHOLDS TO GET FHTS, 6000 KM ROADS TO BE OF BLACKTOPPED CONGRATULATES ALL PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS | IT IS AN HONOUR FOR J&K TO HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP: LG SINHA

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: The budget 2023-24 will give a major infrastructural push to four core areas of health, drinking water, power and road connectivity aimed at providing succour to the common people and improving developmental parameters of UT at the national level.

The budget has earmarked funds for providing Functional Household Tap Connections to all 18.36 lakh households of Jammu and Kashmir by 2023-24 with a minimum of 55 litres per capita per day (LPCD) drinking water supply of prescribed quality (confirming to BIS 10500) on a regular, longterm and sustainable basis.

About sixty water supply schemes are likely to be completed during 2023-24. To bring efficiency in planning and revenue collection, the government will introduce digitalization of consumer

records and implementation of an online billing systems in entire Jammu and Kashmir.

The construction of prestigious Tawi Barrage, an artificial lake project which will boost tourism of Jammu city, will be completed during 2023-24.

According to the budget document, 6000 Kilometer of blacktopping of roads is expected to be achieved during 2023-24 under all schemes. Besides, 353 new projects worth Rs

1292 crore have been prioritized to be sanctioned under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-XXVIII with NABARD funding.

In last year's budget, a safety audit of bridges having completed 20 years was completed and now in this budget

Safety audit for the bridges having completed 10 years has to be conducted during 2023-24. J&K government is also putting efforts on maintenance of road/bridge assets and also for road safety measures.

The year 2023-24 will see further improvement in daily hours of power supply with Urban- 24 hours and Rural 22 hours besides a reduction in transformer damage rate, a drop in Transmission and Distribution/Aggregates Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses.

Under Budget 2023-24, there will be an additional length of LT/HT network (1324.073 km) besides renovation and modernization works would be undertaken at existing 220/132 KV Grid Sub Stations apart from protection/ replacement works at critical towers and insertion of new towers. To improve power connectivity in remote areas that receive heavy snowfall, Sonamarg will be provided 24x7 power supply during winters with underground cabling through Z-Morh Tunnel besides underground cabling would be done at Nunwan for reliable power supply to holy cave of Shri Amar Nath Ji.



G-20 Summit: Div Com Kashmir gives deadline of 10 days for completion of most of the works

CHAIRS REVIEW OF ONGOING WORKS

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: Taking firsthand review of ongoing works under G-20 Summit, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today issued clear cut directions to all Officers, Officials and contractors associated with these works to complete them within set timelines.

The Div Com issued this direction during a high level meeting held here to take review of works completed, and ongoing works under G-20 Summit.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner



Srinagar, Commissioner SMC/CEO Srinagar Smart City Limited, V C LC&MA, Director Floriculture, Labour Commissioner J&K, SSP Security, SSP Traffic City, C.Es of PW (R&B), PHE (Jal Shakti), I&CF (Jal Shakti), KPDCI Kashmir and other Officers and Officials besides

meeting work completion deadlines.

During the meeting, the Div Com took detailed work wise status from the concerned Officers and Contractors involved in the respective works.

The Officers and Contractors briefed the Div Com about the status of the works in hand and also presented timelines of finishing the works.

The Div Com gave a deadline of 10 days to most of the works including concrete works, Footpaths, Tiling works, Drainage works, underground works, landscaping and turfing that are still going on including the Blacktopping works and installation of signages.

Bhaderwah gears up to host 3-day Baisakhi Festival from April 13

J I NEWS SERVICE

BHADARWAH, APRIL 11: The Bhaderwah Valley has geared up to host a scintillating 3-day festival here from April 13 to April 15 to mark the celebration of Baisakhi. In this regard, a meeting of officers of line departments, PRIs and religious organisations was today convened by Additional District Commissioner Chowdhary Dilmir here in his office chambers. The meeting was attended by ASP, DFO, SDPO, BDO, PRIs of some panchayats and members of Mandir committees and Langer committees.

Threadbare discussion was held regarding Celebration of the Festival in the periphery of Bhadarwah. It was informed that Baisakhi mela shall begin from Subar Dhar on 13th April where government departments put stalls to showcase their schemes along with amusement activities for the participants. On April 14 the functions shall be held at Thuba and Gutassa. Nagni Mandir Manthala and Vasuki Nag Mandir Gatha shall host the programme on 15th April 2023. Security arrangements, arrangements for drinking water at venues, uninterrupted power supply, medical facilities were finalized. Emphasis was laid on the cleanliness of the venues where dustbins shall be installed by the Departments of BDA and RDD.

Dulloo chairs meeting regarding early emergence of pests in districts

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting regarding early emergence of pests as reported from various districts of J&K at civil Secretariat here.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu and Kashmir, Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Director

Horticulture, Jammu and Kashmir, Joint Director Horticulture, Scientists from SKUAST-K, Chief Horticulture Officers, experts from KVKs and the Department of Horticulture attended the meeting in person and online mode. Director Horticulture, Kashmir, in his detailed presentation, informed about emergence of pests in many areas of J&K. He also discussed the advisory against such pests recommended by

SKUAST-K and issued by the Department of Horticulture in the field. ACS directed the scientists from SKUAST and experts from the Department of Horticulture to be proactive and identify the hot spot areas of infestation and classify the locations into RED, YELLOW and GREEN zones based on the percentage/severity of infestation.

Atal Dulloo reiterated that pest/ disease infestation being dynamic process, its spread need

to catch hold off very early before any alarming situation evolves to the disadvantage of Horticulture industry.

He informed that online survey form has been designed to collect data regarding infestation of pests in different villages of J&K and the Department of Horticulture has been directed to assist farmers to fill these forms.

ACS directed the officers and experts to visit affected areas at regular intervals to report if the

control measures taken are working and if the pest is under control.

Data compilation regarding pest infestation and its spread will assist in working out more appropriate control measures that shall be accordingly issued as fresh advisory, he maintained.

He asked the Director Agriculture, Kashmir to facilitate availability and sale of all the chemicals recommended by SKUAST-K against these pests.

SCERT rolls out new syllabus, academic calendar for 2023-24 session

SYLLABUS MARKS A SHIFT FROM ROTE TO COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING: OFFICIAL

J I NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has developed and designed a comprehensive "Syllabus cum Academic Calendar" for the academic session 2023-24, which includes the foundational stage, and the classes 1 to 8 in the schooling system of Jammu and Kashmir.

The syllabus is in accordance with the latest guidelines and instruction manuals issued by NCERT, New Delhi, and is aligned with the NEP-2020 to improve the quality of education, which aims to shift from rote learning to competency

and experiential-based learning. After four months of rigorous effort by experts from NCERT and SCERT, the new syllabus maps the learning outcomes with the contents of the prescribed textbooks of J&K Board of School Education.

In a remarkably short span of time, Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to create such a comprehensive document, outpacing all other states and union territories in the country. The exercise took place under the guidance of Professor Parikhsat Singh Manhas, Director of SCERT and Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz, Joint Director of the Central

Move Office, a group of academic officers and resource persons from the Assessment Cell of the Education Research Survey and Assessment (ERSA) division of SCERT.

The syllabus aims to enhance the quality of education in Jammu and Kashmir by shifting the focus from rote learning to competency-based and experiential learning.

The syllabus is in sync with the latest guidelines and instruction manuals issued by the NCERT, New Delhi, and is aligned with the NEP-2020.

The new syllabus also aims to provide teachers with the flexibility to plan their classroom activities in a meaningful and pro-

ductive manner, keeping in mind the Learning Outcomes suggested by the NCERT and NEP-2020.

"The Learning Outcomes are a set of expected knowledge, skills, and values that students should acquire at the end of each class or level," Joint Director, Central Move Office, Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz, said.

"These Learning Outcomes are designed to ensure that students have a holistic development and are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century, he added"

The syllabus, he said, emphasizes the importance of inclusive education and provides teach-

ers with the knowledge and skills to create an inclusive classroom environment. "Inclusive education refers to an educational approach where all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities, are provided with equal opportunities to learn and succeed," Fayaz said. "The syllabus provides teachers with diverse material and non-material resources to make inclusive education a reality. These resources include tactile diagrams/maps, talking books, audio-visual materials, Braille, etc."

For children with special needs (CWSN), the syllabus emphasizes the importance of providing

appropriate resources and support. The syllabus provides teachers with guidance on how to use these resources to support the learning needs of CWSN.

These resources are designed to ensure that CWSN have equal opportunities to learn and succeed.

The document is available in parts on the website of the SCERT for easy access by teachers, students, and parents. With introduction of the new syllabus, it is hoped that it will enhance the quality of education in Jammu and Kashmir, and help students develop the skills and competencies needed for success in the 21st century.

Special Summary Revision

Govt constitutes teams to facilitate Kashmiri migrants, outreach programs

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11: One of its initiative by Relief and Rehabilitation (M) Department with an aim to ensure maximum awareness and facilitation of Kashmiri Migrants in Electoral Rolls of constituencies of their original residence, 22 teams have been constituted in camp and non camp areas of J&K UT and for outreach program at Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Ahmadabad, Delhi and Chandigarh. Besides, two (02) special teams have been constituted wherein 16 officers, 56 fieldials and 50 Casual labourers have been engaged under the supervision of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner(M), J&K.

For Zonal Area Awareness Campaign, all the officers/officials of 22 Zones have been declared as BLO's and have been assigned the task of conducting door to door awareness program and enrollment of Kashmiri Migrants in Electoral Rolls.

The whole Special Summary Revision campaign is being monitored under the supervision of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

Joint Director YSS asks for strict adherence to Annual Sports Activity Calendar

J I NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 11: To review the various activities of the Department of Youth Services & Sports of Jammu, Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Jammu, Suram Chand Sharma today chaired a meeting of Sports Officers of Jammu province.

Among others, Deputy Director Planning Directorate Ravi Kumar, Mool Raj Assistant Director, Accounts Officer Directorate, Sunil Kumar Sharma, Establishment, Incharge, Shivnandan Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officers, and Zonal Physical Education Officers of Jammu Division attended the meeting.

The joint Director urged upon the Sports Officers to ensure implementation of common minimum programme in schools and adhere to the Annual Calendar of Physical Activities and ensure maximum participation of students in sports events. He also exhorted the Officers to work with zeal and dedication to achieve the desired goals of set up by the Department. The pendency of Audi Paras & Progress on works was also discussed.

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri reviews progress on JJM projects, SBM works

J I NEWS SERVICE



RAJOURI, APRIL 11: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) schemes and works executed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in the district. The meeting focused on the status of works undertaken so far and the progress made to provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in rural areas. During the meeting, the SE Hydraulics provided an update on the progress of the JJM schemes, stating that work on 105 schemes is in progress out of the 293 approved schemes. The Deputy Commissioner stressed on the importance of timely completion of schemes and quality work for successful implementation of the JJM projects. He asked the concerned officers to work with added zeal and make dedicated efforts to ensure that the work on the JJM schemes is completed at the earliest.

The meeting also discussed the progress of works under SBM, with an update on completed segregation sheds, door-to-door waste collection, and employment provided under door to door collection. It was informed that the work on 176 segregation sheds has been completed and door-to-door waste collection is in place, and 312 persons have been provided employment under door to door collection. Additionally, 150 CSCs have also been completed. The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the importance of proper supervision for the successful implementation of SBM works to ensure that the rural population benefits from access to clean and hygienic surroundings. Officers who attended the meeting were CMO Mohammad Khurshid; SE Hydraulics, Bhram Jyoti Shama and Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Sheraz Chowhan.

Power shutdown

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SRINAGAR, APRIL 11: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Stations Krenshore, Kanir, Khanshab, Raitan, Branwan and Hanjura shall remain affected on April 15 from 10.00 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to receiving stations Narbal, Sanoor, Zainkote, Shalteng and Bakshpora shall remain affected on April 12 and 15 from 09 am to 3 pm.